

# YEAR 8 - ALGEBRAIC TECHNIQUES...

## Brackets, Equations & Inequalities

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### What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Form Expressions
- Expand and factorise single brackets
- Form and solve equations
- Solve equations with brackets
- Represent inequalities
- Form and solve inequalities

### Keywords

- Simplify:** grouping and combining similar terms
- Substitute:** replace a variable with a numerical value
- Equivalent:** something of equal value
- Coefficient:** a number used to multiply a variable
- Product:** multiply terms
- Highest Common Factor (HCF):** the biggest factor (or number that multiplies to give a term)
- Inequality:** an inequality compares two values showing if one is greater than, less than or equal to another

### Form expressions

For unknown variables, a letter is normally used in its place

More than - ADD

Less than/ difference - SUBTRACT


e.g. 4 more than t  $\longrightarrow$   $t + 4$

8 less than k  $\longrightarrow$   $k - 8$

Only similar terms can be grouped together

e.g. Find the perimeter of this shape

(Perimeter = length around outside of shape)

t   $t + 2t + 1 + t + 2t + 1 \longrightarrow 6t + 2$

### Directed numbers

$++ \longrightarrow +$

$-- \longrightarrow +$

$+ - \longrightarrow -$

$- + \longrightarrow -$

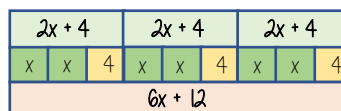
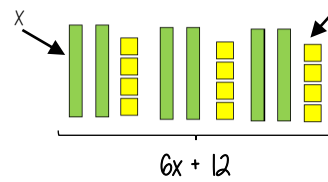
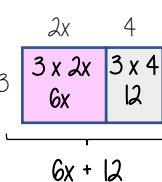
e.g.  $a = -5$  and  $b = 2$

$a^2 = a \times a = -5 \times -5 = 25$

$b + a = 2 + -5 = -3$

### Multiply single brackets

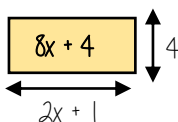
$3(2x + 4)$



Different representations of  $3(2x+4) = 6x+12$

### Factorise into a single bracket

$8x + 4$



Try and make this the highest common factor

The two values multiply together (also the area) of the rectangle

$8x + 4 \equiv 4(2x + 1)$

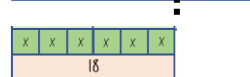
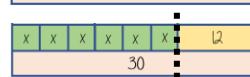
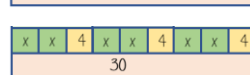
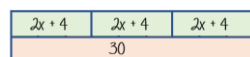
Note:

$8x + 4 \equiv 2(4x + 2)$

This is factorised but the HCF has not been used

### Solve equations with brackets

$3(2x + 4) = 30$



$3(2x + 4) = 30$

Expand the brackets

$6x + 12 = 30$

$-12$

$-12$

$6x = 18$

$-6$

$x = 3$

Substitute to check your answer. This could be negative or a fraction or decimal

### Simple Inequalities

< less than

$\leq$  Less than or equal to

> More than

$\geq$  More than or equal to

$x < 10$

Say this out loud "x is a value less than 10"

$10 > x$

Say this out loud "10 is more than the value"

Note:

$x < 10$  and  $10 > x$  represent the same values

$x + 2 \leq 20$

"my value + 2 is less than or equal to 20"

$x \leq 18$

The biggest the value can be is 18

### Form and solve inequalities



Two more than treble my number is greater than 11

Find the possible range of values

Form

$x \longrightarrow x3 \longrightarrow +2 \longrightarrow 11$

$3x + 2 > 11$

Solve

$x \longleftarrow -3 \longleftarrow -2 \longleftarrow 11$

$x > 3$

Check

This would suggest any value bigger than 3 satisfies the statement

$3 \times 3 + 2 = 11 \checkmark$

$10 \times 3 + 2 = 32 \checkmark$

### Algebraic constructs

Expression

A sentence with a minimum of two numbers and one maths operation

Equation

A statement that two things are equal

Term

A single number or variable

Identity

An equation where both sides have variables that cause the same answer includes  $\equiv$

