

Algebraic Terminology

VARIABLE

An unknown value,
represented by a letter

CONSTANT

A value that doesn't
change

TERM

A constant or variable,
separated by + or -

LIKE TERMS

Terms with the same
variable

COEFFICIENT

A number or constant that
multiplies a variable

*The
coefficient of
x is 2*

$$2x - 12 + x + y^2$$

1st
term

2nd
term

3rd
term

4th
term

The 1st and 3rd terms are like terms.

They both have the same variable 'x'.

EXPRESSION

- Does not contain equals or inequality sign
- Can be simplified, factorised, expanded, evaluated

EQUATION

- Contains equals or inequality sign
- Can be solved