## Algebra: the basics

## Definitions




## 3a. TABLES



## 3b. Charts and Graphs

| 6 | Plotting Points | Co-ordinates show an exact position $(x, y)$ |  |
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| 7 | Pictograms |  | Used to show frequencies <br> Pictures and images used to represent frequency A key at the bottom helps you interpret the diagram |
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| 8a | Bar Charts |  | Frequency on the vertical axis, and categories along the horizontal axis. <br> Used to compare frequencies |
| 8b | Composite Bar Chart |  | Frequency on the vertical axis, and categories along the horizontal axis. <br> Two shades used to show difference in proportion between sub-groups (i.e. gender) <br> Used to compare frequencies within sub-groups |
| 8c | Comparative Bar Chart |  | Frequency on the vertical axis, and categories along the horizontal axis. <br> Bars are next to each other and used to show difference in frequency between sub-groups (i.e. gender) <br> Used to compare frequencies within sub-groups |
| 9 | Line Graph |  | A line graph is used to show a change or relationship between two variables. <br> Once the points are plotted, they are joined with straight lines. |
| 10 | Time-Series |  | A time-series graph plots frequencies (vertical) axis against time (horizontal). <br> It is used to spot trends over time. <br> Time could be: weeks, months, quarters (3 months), years |



## 3c. Pie Charts

| 12 | Pie Charts | A pie chart is a chart represented by a circle. It shows the proportion of each group at a glance. |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | People trovelling in v venicle | Frequency | Calculotion | Angle |  |
|  |  | 1 person | 120 | $\frac{120}{180} \times 360^{\circ}$ | $240{ }^{\circ}$ |  |
|  |  | 2 people | 40 | $\frac{40}{180} \times 360^{\circ}$ | $80^{\circ}$ |  |
|  |  | 3 people | 13 | $\frac{13}{180} \times 360^{\circ}$ | $24^{\circ}$ |  |
|  |  | 4 people | 5 | $\frac{5}{180} \times 360^{\circ}$ | $10^{\circ}$ |  |
|  |  | 5 or more | 2 | $\frac{2}{180} \times 360^{\circ}$ | $4^{\circ}$ |  |
|  |  | Total | 180 |  |  |  |
|  |  | To find the angle: $\frac{\text { frequency }}{\text { total }} \times 360^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |

## 3d. SCATTER GRAPHS

| 13 | Outliers |  | Outliers don't follow the trend |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | Line of Best Fit |  | A sensible straight line that goes as centrally as possible through the points plotted. <br> It should also follow the same steepness of the crosses. |


| 15 | Interpolate |  | Using a line of best fit to estimate data WITHIN our range <br> For example: To estimate how many umbrellas are sold with 3 mm rain. <br> - Find where 3 mm of rainfall is on the graph. <br> - Draw a line by going across from 3 mm and then down. |  |
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| 16 | Extrapolate |  | Continuing a line of best fit to estimate data BEYOND our range (not as reliable as interpolation) <br> For example: To estimate how many umbrellas are sold with 10 mm rain. <br> - Continue the line of best fit. <br> - Find where 10 mm of rainfall is on the graph. <br> - Draw a line by going across from 10 mm and then down. |  |
| 17a | Positive Correlation |  | BOTH variables increase with each other | i.e. Ice creams sold us Temperature |
| 17b | Negative Correlation |  | ONE variable increases as the other decreases | i.e. Coats sold us temperature |
| 17c | No Correlation |  | NO relationship between variables | i.e. IQ and House Number |
| 18 | Causation | If one variable causes a change in the other. <br> - i.e. an increase temperature WILL cause an increase ice cream sales <br> - i.e. the number of bee stings WILL NOT cause an increase in ice cream sales (although both will increase in hot weather) |  |  |

## Fractions



|  |  | - The remainder becomes the numerator of the fraction part with the same denominator. |  |
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| 17. | Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions | - Multiply the denominator by th whole number part. <br> - Add the numerator to this. <br> - Put the answer to this back ove the denominator | $7 \frac{1}{6}=\frac{6 \times 7+1}{6}=\frac{43}{6}$ |
| Percentages |  |  |  |
| 18. | Percentage | Means 'out of 100' |  |
| 19. | Multiplier | A decimal you multiply by to represent a percentage |  |
|  |  | To use a multiplier to find a percentage, divide your percentage by 100, then multiply the amount by this value. |  |
| 20. | Percentage increase | Calculate the percentage and add onto the original |  |
|  |  | Or use a multiplier | $\text { amount } \times \frac{100+\% \text { increase }}{100}$ |
| 21. |  | Calculate the percentage and subtract from the original |  |
|  | Percentage decrease | Or use a multiplier | $\text { amount } \times \frac{100-\% \text { increase }}{100}$ |
| 22. | Percentage change | $\frac{\text { Change }}{\text { Original }} \times 100$ |  |
| 23. | Express one number as a percentage of another | $\frac{\text { Number } 1}{\text { Number } 2} \times 100$ |  |
|  |  | Use when asked to find the priginal amount after a percentage increase or decrease. |  |
| 24. | Reverse percentage | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Original Value } \times \text { Multiplier }=\text { New Value } \\ & \text { Original Value }=\frac{\text { New Value }}{\text { Multiplier }} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 25. | Interest | A fee paid for borrowing money or money earnt through investing. |  |
| 26. | Simple interest | Interest that is calculated as a percentage of the original | I = Prt <br> Interest <br> Original amount interest rate time |
| 27. | Compound interest | When interest is calculate on the original amount and any previous interest |  |


