

Mathematics Mastery vocabulary list

This document highlights the vocabulary introduced throughout the primary curriculum – from Reception to Year 6.

The vocabulary listed here is vocabulary that **pupils** are expected to use and understand on a daily basis within that year group, though the definitions are written for teacher reference and would not necessarily be shared with children as they stand. The vocabulary listed is cumulative and builds on the vocabulary previously introduced. Teachers should also consult with the Mathematics Mastery Primary Glossary.

This is a working document and will be updated as required.

Reception	Definition	Example
Above	Used to describe a higher position	The Maths Meetings board is
	than another object.	above the sink.
Add	Carry out the process of addition.	I can add two numbers together
		to find a total.
Addition	The operation to combine at least	Three plus seven is equal to ten.
	two numbers or quantities to form	This is an addition equation.
	a further number or quantity, the	
	sum or total. Addition is the	
	inverse operation to subtraction.	
Altogether	In total.	That will be £2 altogether
D 1		please.
Balance	A measuring tool used to weigh	The objects in the balance are
	objects. It has two dishes hanging	unequal in weight because the
	on a bar. Both dishes will be level	dish on the right side is lower down that the dish on the left
	when the contents weigh the same.	side.
	Also, as a verb, indicates equivalence and equality.	The two objects balance which
	equivalence and equality.	means they have the same mass.
Before	In front of or prior to.	The number '3' comes before '5'
Delore	in front of of prior to.	on the number line.
Below	Used to describe a lower position	The sink is below the Maths
201011	than another object.	Meetings board.
Between	Indicates a position in relation to	The teacher is standing
2000011	two other places or objects on	between two tables.
	either side.	
Capacity	The amount of liquid a container	This cup is full to capacity
1 0	can hold.	because it cannot hold any more
		water.
Circle	The name of a 2-D shape. A circle	
	has a curved side.	
Clock	A tool used to measure time.	The clock shows us that the time
		is now 2 o'clock.
Compare	Look for similarities and/or	I can compare these two sets –
	differences between at least two	this set has more.
	objects or sets.	



Corner	A point whom two or more lines	The table has four corners
Corner	A point where two or more lines meet. The correct mathematical	(vertices).
	term is vertex (vertices).	(vertices).
Cost		This apple costs ion What sain
Cost	A monetary value assigned to a good or service.	This apple costs 10p. What coin
Count		could I use to pay for it? I counted the children in the
Count	Assigning one number name to	group – there are four so we will
	each of a set of objects to determine how many there are.	need four pencils.
Cube	A 3-D shape with six identical	need four penchs.
Cube	square faces.	
	square faces.	
Cuboid	A 3-D shape with six rectangular	
Cubbia	faces.	
	iaccs.	
Curved surface	A non-plane surface of a 3-D shape.	The cone has a curved surface.
Curvea surface	Both cones and cylinders have	The cone has a car vea surface.
	curved surfaces.	
Cylinder	A 3-D shape with two circular faces	
	joined by a curved surface.	
2-D	Abbreviation for two-dimensional.	A square is a 2-D shape.
	A figure is two-dimensional if it lies	
	on a plane.	
3-D	Abbreviation for three-	A cylinder is a 3-D shape.
	dimensional. A solid is three-	
	dimensional and occupies space.	
Describe	To express mathematical features,	Can you describe the properties
	qualities and details in words.	of a cube?
Difference	The numerical difference between	The difference between ten and
	two numbers or sets of objects. It is	six is four.
	found by comparing the quantity of	
	one set of objects with another.	
Direction	The orientation of a line in space.	Which direction should we
		jump – forwards or backwards?
Distance	A measure between two points or	The distance between my house
	things.	and the school is longer than that
		between the school and the train
D 11	m 1:11 : 22	station.
Double	To multiply by two or add a value	Ten is double five.
n l	to itself.	
Edge	A line segment joining two vertices	A triangle has three edges and a
	of a plane figure (2-D shape) and	cube has 12 edges .
	the intersection of two plane faces	
Empter	(in a 3-D shape).	Thorois no more vistantalia in the
Empty	Containing nothing. Most	There is no more water left in the
	commonly used in the context of measures.	jug – it is empty .
Fanal		My gots are agual because there
Equal	Indicates equivalence between two	My sets are equal because there are four bears in this set and
	values and can be expressed with the symbol '='. The symbol is read	there are four bears in this set.
		there are rour pears in this set.
	as 'is equal to' which means the	