Formula

A rule written with all mathematical symbols e.g. area of a rectangle  $A = b \times h$

# YEAR 8 - ALGEBRAIC TECHNIQUES...

# Sequences

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## What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Generate a sequence from term to term or position to term rules
- Recognise arithmetic sequences and find the  $n$ th term
- Recognise geometric sequences and other sequences that arise

## Keywords

**Sequence:** items or numbers put in a pre-decided order

**Term:** a single number or variable

**Position:** the place something is located

**Linear:** the difference between terms increases or decreases (+ or -) by a constant value each time

**Non-linear:** the difference between terms increases or decreases in different amounts, or by  $x$  or  $\div$

**Difference:** the gap between two terms

**Arithmetic:** a sequence where the difference between the terms is constant

**Geometric:** a sequence where each term is found by multiplying the previous one by a fixed non zero number

## Linear and Non Linear Sequences

**Linear Sequences** – increase by addition or subtraction and the same amount each time

**Non-linear Sequences** – do not increase by a constant amount – quadratic, geometric and Fibonacci

- Do not plot as straight lines when modelled graphically
- The differences between terms can be found by addition, subtraction, multiplication or division

**Fibonacci Sequence** – look out for this type of sequence

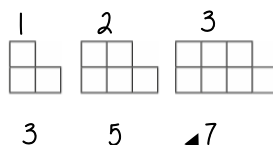
0 1 1 2 3 5 8 ...

Each term is the sum of the previous two terms



## Sequence in a table and graphically

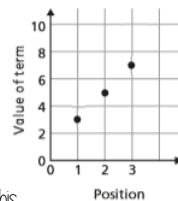
**Position:** the place in the sequence



"The term in position 3 has 7 squares"

**Term:** the number or variable (the number of squares in each image)

**Graphically**



**In a table**

Position	1	2	3
Term	3	5	7

+2 +2

Because the terms increase by the same addition each time this is **linear** – as seen in the graph

## Sequences from algebraic rules

This is substitution!

$$3n + 7$$

$$3n^2 + 7$$

This will be linear - note the single power of  $n$ . The values increase at a constant rate

This is not linear as there is a power for  $n$

$$2n - 5 \rightarrow$$

Substitute the number of the term you are looking for in place of 'n'

- eg
- 1<sup>st</sup> term =  $2(1) - 5 = -3$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> term =  $2(2) - 5 = -1$
  - 100<sup>th</sup> term =  $2(100) - 5 = 195$

## Checking for a term in a sequence

Form an equation

Is 201 in the sequence  $3n - 4$ ?

Algebraic rule

$$3n - 4 = 201$$

Term to check

Solving this will find the position of the term in the sequence. ONLY an integer solution can be in the sequence.

## Complex algebraic rules

Misconceptions and comparisons

$$2n^2$$

$$(2n)^2$$

2 times whatever  $n$  squared is

2 times  $n$  then square the answer

- eg
- 1<sup>st</sup> term =  $2 \times 1^2 = 2$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> term =  $2 \times 2^2 = 8$
  - 100<sup>th</sup> term =  $2 \times 100^2 = 2000$

- eg
- 1<sup>st</sup> term =  $(2 \times 1)^2 = 4$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> term =  $(2 \times 2)^2 = 16$
  - 100<sup>th</sup> term =  $(2 \times 100)^2 = 40000$

$$n(n + 5)$$

- eg
- 1<sup>st</sup> term =  $1(1 + 5) = 6$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> term =  $2(2 + 5) = 14$
  - 100<sup>th</sup> term =  $100(100 + 5) = 10500$

You don't need to expand the expression

## Finding the algebraic rule

This is the 4 times table  $\rightarrow$  4, 8, 12, 16, 20....