|  |  |  |  | OR | Origina | $\times \text { Multi }$ | $i e r^{\text {time }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \qquad P\left(\mathbf{1}+\frac{\boldsymbol{R}}{\mathbf{1 0 0}}\right)^{n} \\ & \text { P- Original amount } \\ & \mathrm{R} \text { - Interest rate } \\ & \mathrm{n} \text { - the number of interest periods (e.g. yrs) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28. | Tax |  | A financial charge placed on sales or savings by the government e.g. VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29. | Loss |  | Income minus all expenses, resulting in a negative value |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30. | Profit |  | Income minus all expenses, resulting in a positive value |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31. | Depreciation |  | A reduction in the value of a product over time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32. | Annual |  | Means yearly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33. | Per annum |  | Means per year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34. | Salary |  | A fixed regular payment, often paid monthly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FDP Conversions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35. | Percentage to decimal |  | Divide by 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36. | Decimal to percentage |  | Multiply by 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37. | Fraction to percentage |  | Find an equivalent fraction with 100 as the denominator |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38. | Percentage to fraction |  | Write as a fraction over 100 then simplify |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39. | Fraction to decimal |  | Carry out division or convert to a percentage first |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40. | Decimal to fraction |  | Use place value to find the denominator and simplify or convert to a percentage first. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basics to memorise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41. | Fraction | $\frac{1}{100}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ |  | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ |
|  | Decimal | 0.01 | 0.1 |  | 0.125 | 0.2 | 0.25 | $0 . \dot{3}$ | 0.5 | $0 . \dot{6}$ | 0.75 |
|  | Percentage | 1\% | 10\% |  | 12.5\% | 20\% | 25\% | 33.3\% | 50\% | 66.7\% | 75\% |

## Equations

| 1. | Equation | Contains an 'equals' sign |  |  | e.g. | $3 y-3=12$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Has at least one variable |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Linear | Produces a straight line graph |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | No indices above 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | Term | One part of an expression/equation/formula |  |  | e.g. |  |
|  |  | Can involve multiplying and dividing coefficients and variables |  |  |  | $\frac{w}{5}$ |
|  |  | Separated from other terms by addition and subtraction |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | Expression | One or a group of terms. |  |  | e.g. | $3 y-3$ |
|  |  | Can include variables, constants, operators and grouping symbols. |  |  |  | $3 y^{2}+y^{3}$ |
|  |  | No 'equals' sign |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | Formula | A special type of equation that shows the relationship between a set of variables |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | Identity | An equation that is true no matter what values are chosen, $\equiv$ |  |  | e.g. $3 y \equiv 2 y-y$ for any value of $y$. |  |
| 7. | Unknown | A letter representing a number |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | Solve | To find the value of the unknown |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | Inverse operations | The operation used to reverse the original operation |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | + and - are inverse $\quad \times$ and $\div$ |  |  | e inve |  |
|  |  | Finding the square root is the inverse of finding the square of a number. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Finding the cube root is the inverse of finding the cube of a number. |  |  |  |  |

## Solving equations

10. To solve equations we need to use inverse operations
11. What ever you do to one side of the equals sign you must do the same to the other
12. 



| 14. | With brackets | Expand the brackets first $\begin{gathered} 5(2 x+1)=35 \\ 10 x+5=35 \\ 10 x=30 \\ x=3 \end{gathered}$ | OR if possible divide by the number outside of the bracket first $\begin{gathered} 4(2 x+4)=20 \\ 2 x+4=5 \\ 2 x=1 \\ x=\frac{1}{2} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15. | Unknowns on both sides | Start by eliminating the unknown from one of the signs. | $\begin{gathered} 5 x+2=3 x-8 \\ 2 x+2=-8 \\ 2 x=-10 \\ x=-5 \end{gathered}$ |
| 16. | With fractions | Eliminate any terms that are being added or subtracted separate from the fraction first. $\begin{gathered} \frac{f}{5}+2=8 \\ \frac{f}{5}=6 \\ f=30 \end{gathered}$ | If everything is part of the fraction then multiply by the denominator first. $\begin{gathered} \frac{f+2}{5}=8 \\ f+2=40 \\ f=38 \end{gathered}$ |
| Inequalities |  |  |  |
| 17. | Inequality | The relationship between two expressions that are not equal |  |
| 18. | = | Equal to |  |
| 19. | \# | Not equal to |  |
| 20. | < | Less than |  |
| 21. | > | Greater than | $x>5$ |
| 22. | $\leq$ | Less than or equal to | $x \leq 5$ |
| 23. | $\geq$ | Greater than or equal to | $x \geq 3$ |
| 24. | Inclusive | Gives a finites rnage of solutions | e.g. $\quad 3<x \leq 8$ |
| 25. | Exclusive | Gives an infinite range of solutions | e.g. $x>5 \quad-4 \leq x$ |
| 26. | Integer | A whole number that can be positive negative or zero |  |
| 27. | Solve | Inequalities are solved in the same way as solving equations |  |




