#### **BASIC MATHS**

## 4 basic operations

| symbol | interpretation                | operation      | result     | numerical  | verbal                                    |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|---|
|        |                               |                |            | expression | expression                                |
| +      | plus, add                     | addition       | sum        | 2+2=4      | two plus two<br>equals four               |
| -      | minus, less,<br>subrtact from | subtraction    | difference | 5-3=2      | five minus<br>three equals<br>two         |
| *      | multiplied by,<br>times       | multiplication | product    | 6x7=42     | six time seven<br>is forty-two            |
| /      | divided by, over              | division       | quotient   | 4÷5=4/5    | four divided by<br>five is<br>four fifths |
| =      | equals, is                    |                |            |            |   |

### **Fractions:**

 $5\frac{1}{2}$  = five and a half  $\frac{1}{3}$  = a third  $\frac{1}{4}$  = a quarter  $\frac{3}{8}$  = three eighths  $\frac{4}{5}$  = four fifths  $\frac{3}{4}$  = three quarters  $\frac{2}{3}$  = two thirds  $\frac{6}{7}$  = six sevenths  $\frac{1}{8}$  = one eighth  $\frac{12}{3}$  = one and two thirds

We use a singular verb after fractions: *Three quarters of a ton is too much.* 

### **Decimals**

| 0.125 | (nought) | point one | two five |
|-------|----------|-----------|----------|
|-------|----------|-----------|----------|

3.7 three point seven

0.1 (nought) point one/ (zero) point one

1.25 one point two five
2.1368 two point one three six eight
1.057 one point oh five seven
4.0098 four point zero zero nine eight

#### **Spoken calculations**

• 3×4 = 12

Common ways of calculating are:

• 2 + 2=4 two and two is/are four (informal)

two plus two equals four (formal)

• 7 - 4=3 four from seven is three (informal) seven minus four equals three (formal)

three times four are twelve (informal)

three multiplied by four equals twelve (formal)

• 9/3=3 nine divided by three equals three

# Other operations on numbers:

 $4^2$  = four squared

 $7^3$  = seven cubed

 $2^3 - 2$  to the 3rd power

 $\sqrt{3}$  – square root of 3

√ - root, radical sign

 $\log_3 9$  – logarithm to the base 3 of 9

prime factor – czynnik pierwszy

order of operations – kolejność działań

to factorize a numer – rozłożyć liczbę na czynniki

odd number – liczba nieparzysta

even numer – liczba parzysta

60% = sixty per cent