

TRANSLATE WORD SENTENCES INTO ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS

The following table lists the most common phrases and their translation.

Operation	Words	Example of Phrase	Algebraic Sign	Algebraic Translation
Addition	sum plus added more than increased by	the sum of a number and 2 two plus a number two added to a number two more than a number a number increased by 2	+	$x + 2$
Subtraction	difference minus subtracted from less than decreased by reduced by deducted from	the difference of a number and two a number minus 2 two subtracted from a number two less than a number a number decreased by two a number reduced by two two deducted from a number	-	$x - 2$
Multiplication	product of multiply times twice thrice	the product of a number and two a number multiplied by two two times a number twice a number thrice a number	·	$2x$ $3x$
Division	quotient of divided by	the quotient of a number and two a number divided by two	÷	$\frac{x}{2}$
Equal	equal to result is is		=	

EXAMPLES:

Translate each of the following into an algebraic expression.

- 1) Twelve more than five times a number. $5x + 12$
- 2) Six times the sum of a number and four. $6(x + 4)$
- 3) Eight subtracted from two times a number. $2x - 8$
- 4) The quotient of one less than a number and twice a number. $\frac{x - 1}{2x}$
- 5) The sum of a number and its reciprocal is equal to four. $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$