

Mathematical Vocabulary Expectations by Year Group

Using the correct mathematical language is crucial for thinking, learning and communicating mathematically. We need to encourage children to explain what they are doing and why they are doing it. We must offer them opportunities to use mathematical vocabulary frequently. This will help children to learn new vocabulary, to use words which they already know and to express new ideas and thinking.

Using mathematical vocabulary can help all children to make links across areas of mathematics, across the curriculum as a whole and also real-life situations. It can especially support lower attainers, enabling them to build confidence, communicate and problem solve, so should be an integral part of every maths lesson.

Reception

Number	Place Value	Estimating	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Fractions
zero	ones	guess	add, more, and	sharing	parts of a whole
number	tens	how many?	make, sum, total	doubling	half
one, two, three to	digit	estimate	altogether	halving	quarter
twenty and beyond,	the same number as	nearly	double	number patterns	
teens numbers	as many as	close to	one more, two more		
eleven, twelve	more, larger, bigger,	about the same as	ten more		
none	greater, fewer, smaller,	just over, just under	how many more to		
how many?	less, fewest, smallest,	too many, too few	make?		
count, count (up)to,	least, most, biggest,	enough, not enough	how many more is _		
count on (from, to)	largest, greatest		than _ ?		
count back (from, to)	one more, ten more		how much more is _?		
count in ones, twos,	one less, ten less		take away		
fives, tens,	compare,		how many are left / left		
is the same as	order		over?		
more, less	size		how many have gone?		
odd, even, few,	first, second, third		one less, two less ten		
pattern,	twentieth		less		
pair	last, last but one		how many fewer is _		
	before, after		than _?		
	next		how much less is _?		
	between		difference between		
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
measure	metre	weigh	full	time	money
size	length	weighs	empty	days of the week	coin
compare	height	balances	half full	day, week	penny
guess	width	heavy	holds	birthday, holiday	pence
estimate	depth	light	container	morning, afternoon,	pound
enough, not enough	long	heavier than		evening, night, bedtime,	price
too much, too little	short	lighter than		dinner time, playtime	cost
too many, too few	tall	heaviest, lightest		today, yesterday,	buy
nearly, close to, about	high, low	scales		tomorrow	sell
the same as	wide, narrow			before, after	spend
just over, just under	thick, thin			next, last	spent
	longer, shorter, taller,			now, soon	pay
	higher etc.			early, late	

	longest, shortest, tallest, highest etc. far, near, close			quick, quicker, quickest, quickly slow, slower, slowest, slowly old, older, oldest, new, newer, newest takes longer, takes less time hour o'clock clock, watch hands	
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
shape pattern flat curved straight round hollow solid sort make build draw size bigger larger smaller symmetrical pattern repeating pattern match	corner side rectangle (including square) circle triangle	face edge vertex vertices cube pyramid sphere cone	position, over, under, above, below, top, bottom, side, on, in outside, inside around in front of behind front, back beside, next to opposite apart between middle, edge, corner direction left, right up, down forwards, backwards, sideways across next to, close, near, far along, through to, from, towards, away from movement slide, roll, turn, stretch, bend whole turn, half turn	count sort group set list	pattern puzzle what could we try next? how did you work it out? recognise describe draw compare sort

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numeral twenty-oneone hundred forwards, backwards equal to equivalent to most, least many multiple of	equal to half-way between above, below	roughly	addition near double half, halve subtract equals is the same as number bonds/pairs missing number	multiplication multiply multiplied by multiple division dividing grouping array	fraction equal part equal grouping equal sharing one of two equal parts one of four equal parts
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
measurement roughly	centimetre ruler metre stick	kilogram half kilogram	litre, half litre capacity, volume more than less than quarter full	months of the year seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter weekend, month, year earlier, later first midnight date how long ago? how long will I be t? how long will it take to? how often? always, never, often, sometimes usually once, twice half past, quarter past quarter to clock face	change dear costs more cheap costs less cheaper costs the same as how much? how many? total

				hour hand minute hand hours minutes	
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
symmetry	point	cuboid	underneath	vote	problem
symmetrical pattern	pointed	cylinder	centre	table	problem solving
			journey		mental
			quarter turn		mentally
			three-quarter turn		explain your thinking

