

Words for Operations

Subtraction

minus	“a number minus 2”	$x - 2$
difference between	“the difference between a number and 8”	$x - 8$
from	“2 from a number”	$n - 2$
less	“a number less 3”	$n - 3$
less than	“3 less than a number”	$y - 3$
fewer than	“2 fewer than a number”	$y - 2$
decreased by	“a number decreased by 2”	$x - 2$
take away	“a number take away 2”	$x - 2$

Addition

plus	“a number plus 2”	$x + 2$
and	“3 and a number”	$3 + n$
added to	“8 added to a number”	$x + 8$
greater than	“3 greater than a number”	$n + 3$
more than	“3 more than a number”	$y + 3$
increased by	“a number increased by 2”	$y + 2$
total	“the total length”	$l_1 + l_2 + \dots$
sum of	“The sum of the length and width”	$l + w$

Multiplication

times	“5 times a number”	$5n$
product	“The product of 3 and a number”	$3y$
at	“3 at 1.59”	$3 \cdot 1.59$
double, triple, etc.	“double a number”	$2x$
twice	“twice a number”	$2y$
of (fractions of)	“three-fourths of a number”	$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)y$

Division

quotient of	“The quotient of 5 and a number”	$5 \div n$ or $\frac{5}{n}$
Half of	“half of a number”	$\frac{n}{2}$
goes into	“a number goes into 6 twice”	$\frac{6}{n} = 2$
per	“The price is \$8 per 50”	$P = \frac{8}{50}$

Equals

Is, is the same as, gives, will be, was, is equivalent to
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