$$4n$$

7, 11, 15, 19, 22

This has the same constant difference – but is 3 more than the original sequence

$$4n + 3$$

This is the constant difference between the terms in the sequence

This is the comparison (difference) between the original and new sequence

$$4n + 3$$

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## Indices

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### What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Add/ Subtract expressions with indices
- Multiply expressions with indices
- Divide expressions with indices
- Know the addition law for indices
- Know the subtraction law for indices

### Keywords

**Base:** The number that gets multiplied by a power

**Power:** The exponent – or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

**Exponent:** The power – or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

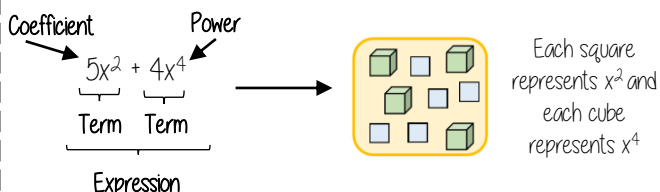
**Indices:** The power or the exponent

**Coefficient:** The number used to multiply a variable

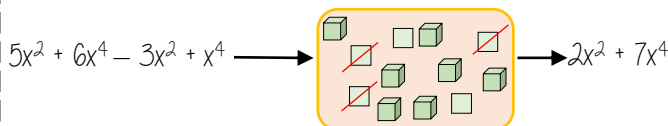
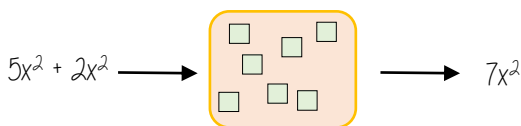
**Simplify:** To reduce a power to its lowest term

**Product:** Multiply

### Addition/ Subtraction with indices



Only similar terms can be simplified  
If they have different powers, they are unlike terms



### Multiply expressions with indices

$$4b \times 3a$$

$$\equiv 4 \times b \times 3 \times a$$

$$\equiv 4 \times 3 \times b \times a$$

$$\equiv 12ab$$

$$5t \times 9t$$

$$\equiv 5 \times t \times 9 \times t$$

$$\equiv 5 \times 9 \times t \times t$$

$$\equiv 45t^2$$

$$2b^4 \times 3b^2$$

$$\equiv 2 \times b \times b \times b \times b \times 3 \times b \times b$$

$$\equiv 2 \times 3 \times b \times b \times b \times b \times b \times b$$

$$\equiv 6b^6$$

There are often misconceptions with this calculation but break down the powers

### Addition/ Subtraction laws for indices

$$3^5 \times 3^2 \longrightarrow 3^7$$

$$= (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3)$$

The base number is all the same so the terms can be simplified

Addition law for indices

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$3^5 \div 3^2 \longrightarrow 3^3$$

$$\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}{3 \times 3} \longrightarrow \frac{3^3}{3^0} \longrightarrow \frac{3^3}{1}$$

Subtraction law for indices

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

### Divide expressions with indices

$$\frac{24}{36} \longrightarrow \frac{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 2 \times \cancel{3}}{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{3} \times 2 \times \cancel{3}} \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{5a^3b^2}{15ab^6} \longrightarrow \frac{\cancel{5} \times \cancel{a} \times a \times a \times \cancel{b} \times \cancel{b}}{3 \times \cancel{5} \times \cancel{a} \times \cancel{b} \times b \times b \times b \times b} \longrightarrow \frac{a^2}{3b^4}$$

Cross cancelling factors shows cancels the expression

$$\left. \frac{23a^7y^2}{5db^6} \right\} \text{ This expression cannot be divided (cancelled down) because there are no common factors or similar terms}$$

# YEAR 8 - DEVELOPING NUMBER... Fractions & Percentages

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## What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Convert between FDP less than and more than 100.
- Increase or decrease using multipliers.
- Express an amount as a percentage.
- Find percentage change.