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	same as. Expressions on either side	
	of the symbol have the same value.	
Face	One of the plane surfaces of a solid shape.	A cube has six faces .
Fewer	A lesser amount – used when	There are fewer buttons on my
	counting discrete objects, i.e.	coat than yours.
	countable objects such as, pens,	
	teddies, counters, etc.	
First	Comes before all others in time or position.	First I brush my teeth. Then I go to bed.
Flat	A level surface.	The table has a flat rectangular
		surface.
Full	Contains/holds as much or as	The juice carton is not full
	many as possible; has no empty	because I drank some.
	space.	
Group	To make equal size groups. This is	I will group the crayons equally
r	one model for division.	so that each person gets two.
Half	One of two equal parts of a shape,	I have shared the dolls into two
	quantity or object.	equal groups – I have half and
	1	you have half .
Intersection of	Where the two subsets overlap in a	The number 4 belongs in the
sets	Venn diagram. Objects or values	intersection because it is even
	which belong to both subsets are	and less than 5.
	placed here.	0.
Last	Comes after all others in time or	Rory is the last person in the
Last	order.	line.
Length	A linear measurement.	The length of my snake is
Length	Timear measurement.	shorter than yours.
Less	A smaller amount or not as much.	I have 15p and you have 7p. you
Lebb	Tromaner amount of not as mach.	have less money than me.
Line	A set of adjacent points that has	I have drawn a line matching the
	length but no width.	number four with the four ducks.
Long	An adjective used to describe	I have a long piece of string.
Long	length.	I have a long piece of string.
Mass	A measure relating to the amount	The mass of the school bag is
1,14,55	of matter within a given object.	greater than the mass of the
	or matter within a green object.	book.
Measure	To find the size of something in a	How might we measure how
1,1000,011	given unit.	much flour we need to bake a
	8	cake?
Minus	A name for the symbol '-', which	Three minus one is equal to
	denotes the operation of	two.
	subtraction.	
More	A greater amount.	I have six apples and you have
1,1010	Transacti umounti	two. I have more .
Next	Comes immediately after the	The next shape in my pattern is
	present one in order.	a square.
Number bond	A pair of numbers with a given	Five and four make a number
1, diliper police	total.	bond to nine.
Number line	A linear, continuous representation	This number line starts at zero
TAUTHOUT HITC	of number. Each number occupies	and ends at ten.
	a point on the line, and there is an	and chas at tell.
	equal interval between each	
	number.	
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Number track	A linear, discrete representation of	I can count from one to ten,
	number. Each number is	moving a counter along this
	positioned in a square on the track.	number track.
Order	Describes the placement of items	I have ordered the bears from
	according to given criteria or in a	smallest to biggest.
	pattern.	Simulate to Signer.
	As a verb, to place items according	
D-:	to given criteria or in a pattern.	C1
Pair	A set of two things used together.	Socks come in a pair – one for
		each foot.
Pattern	A systematic arrangement of	The pattern is red, blue, red,
	numbers, shapes or other elements	blue, red blue.
	according to a rule.	
Plus	The word representing the	Five apples plus two apples are
	operation of addition. It is also the	equal to seven apples.
	name for the symbol '+'.	
Rectangle	A quadrilateral with four right	_
Rectangle	angles.	
	angles.	
01	A	Malainia in anna 1 in tha line
Second	1. A unit of time.	Mohsin is second in the line
	2. An ordinal number.	today.
Sequence	A series of numbers or other	The number 3 is next in the
	elements which follow a rule.	sequence because each number
		is one less than the one before.
Set	A defined group of objects,	I have placed all the purple
	numbers or other elements.	counters in this set because they
		are all the same colour.
Share	To distribute fairly between a given	I will share the crayons equally
bilaic	number of recipients. This is one	between the people at the table.
	model for division.	between the people at the table.
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Short	An adjective used to describe	This string will not reach to the
a: 1	length.	door. It is too short .
Side	A straight line that forms part of	This shape has four straight
	the boundary of a shape.	sides.
Size	An element's overall dimensions or	The size of my shoe is smaller
	magnitude.	than my teacher's.
Sort	To organise a set of elements into	I will sort these objects based on
	specified categories.	their size.
Square	A quadrilateral with four equal	
Square	length sides and four right angles.	
	length sides and four right angles.	
Straight	A line or movement uniform in	The wells of the school are
Straight		The walls of the school are
~ 1 ·	direction, without bends or curves.	straight.
Subtract	Carry out the process of	Nine subtract three is equal to
	subtraction.	six.
Subtraction	The inverse operation to addition.	We are taking some away so it is
		a subtraction question.
Sum	The result of one or more	The sum of five and three is
	additions.	eight.
Surface	An outer boundary of a 3-D object.	This cone has a curved surface .
Take away	Used in the reduction structure of	He ate three of the sweets so we
1 and away		
	subtraction. To remove a number	need to take away three
	of items from a set.	counters.



Tall	Measuring a specific distance from top to bottom.	Our class teacher is not as tall as our head teacher.
Time	Related to duration. Measured in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years etc.	After lunch it will be time for P.E.
Total	The sum found by adding.	There are a total of five people at this table.
Triangle	A polygon with three sides.	
Venn diagram	Two or more circles which represent given sets and intersect according these.	blue shapes squares
Vertex (pl. vertices)	The point at which two or more lines intersect.	This shape has five vertices .
Weight	The force exerted on an object by gravity. Weight therefore changes with a change in gravitational force. Used interchangeably with mass until KS2.	The weight of this book is heavier than the pencil.
Zero	The number before one. It is neither positive nor negative.	Zero comes before one on the number track.

