Number and algebra

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Word	Example
sequence /ˈsiːkwəns/	A **sequence** places its terms in a particular order.
arithmetic sequence /əˌrɪθmətɪk ˈsiːkwəns/	2, 7, 12, 17 is an **arithmetic sequence**. 2, 7, 12, 17
common difference /ˈkɒmən ˈdɪfrəns/	In the sequence 3, 7, 11, 15, the **common difference** is 4. 3, 7, 11, 15 4
series /ˈsɪəriːz/	A **series** is the sum of its terms.
geometric sequence /ˌdʒiːəʊˈmetrɪk ˈsiːkwəns/	2, 6, 18, 54 is a **geometric sequence**. 2, 6, 18, 54
common ratio /ˈkɒmən ˈreɪʃɪəʊ/	In the sequence 2, 6, 18, 54, the **common ratio** is 3. 2, 6, 18, 54 3
assumption /əˈsʌmpʃn/	The argument rests on one **assumption**: that all students have a phone.
compound interest /ˈkɒmpaʊnd ˈɪntrest/	**Compound interest** is paid on the interest too.
depreciation /dɪˌpriːʃiˈeɪʃn/	**Depreciation** spreads the cost of a machine over the years it is used.
inflation /ɪnˈfleɪʃn/	**Inflation** means prices in general are rising.
amortised	A loan repaid in equal monthly payments is **amortised**.
annuity /əˈnjuːɪti/	An **annuity** pays the same amount every year for a set time.

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standard form /'stændəd fɔ:m/	3×10^4 is in **standard form**. 3×10^4
significant figure /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt 'fɪgə/	Round 4567 to one **significant figure**: 5000. 4567 5000
lower bound /'ləʊə baʊnd/	The **lower bound** of the array is 1. 1
upper bound /'ʌpə baʊnd/	The **upper bound** of the array is 10. 10
logarithm /'lɒgərɪθəm/	Take the **logarithm** of both sides.
natural logarithm /'nætʃərəl 'lɒgərɪθəm/	The **natural logarithm** ln x uses base e. ln x e

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