## Keywords

- Percent:** parts per 100 – written using the % symbol
- Decimal:** a number in our base 10 number system. Numbers to the right of the decimal place are called decimals.
- Fraction:** a fraction represents how many parts of a whole value you have.
- Equivalent:** of equal value.
- Reduce:** to make smaller in value.
- Growth:** to increase/ to grow.
- Integer:** whole number, can be positive, negative or zero.
- Invest:** use money with the goal of it increasing in value over time (usually in a bank).

## Convert FDP



70/100 → This also means 70 out of 100 squares → 70 hundredths = 70 "hundredths" = 7 "tenths" = 0.7 → 70 hundredths = 70%.

Using a calculator:  $\frac{70}{100} = 0.7$

Convert to a decimal:  $\frac{70}{100} = 0.7$

Be careful of recurring decimals: e.g.  $\frac{1}{3} = 0.333333$ ,  $\frac{2}{3} = 0.\dot{6}$ . The dot above the 3.

× 100 converts to a percentage

## Fraction/ Percentage of amount



Find  $\frac{3}{5}$  of £60

Remember:  $\frac{3}{5} = 60\% = 0.6$

10% of £60 = £6  
50% of £60 = £30  
60% of £60 = £36

Remember:  $60\%$  of £60 =  $0.6 \times 60 = £36$

## Convert FDP < and > 100%

100 hundredths = 100%  
10 tenths = 10%  
40 hundredths = 40%  
140 hundredths = 140%  
14 tenths = 140%

$100\% + 40\% = 1 + 0.4 = 1.4$

## Percentage decrease: Multipliers

100% → Decrease by 58% → 42%

$100\% - 58\% = 42\%$   
 $100 - 58 = 42$

Multiplier Less than 1

## Percentage increase: Multipliers

100% → Increase by 12% → 112%

$100\% + 12\% = 112\%$   
 $100 + 12 = 112$

Multiplier More than 1

## Express as a % - Non-calculator

7 per every 10 are orange →  $\frac{7}{10}$  → This means that 70 per every 100 are orange →  $\frac{70}{100}$  → 70%

27 per every 50 shaded →  $\frac{27}{50}$  → 54 per every 100 shaded →  $\frac{54}{100}$  → 54%

Denominator 100      Equivalent fractions

## Express as a % - Calculator

Rosie:  $\frac{13}{30}$  →  $\frac{13}{30}$  → × 100 → 43.333...% → 43%

Can't use equivalence easily to find 'per hundred'

This is the same as 13 ÷ 30

Decimal percentages are still a percentage.

## Percentage change

I bought a phone for £200. A year later sold it for £125.

Percentage loss:  $\frac{75}{200} \times 100 = 37.5\%$

All values of change compare to the ORIGINAL value.

I bought a house for £180,000, I later sold it for £216,000.

Percentage profit:  $\frac{36000}{180000} \times 100 = 20\%$

Money made (profit value)

$\frac{\text{Difference in value}}{\text{Original value}} \times 100$

## Choose appropriate method

The language and wording of the question is the key.

Have you represented the question in a bar model?  
Can you use a calculator?

# YEAR 8 - DEVELOPING NUMBER...

# Standard Form

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## What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Write numbers in standard form and as ordinary numbers
- Order numbers in standard form
- Add/ Subtract with standard form
- Multiply/ Divide with standard form
- Use a calculator with standard form

## Keywords

**Standard (index) Form:** A system of writing very big or very small numbers

**Commutative:** an operation is commutative if changing the order does not change the result.

**Base:** The number that gets multiplied by a power

**Power:** The exponent — or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

**Exponent:** The power — or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

**Indices:** The power or the exponent

**Negative:** A value below zero.

## Positive powers of 10

1 billion = 1 000 000 000

$$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^9$$

Addition rule for indices  $10^a \times 10^b = 10^{a+b}$

Subtraction rule for indices  $10^a \div 10^b = 10^{a-b}$

## Standard form with numbers > 1

Any number between 1 and less than 10  $\rightarrow A \times 10^n$  ← Any integer

