

The Language of Math

Believe it or not, you can "speak" math. There are certain words and phrases that translate into math symbols and sentences. Mastering these translations is the key to solving word problems.

Equals	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
 is equal to the same as the result of will be / is yields / gives 	 the sum of the total of added to more than increased by plus 	 the difference subtracted from decreased by take away / minus reduced by less than 	 the product of multiply times of 	 the quotient of divided by ratio of out of per
=	+	—	x , ·, *, (#)(#)	$\frac{\#}{\#}$, $\frac{\cdot}{\cdot}$

Math Words / Symbols

Additional Math Symbols

Not Equal ≠	Greater than or equal to ≥	Less than or equal to ≤	Infinity ∞	Percentage %
	Greater than	Less Than		
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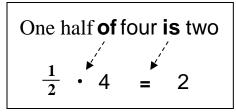
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Example:

Translate the following statement:



"of " means to multiply, and "is" means equals

Practice:

- 1. The sum of five and seventeen
- 2. Ten decreased by four is six
- 3. Six less than eight is two
- 4. Twice five minus seven
- 5. Twenty-three added to fifteen totals thirty-eight
- 6. Twenty divided by four equals five
- 7. The product of twenty and four
- 8. The difference between sixteen and fourteen increased by 12
- 9. Seven plus five decreased by the product of three and two
- 10. If Jean donates five dollars to Jan's eight dollars, there will be thirteen dollars
- 11. A number, x, times its reciprocal is 1

Answers:			
9. 5+17	6. $2(5) - 7$	3. 20 • 4	1. $8 + 5 = 13$
10. $10 - 4 = 6$	7. $15 + 23 = 38$	4. $(16 - 14) + 12$	2. $x\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = 1$
11. $8 - 6 = 2$	8. $20 \div 4 = 5$	5. $7+5-(3\cdot 2)$	$2x x \left(\begin{array}{c} x \end{array} \right) = 1$

