

Key words and symbols: what I need to say and write accurately

| Word | Explanation |
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| variable | a number that can change its value, represented by a letter such as $x$ or a green tile <br> when we do not know its value |
| constant | a number that does not change, is fixed |
| operation | something that takes input numbers and turns them into output numbers, such as <br> addition (including subtraction), multiplication (including division), exponentiation <br> (including roots) |
| term | the parts of an expression separated by + or.- <br> e.g. in the expression $4 x-\frac{1}{2} y$, the terms are $4 x$ and $\frac{1}{2} y$ |

