Below are several formulae in standard mathematical notation, along with how they might be typed into a computer program like Excel. To make sure you know how to use your calculator properly, try entering these formulae and make sure you get the right answer. If your calculator gives you a number different from the one shown for the final answer, you probably entered something incorrectly. If you get stuck, check with a friend, your teacher, or the manual that came with your calculator.

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| Standard notation | Excel notation (Many calculators use similar notation to Excel, but others are different. Make sure you know how yours works.) | Answer |
| $$5+4×6$$ | 5+4\*6 | 29 |
| $$\left(5+4\right)×6$$ | (5+4)\*6 | 54 |
| $$5+\frac{4}{6}$$ | 5+4/6 | 5.6666… (your calculator may give the answer in fraction form) |
| $$\frac{5+4}{6}$$ | (5+4)/6 | 1.5 |
| $$\frac{10}{2+3}$$ | 10/(2+3) | 2 |
| $$\frac{10}{2}+3$$ | 10/2+3 | 8 |
| $$2^{3}+4$$ | 2^3+4 | 12 |
| $$2^{3+4}$$ | 2^(3+4) | 128 |
| $$\sqrt{9+16}$$ | sqrt(9+16) [On your calculator, this will look something like √(9+16) ] | 5 |
| $$\sqrt{9}+16$$ | sqrt(9)+16√(9)+16 | 19 |