

# Understanding Key Words and Their Meanings of Mathematical Operations

## Words for addition

and  
increased  
more  
more than  
plus  
sum  
total

## Example

5 and 6  
The original cost of \$6 increased by 2  
2 boys and 3 more  
Mary has 10 points. Will has 3 more than Mary.  
8 cats plus 5 dogs  
the sum of 5 and 7  
the total of 10, 4, and 20

## Words for Subtraction

decreased  
difference  
less  
less than  
left  
lower than  
minus

## Example

\$16 decreased by 2  
the difference between 9 and 6  
14 days less 5  
Joey completed 2 laps less than Sam  
Ray sold 15 out of 35 tickets. How many does he have left.  
This month's rain fall is 2 in. lower than last month's of 8 in.  
12 minus 4

## Words for Multiplication

double  
half  
product  
times  
triple  
twice

## Example

Her \$30 dollar allowance doubled this week  
Half of the \$850 dance money went to the school.  
The product of 8 and 9  
Ray caught 3 times as many fish as Jane's 5  
The ants tripled from the 1000 that were here today.  
Kerry has 7 CDs. Chris has twice as many.

## Words for Division

divide into  
quotient  
half

## Example

The class of 30 divided into groups of 6  
The quotient of 9 and 3  
Half of your \$10 allowance goes to food