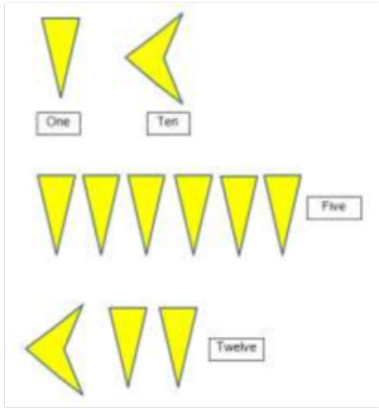


Mathematics - its impact on the world past, present and future

Terms	Illustrations	Definition
Babylonian number system		<p>It used only two numerals or symbols, a one and a ten to represent numbers.</p> <p>The system got trickier with larger numbers and used a base 60 system, rather than our system of base 10.</p>
Binary system		<p>Only made up of only 0's and 1's. There is no 2,3,4,5,6,7,8 or 9.</p> <p>In a binary number each "place" represents a power of 2. E.g.</p> <p> $1 = 2^0 = 1$ $10 = 2^1 = 2$ $100 = 2^2 = 4$ $1000 = 2^3 = 8$ $10000 = 2^4 = 16$ </p> <p>Binary numbers are very useful in electronics and computer systems. Regardless of the type of information represented, it is all stored as bit patterns made up from the digits 1 or 0. In other words everything that is stored on the computer is eventually broken down into its simplest form, which is a pattern of 1s and 0s.</p>