Year 1	Definition	Example
Analogue clock	A clock with a face and hands.	3 3 4 3 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
Anticlockwise	Movement in the opposite direction to the motion of the hands of a clock.	
Approximate	The number is not exact but it is close.	Our PSHE lesson lasts approximately half an hour.
Array	An arrangement of counters or numbers, in columns and rows, used to represent multiplication and division	This array shows 3 × 4, 4 × 3, 12 ÷ 4 and 12 ÷ 3



Block graph	The pre-cursor to the bar graph, this representation of data has an x- and y-axis and one block represents one item. Each block is adjoined to the adjacent block.	How children travel to school The school of
Chart	A table or graph.	I will mark one day for the sun on our weather chart .
Chronological	In time order.	I ordered the events in my day chronologically . I woke up, ate my breakfast, went to school then came home.
Clockwise	Movement in the direction of the hands of a clock.	
Cone	A 3-D shape with one circular plane face, which tapers to an apex.	
Continuous surface	An outer boundary of a 3-D object which is uninterrupted by any plane surfaces.	A sphere has a continuous surface .
Data	Quantitative information which has been counted or measured.	This block graph shows us data for the colour of the cars in the car park.
Decreasing	Becoming smaller in value. Used in relation to number sequences.	15, 14, 13, 12. This number pattern is decreasing by one each time.
Diagram	An illustration, drawing or representation.	I will draw a diagram to show how I programed my floor toy to move.
Digit	One of the ten Arabic numerals o to 9, from which we compose numbers.	The number 54 has the digit five in the tens column and the digit four in the ones. The digit five has a value of fifty.
Divide	To share or group into equal parts.	I can divide 12 by three using grouping or sharing.
Estimate	An appropriately accurate guess, depending on the context and numbers involved.	I estimate there are eight cubes in the cup because it looks about double four but fewer than ten.
Even number	A number with a 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 in the ones and therefore exactly divisible by two.	32 is an even number .
Facts	Related to the four operations $(+, -, \times, \div)$. Pupils should be supported in achieving	Number bonds to and within 10 and 20 are facts , e.g. 3 + 7 = 10.



	fluency, i.e. very fast recall, in	
	these facts. These then	
	become known facts .	
Fraction	 A part of a whole number, quantity or shape. Expressing a division relationship between two integers in the form ^a/_h. 	I have shared my sweets into four equal parts. Everyone will get a fraction of the whole quantity of sweets. One group is a quarter of the whole.
Half turn	A 180 degree rotation, i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ of	
	a 360 degree or 'full' turn.	
Hour	A unit of time.	There are 24 hours in one day.
Increasing	Becoming greater in value. Used in relation to number sequences.	2, 4, 6, 8. This number pattern is increasing by two each time.
Kilogram	A standard unit of mass, equal to 1000 grams.	The book has a mass of two kilograms.
Known fact	A number fact which has been committed to memory (or very fast recall) and can be applied fluently to various calculation strategies.	When I use the 'Make ten' strategy to add, I use known facts to partition the number I'm adding.
Left	Indicating the position or direction.	Make a quarter turn left and walk forward three steps.
Litre	A standard unit of volume, equal to 1000 millilitres.	The capacity of the jug is about half a litre .
Mental calculation	A calculation performed without using a formal written strategy. Simple jottings may aid a mental calculation.	14 plus 5 is equal to 19. I completed this using a mental calculation and deriving facts because I know that four plus five is equal to nine.
Metre	A standard unit of measure, equal to 100 centimetres.	I estimate that the table is about a metre tall.
Minute	A unit of time.	We will have lunch in five minutes.
Oblong	A quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel sides of equal length.	
Odd number	An integer which is not divisible by two without a remainder.	All numbers which end in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are odd numbers .
Partition	To split a number into two or more parts.	The number 23 can be canonically partitioned (by place value) into 20 and 3, or non-canonically partitioned in many



		different ways, including 18
		and 5, 17 and 6, etc.
Place value	A system for writing numbers, in which the value of a digit is defined by its position within the number.	In the number 452 written in base ten, the digit four has a value of 400, the five has a value of 50 and the two has a value of two.
Position	Location, expressed either descriptively using positional prepositions, or specified by coordinates.	The book is on the table. The clock is hanging above the board.
Pound (sterling)	The official currency of the United Kingdom.	Pounds sterling are written using the £ symbol. There are 100 pence in one pound sterling.
Property	Any attribute.	A property of a triangle is that it has three straight sides and three vertices, the sum of whose angles is 180 degrees.
Pyramid	A 3-D shape with a polygonal base and otherwise triangular faces, which form edges with the base, and which meet at an apex.	apex
Quantity	An amount, in some cases given a numerical value.	A quantity of apples is placed on the left-hand side of the balance. How many kilogram masses will we need to place on the right to balance the apples?
Quarter	One of four equal parts of a whole, quantity or object.	I have shared the eight conkers into four equal groups – I have two conkers, which is one quarter of the whole.
Quarter turn	A 90-degree rotation, i.e. $\frac{1}{4}$ of a 360 degree 'full' turn.	
Repeated addition	A structure of multiplication where equal parts are added to make a whole.	I can show 4 × 5 as repeated addition : 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4.
Repeated subtraction	A structure of division, where equal parts are subtracted and the number of equal parts summed to calculate a quotient.	I can use repeated subtraction to calculate 20 divided by four: 20 – 4 – 4 – 4 – 4 – 4.
Represent	To express or show a mathematical concept using words, numerals and symbols, pictures, diagrams, or concrete manipulatives.	I have used three blue cubes to represent the three oranges in the question. I used a part-whole model to represent the addition question.



