

# Maths Vocabulary Reception

## NUMBER

### Number and place value

#### *Number*

zero  
number  
one, two, three ... to twenty and beyond  
teens numbers, eleven, twelve ... twenty  
none  
how many ...?  
count, count (up) to, count on (from, to), count back (from, to)  
count in ones, twos, fives, tens  
is the same as  
more, less  
odd, even  
few  
pattern  
pair

#### *Place value*

ones  
tens  
digit  
the same number as, as many as  
more, larger, bigger, greater  
fewer, smaller, less  
fewest, smallest, least  
most, biggest, largest, greatest  
one more, ten more  
one less, ten less  
compare  
order  
size  
first, second, third... twentieth  
last, last but one  
before, after  
next  
between

#### *Estimating*

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

#### **Addition and subtraction**

add, more, and  
make, sum, total  
altogether  
double  
one more, two more ... ten more  
how many more to make ...?  
how many more is ... than ...?  
how much more is ...?  
take away  
how many are left/left over?  
how many have gone?  
one less, two less, ten less ...  
how many fewer is ... than ...?  
how much less is ...?  
difference between

#### **Multiplication and division**

sharing  
doubling  
halving  
number patterns

#### **Fractions**

parts of a whole  
half  
quarter

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## **MEASUREMENT**

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

### ***Length***

metre  
length, height, width, depth  
long, short, tall  
high, low  
wide, narrow  
thick, thin  
longer, shorter, taller, higher ... and so on  
longest, shortest, tallest, highest ... and so on  
far, near, close

### ***Weight***

weigh, weighs, balances  
heavy, light  
heavier than, lighter than  
heaviest, lightest  
scales

### ***Capacity and volume***

full  
empty  
half full  
holds  
container

## ***Time***

time  
days of the week, Monday, Tuesday ...  
day, week  
birthday, holiday  
morning, afternoon, evening, night  
bedtime, dinner time, playtime  
today, yesterday, tomorrow  
before, after  
next, last  
now, soon, early, late  
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

## **GEOMETRY**

### **Properties of shape**

shape, pattern  
flat  
curved, straight  
round  
hollow, solid  
sort  
make, build, draw  
size  
bigger, larger, smaller  
symmetrical  
pattern, repeating pattern  
match

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## **Money**

money  
coin  
penny, pence, pound  
price, cost  
buy, sell  
spend, spent  
pay

## **2-D shape**

corner, side  
rectangle (including square)  
circle  
triangle

## **3-D shape**

face, edge, vertex, vertices  
cube  
pyramid  
sphere  
cone

## **Position and direction**

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

## **STATISTICS**

count, sort  
group, set  
list

## **GENERAL**

pattern  
puzzle  
what could we try next?  
how did you work it out?  
recognise  
describe  
draw  
compare  
sort