**Example**

$$3.2 \times 10^4$$

$$= 3.2 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$$

$$= 32000$$

**Non-example**

$0.8 \times 10^4$

$5.3 \times 10^{07}$

## Negative powers of 10

0.001	10	1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$
$1 \times \frac{1}{1000}$	$10^1$	$10^0$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$
$1 \times 10^{-3}$	0	0	0	0	1

Any value to the power 0 always = 1

Negative powers do not indicate negative solutions

## Numbers between 0 and 1

0.054	1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$
$= 5.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$10^0$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$
	0	0	5	4

A negative power does not mean a negative answer — it means a number closer to 0

## Order numbers in standard form

$6.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.4 \times 10^2$	$3.3 \times 10^0$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$
0.064	240	1	0.13

Look at the power first will the number be = > or < than 1

Use a place value grid to compare the numbers for ordering

## Mental calculations

$6.4 \times 10^2 \times 1000$  Not in Standard Form

$= 6.4 \times 10^2 \times 10^3$

Use addition for indices rule

$= 6.4 \times 10^5$

$(2 \times 10^3) \div 4$

$= (2 \div 4) \times 10^3$

$= 0.5 \times 10^3$

Divide the values

$8 \times 10^5 \times 3$

$= 24 \times 10^5$  Not in Standard Form

$= 2.4 \times 10^1 \times 10^5$  Use addition for indices rule

$= 2.4 \times 10^6$

Remember the layout for standard form

Any number between 1 and less than 10  $\rightarrow A \times 10^n$  ← Any integer

## Addition and Subtraction

Tip: Convert into ordinary numbers first and back to standard form at the end

$6 \times 10^5 + 8 \times 10^5$

Method 1

$= 600000 + 800000$

$= 1400000$

$= 1.4 \times 10^6$

Method 2

$= (6 + 8) \times 10^5$

$= 14 \times 10^5$

$= 1.4 \times 10^1 \times 10^5$

$= 1.4 \times 10^6$

This is not the final answer

More robust method  
Less room for misconceptions  
Easier to do calculations with negative indices  
Can use for different powers

Only works if the powers are the same

## Multiplication and division

For multiplication and division you can look at the values for A and the powers of 10 as two separate calculations

$\frac{1.5 \times 10^5}{0.3 \times 10^3}$  ← Division questions can look like this

$(1.5 \times 10^5) \div (0.3 \times 10^3)$

$15 \div 0.3 \times 10^5 \div 10^3$

$= 5 \times 10^2$

Addition law for indices  
 $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

Subtraction law for indices  
 $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

Revisit addition and subtraction laws for indices — they are needed for the calculations

## Using a calculator

$14 \times 10^5 \times 3.9 \times 10^3$

Use a calculator to work out this question to a suitable degree of accuracy

Input 14 and press  $\times 10^1$  Then press 5 (for the power)  
Press  $\times$   
Input 3.9 and press  $\times 10^3$  Then press 3 (for the power)  
Press  $=$

This gives you the solution



Click calculator for video tutorial

To put into standard form and a suitable degree of accuracy

Press **SHIFT** **SETUP** and then press 7 for sci mode

Choose a degree of accuracy so in most cases press 2

Answer:  $5.5 \times 10^8$

# YEAR 8 - DEVELOPING NUMBER...

# Number Sense

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## What do I need to be able to do?

