# Section 4 - Algebra

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• 3, x and 3x are three different **terms**.

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- $10x^2 5x + 3$  is also an expression.