

# ALGEBRA

## MONOMIALS :

One Algebraic expression that can be simplified down to one term.

ex:  $8x^2$

All one thing

ex: We have 8 watermelons

or  
 $5x + 2x$

We have 5 watermelons and 2 watermelons.

→ That means we have 7 watermelons.

# BINOMIALS :

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Two.

Algebraic expressions that can be simplified down to two terms

ex:  $4x + 2y$

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one        two.

ex: We have 4 watermelons  
and 2 cantaloupes

ex:  $4x + 3y + 2x$

$6x + 3y$

TRINOMIAL :

Same thing but with three terms.

ex:  $2x + 3y + 4z$

or

$$4x + 3y + 10$$

or

$$2x^2 + 3x + 4y$$

\* Be careful:

you cannot add  $x$   
and  $x^2$  together

because they're different.

# COMBINING LIKE TERMS

→ We can use  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$  or  $\div$  to simplify our algebraic expressions and then we always need to combine "like terms" which means you count up all the things that you have of each type.

ex: a: students  
b: desks  
c: chairs

$$2a + 7b + 7c + 5a + 6b + 5c$$

$$7a + 13b + 12c$$