Right	Indicating the position or direction.	The picture is on the right -hand side of the board.
Rule	A consistent pattern which allows generalisation. Awareness of a rule allows a pupil to continue a sequence or generate a related sequence.	2, 5, 8, 11, 14 The rule is that each number is three greater than the previous number. Therefore, the next number in this sequence will be 17. The scales showed that the
Scales	An object used to measure mass.	banana had a greater mass than the apple.
Sign	Synonymous with symbol in its mathematical context, e.g. $+, -, \times, \div, =$.	20 \square 5 = 4. What is the missing sign ?
Standard unit	A uniform measure, agreed upon as standard.	Standard units of mass include grams and kilograms. Standard units of length include centimetres, metres and kilometres. Standard units of volume and capacity include millilitres and litres.
Sphere	A 3-D shape with a continuous surface, which is at all points equidistant from its centre. It has an infinite number of flat faces and straight edges.	A bowling ball is a sphere .
Symbol	Synonymous with sign in its mathematical context, e.g. +, -, \times , \div , =.	20 \square 5 = 4. What is the missing symbol ?
Table	A structure organised into columns and rows, in which data can be recorded.	The information for Thursday is not yet complete on the table because it is only Wednesday.
Turn	Rotation (see half and quarter turn).	A whole turn is 360 degrees. A half turn is 180 degrees. A quarter turn is 90 degrees.
Unit	 An element considered as a single entity. Ten single cubes can be grouped together to make a unit of ten. A unit of measure, which can be standard or non-standard. 	I regrouped ten ones for one unit of ten. Unifix cubes can be used as units of measure, but these are not standard units.
Volume	A quantity or amount of any substance and the 3-D space it fills.	The bottle contains a volume of one litre but its capacity is two litres. The bottle is half full.

Year 2	Definition	Example



Angle	The amount of turn,	The angle is 60 degrees.
	measured in degrees.	
Calculate	To compute or work out	Can you calculate the
	mathematically.	answer to 13 + 4?
Centimetre	A metric unit of length.	The book is 15 centimetres long.
Column	A vertical arrangement of numbers or objects.	23 has two tens – I will place them into the tens column .
Commutative	A property of addition and multiplication. It does not matter in which order the addends or factors are added or multiplied; the result will be the same.	4 + 6 = 10 6 + 4 = 10 This demonstrates that addition is commutative . Arrays demonstrate the commutativity of multiplication, i.e. 3 × 4 = 4 × 3
Consecutive	Following in order.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are consecutive numbers. 3, 6 and 9 are consecutive multiples of 3.
Denominator	The number written below the vinculum in a fraction. In a measure context, it indicates the number of equal parts into which the whole is divided. In a division context, it is the divisor.	In the fraction one quarter, four is the denominator .
Division	The process of partitioning a whole into equal parts.	12 divided by 3 is equal to 4.
Efficient	Well-organised. Choosing an efficient computation strategy requires consideration of the numbers involved and will normally utilise 'known facts'.	I will use my number bonds knowledge to calculate 22 + 7 efficiently . I know that 2 + 7 is equal to 9, so the answer is 29. That's more efficient that counting on seven.
Frequency	The number of times something occurs within a data set.	4 pupils have brown hair. The frequency of brown hair is 4.
Gram	A metric unit of mass.	The pencil weighs 20 grams .
Heptagon	A polygon with seven sides and seven angles.	
Hexagon	A polygon with six sides and six angles.	
Inverse operations	Opposite operations that 'undo' each other.	Addition and subtraction are inverse operations.
Millilitre	A metric unit of capacity/volume.	The can of fizzy drink has a capacity of 330 millilitres .
Multiple	The result of multiplying a number by an integer, for example, 12 is a multiple of 3 and 4 because 3 × 4 = 12.	36 is a multiple of three because three multiplied by 12 is equal to 36. It is also a multiple of 12 for the same



