

Modern Math Terms

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(original source: Michael Stueben with special thanks to Peter Braxton who got me started writing this stuff and who contributed five of the items above. (November 7, 1994) Today it is considered an egregious faux pas to speak or write in the crude antedated terms of our grandfathers. To assist the isolated student and the less sophisticated teacher, I have prepared the following list of currently fashionable mathematical terms in academia. I pass this list on to the general public as a matter of charity and in the hope that it will lead to more refined elucidation from young scholars.)

Match the 'old' math terms to the appropriate, corresponding 'modern' math term.

Write the letter and the actual math term to the right.

Old Term:

Modern Term:

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| 1) thinking | 1) _____ |
| 2) counterexample | 2) _____ |
| 3) therefore | 3) _____ |
| 4) example | 4) _____ |
| 5) criteria | 5) _____ |
| 6) arithmetic | 6) _____ |
| 7) count | 7) _____ |
| 8) one | 8) _____ |
| 9) tip-top point | 9) _____ |
| 10) path | 10) _____ |
| 11) move over | 11) _____ |
| 12) very similar | 12) _____ |
| 13) clever scheme | 13) _____ |
| 14) numerology | 14) _____ |
| 15) tiny theorem | 15) _____ |

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| a) ergo | g) algorithm | m) pathological |
| b) enumerate | h) unity | exception |
| c) corollary | i) rubric | n) substantive |
| d) hypothesizing | j) trajectory | instantiation |
| e) congruent | k) apex | o) descriptive |
| f) number theory | l) translation | statistics |

