

Stem sentences in maths

These are valuable support for all learners, as they break learning into smaller chunks, using key language. They tend to either:

- ❖ State a key concept
- ❖ State a generalised concept
- ❖ Explain ideas

Stating a key concept	Stating a generalised concept	Explaining ideas
12 is greater than 9	2-digit numbers are worth more than 1-digit numbers	I can show this idea by-----
Triangles have 3 sides	2-D shapes are flat and cannot be physically held	Something that is important to remember is-----
There are 10mm in a cm	Measure is a number that shows the size or amount of something. Usually, the number is in reference to some standard measurement.	What would happen if....?

Maths sentence stems might include:

I predict that...

My first step is...

Next time I solve a problem like this, I will...

The most efficient strategy would be...

I developed the skill of...

Based on the pattern, the numbers will...

Sentence stems can be used in all lessons. Here are a few more examples:

What surprised me was...because....

I think that...

First...then...next...

In my opinion....in addition...

I don't understand why....