		reason (and 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 18
Multiplication	One of the four mathematical operations. Multiplication can be understood as repeated addition or scaling (introduced in Year 3).	and 36). The multiplication symbol is ×.
Multiply	To increase a quantity by a given scale factor.	I can multiply 3 by 4 which is equal to 12.
Near double	When two numbers involved in an addition are close in value, such as 23 + 22. The numbers can be treated as exact doubles, followed by compensating.	To calculate 23 + 22, I can use the near double strategy. I can double 22 and then add one more.
Non-unit fraction	A fraction with a numerator greater than one.	Two thirds is a non-unit fraction.
Numerator	The number written above the vinculum in a fraction. In a measure context, it indicates the specified number of parts out of the whole. In a division context, it is the dividend.	In the fraction one quarter, one is the numerator .
Octagon	A polygon with eight sides and eight angles.	
Operation	A mathematical process. The four mathematical operations are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	4 + 2 = 6. The operation is addition.
Pentagon	A polygon with five sides and five angles.	
Pictogram	A representation of data using pictures or symbols.	France Germany America China Australia Each stands for 10 people.
Quadrilateral	A 2D shape with four sides and four angles. which add up to 360 degrees.	
Relationship	The way in which two or more things are connected.	The relationship between addition and subtraction is that they are the inverse of each other.
Right angle	An angle of 90 degrees.	A square has four right angles.



Rotation	The act of rotating about an axis/centre.	I will rotate the square 90 degrees clockwise.
Scale	Equally spaced markings on a measuring device which can be read to quantify a measurement.	Using the scale on the ruler, the book measures 15cm.
Symmetry	A shape is symmetrical when it fits exactly onto itself when folded in half.	This triangle has one line of symmetry.
Tally	A form of counting. Each tally is a vertical mark. After the fourth vertical mark, a fifth horizontal/diagonal mark is drawn to create a group of five.	Four children have black hair; I will record this as four tallies .
Temperature	The measure of heat.	Outside has a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius.
Unit fraction	A fraction with a numerator of one.	One-third is a unit fraction .
Vinculum	A horizontal line that separates the numerator and the denominator in a fraction.	$\frac{1}{4}$ vinculum

Year 3	Definition	Example
Acute angle	An angle that is smaller than	It is smaller than my right
	a right angle.	angle checker so this must be
		an acute angle .
Axis (plural: axes)	A real or imaginary reference	The y-axis on this bar graph
	line. The y-axis (vertical) and	shows you how many pupils
	x-axis (horizontal) on charts	preferred each colour.
	and graphs are used to show	
	the measuring scale or labels	
	for the variables.	
Bar graph	A representation of data in	This bar graph shows us the
	which the frequencies are	preferred colours of the pupils
	represented by the height or	in our Year 3 class.
	length of the bars.	
Columnar	The formal written	Solve the following
addition/subtraction	algorithms for addition and	calculations by using the
	subtraction that are	appropriate method of
	exemplified in <i>Mathematics</i>	columnar addition or
	Appendix 1 of the 2014	subtraction.
_	national curriculum.	
Factor	A number, that when	The number six has four
	multiplied with one or more	factors : 1, 2, 3 and 6.
	other factors, makes a given	
	number.	
Formal written methods	Exemplified in <i>Mathematics</i>	Pupils should only use
	Appendix 1 (see above). As	formal written methods



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	well as including columnar	for calculations that cannot be
	addition and subtraction,	efficiently calculated using
	these also consist of written	mental strategies (with or
	algorithms for multiplication	without jottings).
	and division.	
Horizontal	Horizontal refers to planes	The x-axis on a graph should
	and line segments that are	be horizontal .
	parallel to the horizon.	
Irregular	In geometry, irregular is a	The sides and the angles of
	term used to describe shapes	this pentagon are not all equal
	that are not regular (see	so the pentagon is irregular .
	below).	
Kilometre	A metric unit measure of	The distance from the school
	length that is equal to one	to Arun's house was exactly
	thousand metres.	one kilometre .
Millimetre	A metric unit measure of	The length of Philippa's ruler
MININGUE	length that is equal to one	is 300 millimetre s.
	thousandth of one metre.	15 500 minimetres.
Numeral	A numeral is a symbol (or	Whole numbers can all be
INUITICI AI	group of symbols) used to	represented as numerals
		1 -
01	represent a number.	consisting of the digits o to 9.
Obtuse angle	An angle that is greater than	It is greater than my right
	a right angle but less than	angle checker so this angle
	180 degrees.	must be obtuse .
Parallel	Line segments that can be	The opposite sides of a square
	described as parallel must be	are parallel .
	on the same plane and will	
	never meet, regardless of how	
	far either or both line	
	segments are extended.	
Perimeter	The perimeter of a 2-D shape	I know that one side of this
	is the total distance around	square is 2cm so it must have
	its exterior.	a perimeter of 8cm.
Perpendicular	A pair of line segments (or	The adjacent sides of a
	surfaces) can be described as	rectangle are perpendicular .
	perpendicular if they	
	intersect at (or form) a right	
	angle.	
Place holder	A place holder is a zero used	I need to use a place holder
	in any place value column	in the ones column to make it
	(that contains a value of zero)	clear that my number is 320
	to clarify the relative	and not 32.
	positions of the digits in	
	other places.	
Prism	A prism is a 3-D solid with	A triangular prism has five
	two identical, parallel bases	faces, consisting of three
	and otherwise rectangular	rectangles and two triangles
	faces.	which are parallel.
Product	The result you get when you	24 is the product of 3 and 8.
Trouuct	multiply two numbers.	24 is the product of 3 and 6.
Regular	Regular 2-D shapes (regular	A square is a regular of D
Neguiai		A square is a regular 2-D
	polygons) have angles that	shape because all four angles



