



Terminology Reference Page

ALGEBRA TERMS

- $3x$ is a **product**, because it actually means $3 \times x$.
- When we write it as $3x$, the 3 is called the **coefficient** of x and the x is called is called the variable.
- When an expression is written as a sum, the different parts of the expression are called the **terms** of the expression.
In $3x + 5x$, $3x$ is a term and $5x$ is another term.
- When the variables are the same, as in $3x + 5x$, we say they are **like variables**.
- When there is a number without a term in an expression, we call it a **constant**
eg: In $5 + 3x$, 5 is the constant.
- When we evaluate an expression, the answer is the **output value** of that expression.
- When a variable is multiplied by itself eg $x \times x$ we say it is x^2 . The little two above the x is known as the **exponent** and shows us how many times the variable has been multiplied by itself. So x^3 represents $x \times x \times x$



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