

**Study the following words.**

symbol (**sim**-buhl) - something that stands for or represents something else.  
Symbols can be letters, words, marks, or pictures.

letter (**let**-ur) - a symbol that stands for a sound of speech; part of an alphabet

word (**wurd**) - a letter or group of letters that stand for spoken sounds or a group of sounds and has meaning and is used as a single piece of speech

mark (**mark**) - a written symbol, like a question mark or other punctuation marks like a comma or period.

sign (**sine**) - a symbol that stands for something, like a dollar sign, or a plus sign.

**Say each word out loud and write it in the blank.**

symbol \_\_\_\_\_  
letter \_\_\_\_\_  
word \_\_\_\_\_  
mark \_\_\_\_\_  
sign \_\_\_\_\_

**Examples:**

Symbols: + ÷ \$ B Q bird tree 3 7 ♥ ▲ ♣ , ? !

Marks: , ? !

Letters: B Q

Words: bird tree

Signs: + ÷ \$

**Write each definition in your own words.**

symbol

letter

word

mark

sign

**Matching.**

symbol

a symbol that stands for a sound of speech

word

a symbol, like a comma

letter

something that stands for or represents something else

sign

a written symbol, like a question mark

mark

a letter or group of letters that stand for a spoken sound

**Put a check mark in each column that correctly describes these items.**

Items	Symbol	Letter	Word	Mark	Sign
Q					
G					
house					
+					
cow					
log					
b					
÷					
*					
×					
○					
μ					
φ					
@					
/					
┌					
“ “					
?					

**Write 6 examples of each.**

- |    |        |        |      |      |      |
|----|--------|--------|------|------|------|
|    | symbol | letter | word | mark | sign |
| 1. |        |        |      |      |      |
| 2. |        |        |      |      |      |
| 3. |        |        |      |      |      |
| 4. |        |        |      |      |      |
| 5. |        |        |      |      |      |
| 6. |        |        |      |      |      |

## Review

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words.

1. Boat This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. ; This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. + This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.


4. r This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \$ This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

6. 7 This is a \_\_\_\_\_.

7. ÷ This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

8. , This is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.

9.  This is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Study the following symbols.**

+ This is a plus sign. It means plus, or add.  
Example:  $2 + 3$  means 2 plus 3.

– This is a minus sign. It means minus or subtract.  
Example:  $7 - 2$  means 7 minus 2.

× This is a times sign. It means times, or multiplied by.  
Example:  $3 \times 4$  means 3 times 4.

• This also means times. Example:  $2 \bullet 3$  means 2 times 3.

\* This also means times. It is often used in computer programming.  
Example:  $3 * 4$  means 3 times 4

÷ This means divided by.  
Example:  $10 \div 5$  means 10 divided by 5.

$\overline{) \quad}$  This means divided by or divided into.

Example:  $4\overline{)12}$  means 12 divided by 4, or 4 into 12

Notice how when you say divided by, you read the problem backwards,  
12 divided by 4.

**Write 5 examples using each symbol.**

+

-

×

•

\*

÷

—  
)

**Matching.**

+	times
—	times
×	times
*	plus
•	divided by
÷	divided by
$\overline{\hspace{1cm}}$ )	minus

**Write the following in words two different ways.**

1.  $3 \overline{)15}$       15 divided by 3.      3 into 15.

2.  $4 \overline{)20}$

3.  $6 \overline{)36}$

4.  $2 \overline{)14}$

5.  $5 \overline{)35}$

**Write the following in words.**

1. a.  $4 \div 20$   
b.  $4 \overline{)20}$

3. a.  $3 \div 21$   
b.  $3 \overline{)21}$

2. a.  $2 \overline{)14}$   
b.  $2 \div 14$

4. a.  $4 \overline{)16}$   
b.  $4 \div 16$

**Study the following symbols.**

= This is an equal sign. It means “is equal to”, or “equals”.  
Example:  $2 + 2 = 4$  means 2 plus 2 equals 4  
or 2 plus 2 is equal to 4.

> This is a greater than sign. It means “is greater than”.  
Example:  $3 > 2$  means 3 is greater than 2.

< This is a less than sign. It means “is less than”.  
Example:  $1 < 4$  means 1 is less than 4.

For less than and greater than, the “mouth” would eat the bigger number.



6 is greater than 1



10 is bigger, so 2 is less than 10

**Draw two examples of each, showing the less than and greater than symbols as mouths of an animal.**

less than

greater than



**Write three examples using the = sign.**

**Matching.**

= greater than

< less than

> is equal to

**Put the correct sign in the box.**

1. 3  6

2. 5  2

3. 4  4

4. 8  1

5. 9  12

6. 7  7