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Primary Mathematics Toolkit – Support material

Algebra: Expressions and equations – Suggestions for key language

EXPRESSIONS AND EQUATIONS

pictures
symbols
numbers
number sentence
words
word sentence
operations
add
subtract
multiply
divide
less than
equals to
greater than
always
sometimes
never
odd
even
terms
function
input
output
relationship
add
sum
altogether
more
plus
subtract
difference
less
take away
minus
multiply
times
groups
sets
product
divide
quotient
share
strategy
pattern
expression
equation
solve
substitute
variable
letter-symbols
constant
known
unknown
represent
missing value
simplify
relationship
common factors
sequence
growing pattern
shrinking pattern
factors
table
graph
diagram
values
range of values
in general
the general case
similar
different
is the same as

This list is not exhaustive. Please add to this as appropriate.

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