	are all equal and side lengths that are all equal. Regular 3-D shapes (the Platonic Solids) are those that have congruent (exactly the same) faces of a single	are right angles and all four sides are the same length. A cube is a regular 3-D shape with six identical square faces.
Roman numeral	regular polygon. Roman numerals are a system of symbols used to represent numbers that were developed and used by the Romans. They do not use a place value system.	The number twelve on this clock is represented by the Roman numerals XII, which is 10 + 1 + 1.
Round	Approximate a number, normally to the nearest multiple of ten, to make it easier with which to calculate.	I would round the number 17 to 20 because it is three away from 20 but seven away from 10.
Square-based pyramid	A pyramid is a 3-D shape with a 2-D shape (which gives the pyramid its name) as a base and triangular faces that	This square-based pyramid has five faces; one square face and four triangular faces.
Triangle-based pyramid	taper to a point called a vertex or apex.	This triangle-based pyramid has four triangular faces.

Year 4	Definition	Example
Area	The space a surface takes up inside its perimeter. Area is always measured in square units.	The area is 8 square units.
Associative law	No matter how the parts in an addition or multiplication equation are grouped, the answer will be the same.	(6+3)+2=11 6+(3+2)=11 Addition and multiplication are associative . Subtraction and division are not.
Convert	To change from one unit of measurement to another.	2 km can be converted to metres – it is equal to 2000 m.
Coordinate	The position of a point, usually described using pairs of numbers. Sometimes called Cartesian coordinates, after the mathematician Rene Descartes.	The coordinate (3,4) describes a point that is 3 on the x axis and 4 on the y axis.
Decimal fraction	A fraction expressed in its decimal form.	Half written as a decimal fraction is 0.5.
Distributive law	The process whereby adding some numbers and then multiplying the sum gives the same answer as	$3 \times (2 + 4) = (3 \times 2) + (3 \times 4)$ $3 \times 12 = (3 \times 10) + (3 \times 2)$



	multiplying the numbers	
	separately and then adding the products.	
Dividend	The amount that you want	In '12 \div 3 = 4', 12 is the
	to divide.	dividend.
Divisor	The number you divide by.	In '12 \div 3 = 4', 3 is the divisor .
Equilateral	Having all sides the same	An equilateral triangle has three
	length.	equal sides.
Equivalent	Equivalent means having	2 _ 1
	the same value. Equivalent	$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$
	fractions have the same	
	value.	
Expression	One or a group of numbers,	2 × 3
	symbols or operators. An	4^2
	expression does not use	
	equality or inequality signs.	
	Using an equality or	
	inequality sign will give an	
Grid	equation.	
Gria	A series of evenly divided	
	and equally spaced shapes, usually squares.	
	usually squares.	
Improper fraction	A fraction where the	12
improper fraction	numerator is bigger than	11
	the denominator. These	
	fractions are therefore	
	greater than one whole.	
Integer	A whole number that can be	6 is an integer, 0.6 is not.
26862	positive or negative.	o is an integer, ore is not
Interval	An interval on a graph's	If one point on an axis is 50 and
	axis lies between two	the next 60, the interval is 10.
	values.	
Isosceles	Having two sides of equal	
	length. Isosceles triangles	
	have two equal sides;	
	isosceles trapezia have two	
	equal, non-parallel sides.	
Kite	A 2-D shape with two pairs	
	of equal length adjacent	
	sides. The diagonals	8
r' 1	intersect at right angles.	
Line graph	A graph that uses lines to	
	connect the points on a	Temperature graph
	data chart.	
	Used to present continuous	16 17 20
	data, such as change over time.	0
		8:00am 10:00am 12:00 noon 2:00pm 4:00pm
Mixed numbers	Numbers consisting of an integer and fractional part.	$1\frac{1}{2}$; $3\frac{3}{4}$
Negative number	A number that is less than	-1, -24, -0.5 etc.
_	zero. (It is helpful to refer	
	to these numbers as	



