To create a formula:

1.   Select the cell where you want the result displayed.
2.   Type the **equals sign** (=) followed by the formula. For example, type: = 3 + 2.
3.   Press **Enter**. The result will be calculated automatically.

Basic operations in Excel include:

1.   Addition +
2.   Subtraction –
3.   Multiplication *
4.   Division /
5.   Exponents ^

Excel calculates equations in the following order:

1.   Anything between parentheses
2.   Exponents
3.   Multiplication and Division (from left to right)
4.   Addition and Subtraction (from left to right)

Cell referencing allows you to perform calculations with values in different cells and allows the equation to automatically update if the values change. An example of a formula using cell referencing is: =D32 + A14 / B5. If the values in D32, A14, or B5 change, the result of the calculation will update.