

evaluate

to find the numerical value of an expression by substituting numbers for the variables and following the operation symbols

If $s = 5$, what is $s + 6$? 11

variable

an unknown number in an equation or expression represented by a letter

$$3 + x = 12$$



algebraic expression

a group of numbers, operations,
and variables that do not have
an answer or an equals sign.

$$7 + x$$

grouping symbols

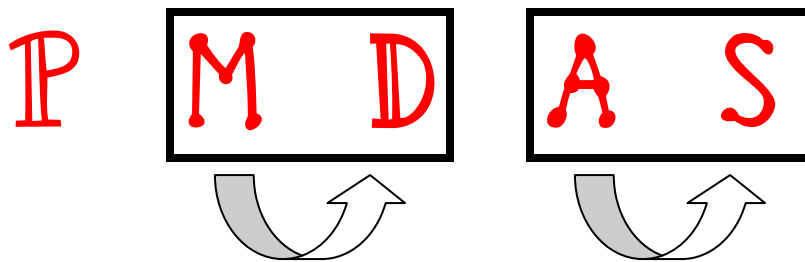
a variety of symbols that groups
certain numbers and operations
together

$$(5 + 7) - 4$$

Parentthesis are
grouping symbols.

Order of Operations

used for expressions that
have more than one
operation



Remember: The operations in the
boxes can switch with each other.
Whichever comes first going from
left to right goes first!