	(
	'negative numbers' rather	
	than 'minus' to avoid	
	confusion with the	
	operation 'minus'.)	
Parallelogram	A 2-D shape that has two	
	pairs of parallel sides and	
	equal opposite angles.	
Plot	To mark out a point on a	' Plot the point (3,6)' means to
	graph or grid.	draw the precise location of that
		point, usually shown as a dot or a
		small cross.
Point	The precise location of a	An exact place on a graph or on
2 01111	position on a 2-D plane.	squared paper. A point is often
	position on a 2 B plane.	represented by a capital letter.
		represented by a capital letter.
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Positive number	A number that is greater	3, 32, 0.5
	than zero. Zero is neither	
	positive or negative.	
Proper fraction	A fraction with a value less	1 3 5
Troper fraction	than one.	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{8}$
Protractor	A measuring device for	6 5 90 % h
	measuring the size of an	
	angle. Angles are measured	018
	in degrees (°).	
Quotient	The result when the	$15 \div 3 = 5$
	dividend is divided by the	5 is the quotient .
	divisor.	
Rectilinear	A rectilinear shape has	A rectangle.
	straight line edges which	A straight-sided shape that can be
	are perpendicular (all meet	divided up into other rectangles.
	at right angles).	
	at right angres).	
Rhombus	An equilateral	
Mionibus	parallelogram with four	
	equal length sides.	
Scalene	A scalene triangle has three	_
Scalelle	S	
	unequal sides and three	
Ob and disciplination	unequal angles.	
Short division	A formal written layout	
	where the quotient is	77 5 385
	calculated showing only	5 3 8 5
	one written step.	
~1 11 77		
Short multiplication	A formal written layout	782
	where the multiplier is	<u>× 9</u>
	usually 9 or less.	7038



Simplify	To write a number or equation in its simplest	I can simplify $\frac{8}{10}$ to $\frac{4}{5}$.
	form.	
Square centimetre	A unit of measure for area	Sometimes referred to as
	equal to a square with the	centimetre squared, abbreviated
	dimensions 1 cm by 1cm.	to cm ² .
Trapezium	A quadrilateral with exactly	
	one pair of parallel sides.	

Year 5	Definition	Example
Angle at a point	Angles that meet at a point that sum to 360°.	110° 70° 3°
Angle on a line	Angles formed on a straight line that sum to 180°.	125° / b°
Average (mean)	A measure of central tendency. The mean average of a set of data is the sum of the quantities divided by the number of quantities.	The mean average of the set 4, 5, 5, 6 is 5 because $(4 + 5 + 5 + 6)$ $\div 4 = 5$.
Common factor	A factor of two (or more) given numbers.	A common factor of 12 and 9 is 3 because $3 \times 4 = 12$ and $3 \times 3 = 12$.
Common multiple	A multiple of two (or more) given numbers.	A common multiple of 3 and 6 is 12 because $3 \times 4 = 12$ and $6 \times 2 = 12$.
Congruent	Used to describe two shapes or figures which are exactly the same size.	The two triangles are congruent . If I place one on top of the other, there is no overlap.
Cube number	The product of three equal factors.	Eight is a cube number because $8 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3$.
Cubic centimetre	A unit used to measure volume. The space taken up by a cube with edges of length 1 cm or which measures 1 cm × 1 cm × 1 cm.	The volume of this multilink cube is eight cubic centimetres .
Cubic metre	A unit used to measure volume. The space taken up by a cube with edges of length 1 metre.	The volume of this fridge is two cubic metres.
Decagon	A polygon with ten sides and ten angles.	\searrow



Degree	The unit of measure for angles.	A right angle is 90 degree s.
Diagonal	A straight line segment that joins one vertex to another.	The diagonals of a kite are perpendicular
Divisible	A number is said to be divisible by another if it can be divided by that number without a remainder.	24 is divisible by 8. When divided by 8 it gives a quotient of 3, with no remainder.
Dodecagon	A polygon with twelve sides and twelve angles.	
Long division	The formal written algorithm that can be used to divide by a number with two or more digits.	3 4 12 4 0 8 3 6 4 8 4 8 0
Long multiplication	The formal written algorithm that can be used to multiply a number by a number with two or more digits.	3 4 × 1 2 6 8 3 4 0 4 0 8
Negative integer	A whole number with a value less than zero. Zero is neither positive nor negative.	When the temperature falls below o° a negative integer is used to record it.
Nonagon	A polygon with nine sides and nine angles.	02
Percentage	The number of parts per hundred which is written using the % symbol.	30% means for every 100 there are 30.
Polygon	A 2-D shape with three or more straight sides.	Triangles and rectangles are examples of polygons .
Polyhedron (pl. polyhedra)	A 3-D shape with flat surfaces that are polygons.	A cuboid is a polyhedron . A cylinder is not a polyhedron because it has a curved surface.
Prime factor	A factor that is a prime number.	3 and 2 are prime factors of 6.
Prime number	A whole number with only two factors, one and the number itself.	2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 and 19 are the prime numbers less than 20.
Remainder	The amount remaining after division when a whole number answer is needed.	21 divided by four is equal to five with a remainder of 1.



