

How to Translate English into Algebra

The following lists show common expressions that indicate an operation or an equality or inequality.

Addition (+)	Subtraction (-)	Multiplication (*)	Division (/)
add sum of plus more than increased by how many more next consecutive integer greater than and added to	difference of minus decreased by fewer than * younger than * subtracted from * less than * *order of numbers is inverted	multiply product of times twice of (after a fraction, decimal or %) tripled doubled quadrupled tripled squared	divide quotient of divided by ratio of per half as many as divisible by

Equality	Inequality		
Is the same as Gives Equals Totals Yields Represents	Is at least	Bill is at least 23 yrs old	$B \geq 23$
	Is at most	George is at most 16 yrs old	$G \leq 16$
	Cannot exceed	This purchase cannot exceed \$50	$P \leq 50$
	Must exceed	TO qualify for credit, your salary must exceed \$30,000	$S > 30,000$
	Is less than	My son is less than 25	$S < 25$
	Is more than	Concord is more than 50 miles	$C > 50$
	Is between	The song is between 3 and 4 minutes long	$3 < s < 4$
	No more than	Al will pay no more than \$60	$A \leq 60$
	No less than	The weekend will cost no less than \$200	$W \geq 200$