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two hundred one thousand count in threes, fours, tally sequence continue predict rule > greater than < less than	hundreds one-, two- or three-digit number place, place value stands for represents exchange twenty-first	exact exactly	one hundred more one hundred less number facts tens boundary	groups of times once twice, three times ten times repeated addition divide divided by, divided into share share equally left, left over one each, two each, three each ten each group in pairs, threes tens equal groups of row, column multiplication table multiplication fact division fact	equivalent fraction mixed number numerator denominator two halves two quarters, three quarters one third, two thirds one of three equal parts
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
measuring scale	further, furthest tape measure	gram	millilitre contains	fortnight 5, 10, 15 minutes past digital, analogue timer	bought sold
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
surface line symmetry	rectangular circular pentagon hexagon octagon		route higher, lower clockwise anti-clockwise right angle	tally graph block graph pictogram represent	show how you explain your method describe the pattern describe the rule investigate

Temperature

temperature degree

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count on in eights, fifties, to hundreds factor of relationship Roman numerals	one hundred more one hundred less	approximate approximately round nearest round to the nearest ten/hundred round up, round down	hundreds boundary	factor product remainder	sixths, sevenths, eigths, tenths
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
division approximately	millimetre, kilometre, mile distance apart between to from perimeter		Temperature centigrade	century calendar earliest, latest am pm Roman numerals 12-hour clock time 24-hour clock time	
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
perimeter	pentagonal hexagonal octagonal quadrilateral right angled parallel perpendicular	hemisphere prism triangular prism	compass point north, south, east, west, N,S,E,W horizontal, vertical, diagonal angle is a greater/ smaller angle than acute angle obtuse angle	chart, bar chart, frequency table Carroll diagram, Venn diagram axis, axes diagram	greatest value, least value, statement

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ten thousand, hundred thousand, million	one thousand more one thousand less	round to the nearest thousand	inverse	inverse square, squared	hundredths decimal, decimal
count in sixes, sevens,	one modsand icss	unousanu		cube, cubed	fraction, decimal point,
nines, twenty fives to					decimal place, decimal
100					equivalent
next					proportion
consecutive					
integer positive negative					
above/below zero					
misus					
negative numbers					
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
unit, standard unit	bredth	mass	measuring cylinder	leap year	
metric unit	edge	big, bigger		millennium	
	area, covers	small, smaller		noon	
	square centimetres	weight, heavy/ light		date of birth	
	cm ²	heavier / lighter		timetable	
		heaviset / lightest	Position and	arrive depart	
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	direction	Statistics	General
line	two dimensional	three- dimensional	north-east	survey	justify
construct	oblong	spherical	north-west	questionnaire	make a statement
sketch	rectilinear	cylindrical	south-east	data	
centre	equilateral triangle,	tetrahedron	south-west		
angle	isosceles triangle	polyhedron	NE, NW, SE, SW		
right-angled	scalene triangle		translate, translation		
base, square based	heptagon		rotate rotation		
reflect, reflection regular, irregular	parallelogram rhombus				
regular, irregular	trapezium		degree reflection		
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polygon	ruler	
	set square	
	angle measurer	
	compass	

As above and including the following new vocabulary

Number	Place Value	Estimating	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Fractions
factor pair ≥ greater than or equal to ≤ less than or equal to formula divisibility square number prime number ascending/ descending order		round to the nearest ten thousand	ones boundary tenths boundary		proper / improper fraction equivalent, reduced to , cancel thousandths in every, for every percentage per cent %
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
imperial unit	square metre (m²) square millimetre (mm²)		pint, gallon		discount currency
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
radius diameter congruent axis of symmetry reflective symmetry	x-axis, y-axis, quadrant	octahedron	coordinate protractor	database bar line chart line graph maximum/ minimum value outcome	explain your reasoning

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factorise prime factor digit total					ratio Algebra formula equation unknown variable
Measurement	Length	Weight	Capacity and volume	Time	Money
	yard foot feet inch inches circumference	tonne pound, ounce	centilitre cubic centimetres (cm³) cubic metres (m³) cubic millimetres (mm³) cubic kilometres (km³)	Greenwich Mean Time, British Summer Time, International Date Line	profit loss
Properties of shape	2D shape	3D shape	Position and direction	Statistics	General
circumference concentric arc net, open, closed intersecting, intersection, plane kite		dodecahedron net, open, closed	reflex angle	pie chart mean (mode, median, range as estimates for this) statistics, distribution	