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# Expressions

## What is it?

Expression is a math phrase with numbers, variables, and/or symbols.

## Examples:

Numerical expressions:  $2+5$

Algebraic expressions:  $2x+5$ ,  $100a+b$

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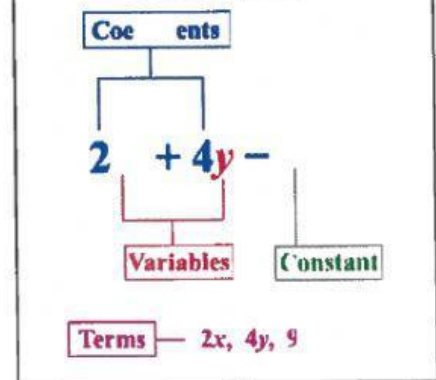
## What includes in an algebraic expression?

1. Variables
2. Term
3. Coefficient
4. Constant

## What do we do with an expression?

1. Translate verbal rules to expressions:
  - (1) Assign variables to represent unknowns
  - (2) Use clue/key words
2. Simplify expressions:
  - (1) Distribute property
  - (2) Collect (combine) like terms
2. Evaluate expressions
  - (1) Substitute variables with numbers
  - (2) Order of operations:  $PEMDAS$

## Example:



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## Parts of an expression

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| Vocabulary<br><b>Variables</b>   | Definition<br>Variables are _____ or _____<br>that represents _____. |
| How to find it<br>Look for <u>letters</u> or <u>symbols</u> like x, y, z, a, b, c,.... | Example<br>$2y+5$  |

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| Vocabulary<br><b>Terms</b>   | Definition<br>Terms are the parts of an expression that are being _____ or _____. |
| How to find it<br>Looked of the parts of an expression that are separated by "+" or "-". | Example<br>$2x+4y-8-c$<br>Terms:  |

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| Vocabulary<br><b>Coefficients</b>  | Definition<br>1. Coefficients are _____ used to _____.<br>2. Coefficient takes the _____ in front of it.<br>3. If an coefficient is not written it is invisible _____. |
| How to find it<br>Look for TERMS of an expression that have numbers in front of variables. | Example<br>$2x-8-c$<br>The <u>coefficient</u> of $2x$ is _____.<br>The <u>coefficient</u> of $-c$ is _____.  |

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| Vocabulary<br><b>Constant</b>  | Definition<br>1. Constants are the _____ of an expression with _____.<br>2. Take the _____ in from of it. |
| How to find it<br>Look for TERMS of an expression that have NO variable. | Example<br>$2x-8-c$<br>The <u>constant</u> of the expression is ____.                                     |

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## DO NOW!

1. Identify **terms** of algebraic expressions.

| Expressions            | # of Terms | List Terms |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| (1) $3x+2y+4z+8$       | _____      | _____      |
| (2) $5y+6z$            | _____      | _____      |
| (3) $c^4$              | _____      | _____      |
| (4) $9x^2 - 4$         | _____      | _____      |
| (5) $6j^4 + 5f^5 + 11$ | _____      | _____      |
| (6) $7b-1$             | _____      | _____      |
| (7) $9$                | _____      | _____      |

2. Identify the **terms**, **coefficient**, **variable**, **exponent**, and **constant** as indicated.

| Expression                 | Coefficient/s | Variable | Exponent | Constant |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (1) $2k - 5$               | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| (2) $5y+6z$                | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| (3) $n^3 + 23$             | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| (4) $5(-n)^3$              | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| (5) $12q^2 + q - 2$        | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| (6) $\frac{4}{5}r^2 - 3^2$ | _____         | _____    | _____    | _____    |