Reflection	A mirror image that is equidistant from a mirror line.	The shape has been reflected in the dotted mirror line.
Reflex angle	An angle that is greater than 180°.	
Scale (not to scale)	The ratio of lengths, in a drawing, are in proportion to the measurements of the real object. The lengths are not in proportion when not to scale.	The diagram was not drawn to scale . That means I can't use a ruler to measure the sides, because they are not in proportion to the real object.
Square metre	A unit of measure for area. The surface covered by a square with sides of length one metre.	The area of the floor in a room might be measured in square metres .
Square number	The product of two equal factors.	9 is a square number because $9 = 3 \times 3 = 3^2$.
Tetrahedron	A 3-D shape with four triangular faces.	
Transformation	A collective term for the ways that shapes can be changed, resulting in congruent or similar shapes, i.e. translation, reflection, rotation or enlargement.	Translations and reflections are types of transformations .
Translation	When a shape moves so that it is in a different position but retains the same size, area, angles and side length and so is congruent.	Triangle C has been translated three right and two down resulting in triangle D.

Year 6	Definition	Example
Arc	A portion of the circumference of a circle	



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Brackets	The symbols () used to separate parts of a multi-step calculation.	$(10-2) \times 3 = 21$
Centre	In a circle, the centre refers to one point that is equidistant to all points around the circumference of the circle.	To draw a circle, I place the point of my pair of compasses at the centre .
Circumference	The perimeter/boundary of a circle.	
Compasses	A tool for creating curved lines, arcs and circles.	I can use a pair of compasses to draw a circle with a radius of 4 cm.
Common fraction	A fraction written with a numerator and denominator separated by a vinculum.	One quarter can be written as a common fraction, $\frac{1}{4}$.
Degree of accuracy	A description of how accurately a value is communicated.	The degree of accuracy needed for the answer is one decimal place.
Diameter	A line from one point of the circumference of a circle to another on the opposite side, which must pass through the centre of the circle.	The circumference of a circle is the diameter multiplied by pi.
Equivalent expression	An expression, which can be algebraic, which is equal in value to another expression.	Find an equivalent expression to 17 + 10. 18 + 9 is an equivalent expression to 17 + 10.
Factorise	To identify factors of a given number. To express a number as factors.	I can factorise 12 by looking at its factor pairs. $1 \times 12 = 12$, $2 \times 6 = 12$, $3 \times 4 = 12$. So the factors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12.
Foot/feet	An imperial unit of measure of length.	I am approximately five feet tall.
Formula	An algebraic expression of a rule.	The area of a rectangle can be found by multiplying the width and height. a = w × h
Gallon	An imperial unit of measure of volume/capacity.	A gallon is approximately 4.5 litres
Imperial unit	A unit of measure once officially used in the UK but is now used less often, except in the context of length. Includes miles, pounds and pints.	Miles are an imperial unit to measure length.



Inch	An imperial unit of measure.	An inch is approximately 2.2 cm.	
Intersect	The point at which two (or more) lines meet is where they intersect.	The x and y axes intersect at (0,0)	
Metric unit	A standard unit of measure used in the UK and Europe. Includes centimetres, litres and kilograms.	Litres are a metric unit used to measure volume.	
Mile	An imperial unit of measure of length.	Five miles is equivalent to eight kilometres.	
Net	A group of 2-D shapes which, when folded and connected, forms a 3-D polyhedron.	The net of a cube is comprised of six connected squares.	
Order of operations	The internationally agreed order to complete operations in a multi-step equation with multiple operations.	$(3 + 4) \times 2 = \Box$ The order of operations dictates that the operation within the brackets is completed first.	
Origin	The point at which axes in a coordinates grid cross; the point (0,0).	The origin is indicated by the blue dot.	
Ounce	An imperial unit of measure of mass.	The newborn baby had a mass of 6 pounds and 3 ounces .	
Pie chart	A representation of a set of data where each segment represents one group in proportion to the whole.	Nationality of Astronauts on Board ISS January 2017 Russia USA France	
Pint	An imperial unit of measure.	I found a pint of milk on my doorstep.	
Pound (mass)	An imperial unit of measure of mass.	The new-born baby had a mass of 6 pounds and 3 ounces.	
Proportion	A comparison between two or more parts of a whole or group. Proportion expresses a part-whole relationship. This may be represented as a fraction, a percentage or a decimal.	Two thirds of a class were boys. The proportion of the class that is girls is one third.	



Quadrant	One of four regions into		
	which a coordinates grid is divided.	Second Quadrant Negative x, positive y Third Quadrant Negative x, negative y, negative y Positive x, negative y Residue x, negative y Residue x, negative y	
Radius	A line from one point of the circumference of a circle to the centre of the circle.		
Ratio	A comparison between two or more parts of a whole or group. Ratio expresses a partpart relationship. This is usually represented in the form a:b.	For every 4 tulips there are 7 daffodils. The ratio of tulips to daffodils is 4:7.	
Similar	Similar shapes are those which have the same internal angles and where the side lengths are in the same ratio or proportion. Enlarging a shape by a scale factor (for example by doubling all side lengths) creates a similar shape.	All squares are similar to one another.	
Square millimetre	The area of a square with sides 1 mm.	The smallest squares on graph paper have an area of one square millimetre.	
Square kilometre	The area of a square with sides 1 km.	The area of England is 130 279 square kilometres.	
Vertically opposite angles	Angles which are positioned opposite to one another when two lines intersect.	The purple angles indicated	
		are vertically opposite angles.	