### to do?

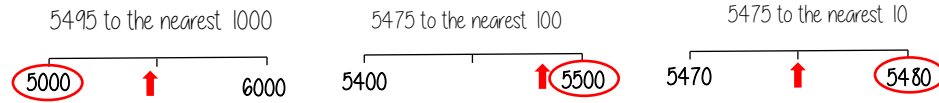
By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Round numbers to powers of 10 and 1 sf
- Round numbers to any dp
- Estimate solutions
- Calculate using order of operations
- Calculate with money, units of measurement and time

## Keywords

- Significant:** Place value of importance  
**Round:** Making a number simpler but keeping its value close to what it was  
**Decimal:** Place holders after the decimal point  
**Overestimate:** Rounding up — gives a solution higher than the actual value  
**Underestimate:** Rounding down — gives a solution lower than the actual value  
**Metric:** A system of measurement  
**Balance:** The amount of money in a bank account  
**Deposit:** Putting money into a bank account

## Round to powers of 10 and 1 sig figure R If the number is halfway between we "round up"



- 370 to 1 significant figure is 400
- 37 to 1 significant figure is 40
- 3.7 to 1 significant figure is 4
- 0.37 to 1 significant figure is 0.4
- 0.00037 to 1 significant figure is 0.0004

Round to the first non-zero number

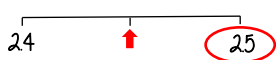
## Round to decimal places

2.46192

Focus on the numbers after the decimal point

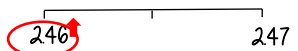
"To 1dp" — to one number after the decimal  
 "To 2dp" — to two numbers after the decimal

2.46192 (to 1dp) - Is this closer to 2.4 or 2.5



2.46192 This shows the number is closer to 2.5

2.46192 (to 2dp) - Is this closer to 2.46 or 2.47



2.46192 This shows the number is closer to 2.46

## Estimate the calculation

Round to 1 significant figure to estimate

$$4.2 + 6.7 \approx 4 + 7 \approx 11$$

This is an **overestimate** because the 6.7 was rounded up more

$$214 \times 3.1 \approx 20 \times 3 \approx 60$$

The equal sign changes to show it is an estimation  
 This is an **underestimate** because both values were rounded down

It is good to check all calculations with an estimate in all aspects of maths — it helps you identify calculation errors

## Order of operations R

**Brackets** Operations in brackets are calculated first

**Other** operations e.g powers, roots,

**Multiplication/ Division**

They are carried out in the order from left to right in the question

**Addition/ Subtraction**

They are carried out in the order from left to right in the question

## Calculations with money

**Debit** - You have £0 or more in an account

**Credit** - You have less than £0 in an account

Money calculations are to 2dp



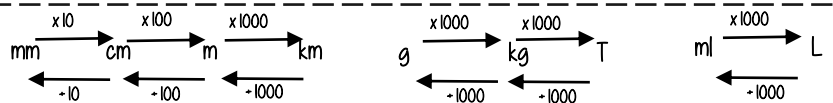
Using a calculator — ensure you are working in the correct units

$$\begin{aligned} \text{£ } 1.30 + 50\text{p} &= 1.30 + 0.50 \quad (\text{in pence}) \\ &= 1.30 + 0.50 \quad (\text{in pounds}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{£ } 1 = 100\text{p}$$



## Units are important: Useful Conversions



## Metric measures of length

Kilo = 1000 x meter      Centi =  $\frac{1}{100}$  x meter

Milli =  $\frac{1}{1000}$  x meter

## Units of weight/ capacity

Weight = g, kg, t  
 Capacity (volume of liquid) = ml, L

## Time and the calendar

**1 Year** — the amount of time it takes Earth to go around the sun **365** (and a quarter) days  
**Leap Year** — 366 days (every 4 years)



**12 Months** — one year = 52 weeks  
 31 days — Jan, March, May, July  
 Aug, Oct, Dec  
 30 days — April, June, Sept, Nov  
 28 days — Feb (29 leap year)

**1 week** — 7 days  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**1 day** — 24 hours  
**1 hour** — 60 minutes  
**1 minute** — 60 seconds

Use a number line for time calculations!

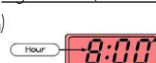
Analogue Clock



12-hour clock

- Use am (morning) and pm (afternoon)
- Only use hour times up to 12

Digital Clock (24-hour times)



24-hour clock

- 0-11 (morning hours)
- 12-23 (afternoon hours)