BIDMAS

Study Development Quickguide

BIDMAS stands for

1. **Brackets**- perform any calculation inside a bracket before anything else. The calculation inside the bracket is also subject to BIDMAS.
2. **Indices**- also called powers or exponents. These are a shorthand for saying “multiply this by itself x times” and are written as:
3. **Division**
4. **Multiplication**
5. **Addition**
6. **Subtraction**

Follow the instructions in order until there are no more calculations.

Each time you perform a calculation, swap out that part for your answer. For example:

The first part to solve would be , since division comes before addition.

Swap this part out in the original question:

**Reminder:** Although a fraction is technically a division, the numerator and denominator should be viewed as being in a bracket, for example, .

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