

## 7. QUANTIFIERS, TRANSLATING BETWEEN MATH AND ENGLISH

**Quantifiers to close an open statement.****Open statement:**  $P(x)$  for  $x \in U$ **Universal quantifier:**  $\forall x \in U, P(x)$ “For all  $x$  in  $U$ ,  $P(x)$  holds”**Existential quantifier:**  $\exists x \in U. P(x)$ “There exists  $x$  in  $U$  such that  $P(x)$  holds”**Example:****Open statement:**  $x^2 > 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ **False statement:**  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 > 0$ 

“The square of every real number is positive”

**True statement:**  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}. x^2 > 0$ 

“There is a real number whose square is positive”