

Set - a collection of items or things. Written using braces or curly brackets { and }

$A = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$

$B = \{\text{even numbers}\}$

$C = \{\text{countries}\}$

$D = \{\text{vegetables}\}$

(Can have an empty set - a set with not members. Symbols used are { } )

(Also Universal set is the set that defines possibilities for sets. Symbol used is  $\mathcal{U}$ .)

Element - a member of a set; the individual objects in a set. Symbol used is  $\in$ .

Set A = {1, 3, 5, 7, 9}

$1 \in A$

$7 \in A$

$2 \notin A$

$3 \in A$

Subset - a part of another set. When all the elements of a set are also members of another set. Symbol used is  $\subset$ .

$$\text{Set A} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$$

$$\text{Set B} = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{4, 6, 10\} \subset \text{Set A}$$

$$\{3, 5\} \not\subset \text{Set A}$$

$$\{0, 2\} \subset \text{Set B}$$

$$\text{Set B} \not\subset \text{Set A}$$

$$\{ \} \subset \text{Set B}$$

Complement - a set of elements that are NOT in a given set. Symbols used are  $A'$  or  $\overline{A}$ .

$$U = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A' = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$\overline{B} = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7\}$$

$$(A \cup B)' = \{7\}$$

$$(A \cap B)' = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Union - all of the elements from two (or more) sets. Symbol used is U.

$$M = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$N = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$P = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$$

$$M \cup N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$$

$$N \cup P = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$M \cup P = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6\}$$

Intersection - the elements that two (or more) sets have in common. Symbol used is  $\cap$ .

$$M = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$N = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$P = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$$

$$M \cap N = \{2\}$$

$$N \cap P = \{2, 6\}$$

$$M \cap P = \{2, 3\}$$