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

Word	Explanation
variable	A letter that represents many numbers (a letter whose value can vary) e.g. x, y, θ
constant	A fixed number e.g. 2, -1.8, π
expression	A collection of any variables, constants and operations e.g. $2x + 5$, $a - b$, $3p$, $\frac{n+5}{7}$, $3 \times 4 - 2^3$
substitute	Replace a variable with a constant e.g. When $x = 3$, the value of $2x - 1$ is $2 \times 3 - 1$, or 5.
evaluate	Work out the value of a calculation. e.g. "Evaluate 2 + 3" means "Work out the value of 2 + 3."
formula (pl. formulae or formulas)	A set of instructions to work something out. A formula can be written in words, as an expression or as an equation. Here is a formula in words: Area = length × width Here is the formula as an expression: lw Here is the formula as an equation: $A = lw$
subject	The subject of a formula is the variable that is 'on its own' on one side of the equation. e.g. In the formula $A = lw$, the subject is A.
rearrange	Rearranging a formula means changing its subject. e.g. $A = lw$ can be rearranged to make l the subject: $l = \frac{A}{w}$