Maths Vocabulary for the National Curriculum

This document sets out Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) maths vocabulary under the new National Curriculum. The tables can be used to check pupils' understanding of new vocabulary introduced in years 1-6.

The lists are intended as a guide as to what pupils should know, and are not exhaustive. Of course, key terms may be introduced earlier as a challenge for our learners, although it is also important to ensure that learning is 'new' and carries an 'element of surprise'.

It is expected that key vocabulary is displayed on 'Maths Learning Walls' at appropriate times during the academic year, and is promoted through mathematical talk in lessons.

Maths vocabulary for year 1							
Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	General/problem solving
Number Zero, one, two, three to twenty, and beyond None Count (on/up/to/ from/down) Before, after More, less, many, few, fewer, least, fewest, smallest, greater, lesser Equal to, the same as Odd, even	Number bonds, number line Add, more, plus, make, sum, total, altogether Inverse Double, near double Half, halve Equals, is the same as (including equals sign) Difference between How many more to make..?, how	Odd, even Count in twos, threes, fives Count in tens (forwards from/ backwards from) How many times? Lots of, groups of Once, twice, three times, five times Multiple of, times, multiply, multiply by Repeated addition	Full, half full, empty Holds Container Weigh, weighs, balances Heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, lightest Scales Time Days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, etc. Seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter Day, week, month, year, weekend Birthday, holiday Morning, afternoon, evening,	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	Group, sort Cube, cuboid, pyramid, sphere, cone, cylinder, circle, triangle, square Shape Flat, curved, straight, round Hollow, solid Corner (point, pointed) Face, side, edge Make, build, draw	Whole Equal parts, four equal parts One half, two halves A quarter, two quarters	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

Pair Units, ones, tens Ten more/less Digit Numeral Figure(s) Compare (In) order/a different order Size Value Between, halfway between Above, below	many more is. . .than..?, how much more is..? Subtract, take away, minus How many fewer is. . .than..?, how much less is..?	Array, row, column Double, halve Share, share equally Group in pairs, threes, etc. Equal groups of Divide, divided by, left, left over	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 First, second, third, etc. Estimate, close to, about the	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	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 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

			same as, just over, just under Too many, too few, not enough, enough Length, width, height, depth Long, longer, longest, short, shorter shortest, tall, taller, tallest, high, higher, highest Low, wide, narrow, deep, shallow, thick, thin Far, near, close Metre, ruler, metre stick Money, coin, penny, pence, pound, price, cost, buy, sell, spend, spent, pay, change, dear(er), costs more, costs less, cheaper, costs the same as How much?, how many? Total				way, best way, another way In order, in a different order Not all, every, each

Maths vocabulary for year 2						
Number and place value	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	Data/statistics	General/problem solving
Numbers to one hundred Hundreds Partition, recombine Hundred more/less	Quarter past/to m/km, g/kg, ml/l Temperature (degrees)	Rotation Clockwise, anticlockwise Straight line Ninety degree turn, right angle	Size Bigger, larger, smaller Symmetrical, line of symmetry Fold Match Mirror line, reflection Pattern, repeating pattern	Three quarters, one third, a third Equivalence, equivalent	Count, tally, sort Vote Graph, block graph, pictogram, Represent Group, set, list, table Label, title Most popular, most common, least popular, least common	Predict Describe the pattern, describe the rule Find, find all, find different Investigate

Maths vocabulary for year 3							
Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	Data/statistics
Numbers to one thousand	Column addition and subtraction	Product Multiples of four, eight, fifty and one hundred Scale up	Leap year Twelve-hour/twenty-four- hour clock Roman numerals I to XIII	Greater/less than ninety degrees Orientation (same orientation, different orientation)	Horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel lines	Numerator, denominator Unit fraction, non-unit fraction Compare and order Tenths	Chart, bar chart, frequency table, Carroll diagram, Venn diagram Axis, axes Diagram

Maths vocabulary for year 4						
Number and place value	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions and decimals	Data/statistics
Tenths, hundredths Decimal (places) Round (to nearest) Thousand more/less than Negative integers Count through zero Roman numerals (I to C)	Multiplication facts (up to 12x12) Division facts Inverse Derive	Convert	Coordinates Translation Quadrant x-axis, y-axis Perimeter and area	Quadrilaterals Triangles Right angle, acute and obtuse angles	Equivalent decimals and fractions	Continuous data Line graph

Maths vocabulary for year 5						
Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions, decimals and percentages
Powers of 10	Efficient written method	Factor pairs Composite numbers, prime number, prime factors, square number, cubed number Formal written method	Volume Imperial units, metric units	Reflex angle Dimensions	Regular and irregular Polygons	Proper fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers Percentage Half, quarter, fifth, two fifths, four fifths Ratio, proportion

Maths vocabulary for year 6							
Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Algebra	Data/statistics
Numbers to ten million	Order of operations	Order of operations Common factors, common multiples	Four quadrants (for coordinates)	Vertically opposite (angles) Circumference, radius, diameter	Degree of accuracy Simplify	Linear number sequence Substitute Variables Symbol Known values	Mean Pie chart Construct