

Mathematical Vocabulary Children in Year 1
Should know, understand, use and be learning to
read/spell.

Counting, properties of numbers and number sequences

number
zero, one, two, three... to twenty and beyond
zero, ten, twenty... one hundred
none
how many...?
count, count (up) to
count on (from, to)
count back (from, to)
count in ones, twos... tens...
more, less, many, few
odd, even
every other
how many times?
pattern, pair

Place value and ordering

units, ones
tens
exchange
digit
'teens' number
the same number as, as many as
equal to
Of two objects/amounts:
greater, more, larger, bigger
less, fewer, smaller
Of three or more objects/amounts:
greatest, most, biggest, largest
least, fewest, smallest
one more, ten more
one less, ten less
compare
order
size
first, second, third... tenth, *eleventh... twentieth*
last, last but one
before, after
next
between, *half-way between*
above, below

Estimating

guess how many, estimate
nearly, *roughly*, close to
about the same as
just over, just under
too many, too few, enough, not enough

Calculations

number sentence

Addition and subtraction

+, add, more, *plus*
make, sum, total
altogether
score
double, *near double*
one more, two more... ten more
how many more to make...?
how many more is... than...?
how much more is...?
-, *subtract*, take (away), *minus*
leave
how many are left/left over?
how many are gone?
one less, two less, ten less...
how many fewer is... than...?
how much less is...?
difference between
half, halve
=, *equals, sign*, is the same as

Solving problems

Making decisions and reasoning

pattern
puzzle
answer
right, wrong
what could we try next?
how did you work it out?
count out, share out, left, left over
number sentence
sign, operation

Money

money
coin
penny, pence, pound
price
cost
buy
sell
spend, spent
pay
change
dear, costs more
cheap, costs less, cheaper
costs the same as
how much...? how many...?
total

Organising and using data

count, sort, *vote*
list
group, set
table
Words new to Year 1 are emphasised

Measures, shape and space

Measures (general)

measure
size
compare
guess, estimate
enough, not enough
too much, too little
too many, too few
nearly, *roughly*, close to, about the same as
just over, just under

Length

length, width, height, depth
long, short, tall
high, low
wide, narrow

deep, shallow
thick, thin
longer, shorter, taller, higher... and so on
longest, shortest, tallest, highest... and so on
far, near, close
metre
ruler, metre stick

Mass

weigh, weighs, balances
heavy/light, heavier/lighter, heaviest/lightest
balance, scales, weight

Capacity

full
half full
empty
holds
container

Time

time
days of the week: Monday, Tuesday...
seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter
day, week, *month, year,*
weekend, birthday, holiday
morning, afternoon, evening
night, *midnight*
bedtime, dinnertime, playtime
today, yesterday, tomorrow
before, after
next, last
now, soon, early, late
quick, quicker, quickest, quickly
fast, faster, fastest
slow, slower, slowest, slowly
old, older, oldest
new, newer, newest
takes longer, takes less time
hour, o'clock, *half past*
clock, watch, hands
how long ago?
how long will it be to...?
how long will it take to...?
how often?
always, never, often, sometimes, usually
once, twice

Shape and space

shape, pattern
flat
curved, straight
round
hollow, solid
corner
point, pointed
face, side, edge, end
sort
make, build, draw

3D shapes

cube
cuboid
pyramid
sphere
cone
cylinder

2D shapes

circle
triangle
square
rectangle
star

Patterns and symmetry

size
bigger, larger, smaller
symmetrical
pattern
repeating pattern
match

Position, direction and movement

position
over, under, *underneath*
above, below
top, bottom, side
on, in
outside, inside
around
in front, behind

front, back
before, after
beside, next to
opposite
apart
between
middle, edge
centre
corner
direction
journey
left, right
up, down
forwards, backwards, sideways
across
close, far, near
along
through
to, from, towards, away from
movement
slide
roll
turn, *whole turn, half turn*
stretch, bend

Instructions

listen
join in
say

think
imagine
remember

start from
start with
start at

look at
point to

put, place
fit
arrange
rearrange
change, change over
split
separate

carry on, continue
repeat
what comes next?

find
choose
collect

use
make
build

tell me
describe
pick out
talk about
explain
show me

read
write
record
trace
copy
complete
finish, end

fill in
shade
colour

tick, cross
draw
draw a line between
join (up)
ring
arrow

cost
count
work out
answer
check

General

same number/s
different number/s
missing number/s
number facts

number line, number track
number square
number cards
abacus
counters, cubes, blocks, rods
die, dice
dominoes
pegs, peg board

same way, different way
best way, another way
in order, in a different order

not
all, every, each