

YEAR 3 Maths Vocabulary List

Parents, do practise these at home!

NUMBER

number	predict	first, second, third ... twentieth
numeral	few	twenty-first, twenty-second ...
zero	pattern	last, last but one
one, two, three ... twenty	pair, rule	before, after
teens numbers, eleven, twelve ... twenty	relationship	next
twenty-one, twenty-two ... one hundred, two hundred ... one thousand	> greater than	between
	< less than	halfway between
	Roman numerals	above, below

none

Place value

Estimating

how many ...?	ones	guess
count, count (up) to, count on (from, to), count back (from, to)	tens, hundreds	how many ...?
forwards	digit	estimate
backwards	one-, two- or three-digit number	nearly
count in ones, twos, fives, tens, threes,	place, place value	roughly
fours, eights, fifties and so on to hundreds	stands for, represents	close to
equal to	exchange	approximate, approximately
equivalent to	the same number as, as many as	about the same as
is the same as	more, larger, bigger, greater	just over, just under
more, less	fewer, smaller, less	exact, exactly
most, least	fewest, smallest, least	too many, too few
tally	most, biggest, largest, greatest	enough, not enough
many	one more, ten more, one hundred more	round, nearest, round to the nearest ten,
odd, even	one less, ten less, one hundred less	hundred
multiple of, factor of	equal to	round up, round down
sequence	compare	
continue	order	
	size	

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Addition and subtraction

addition

add, more, and

make, sum, total

altogether

double

near double

half, halve

one more, two more ... ten more
... one hundred more

how many more to make ...?

how many more is ... than ...?

how much more is ...?

subtract

take away

how many are left/left over?

how many have gone?

one less, two less, ten less ... one
hundred less

how many fewer is ... than ...?

how much less is ...?

difference between

equals

is the same as

number bonds/pairs/facts

missing number

tens boundary, hundreds
boundary

Multiplication and division

multiplication

multiply

multiplied by

multiple, factor

groups of

times

product

once, twice, three times ... ten
times

repeated addition

division

dividing, divide, divided by,
divided into

left, left over, remainder

grouping

sharing, share, share equally

one each, two each, three each ...
ten each

group in pairs, threes ... tens

equal groups of

doubling

halving

array

row, column

number patterns

multiplication table

multiplication fact, division fact

Fractions

fraction

equivalent fraction

mixed number

numerator, denominator

equal part

equal grouping

equal sharing

parts of a whole

half, two halves

one of two equal parts

quarter, two quarters, three
quarters

one of four equal parts

one third, two thirds

one of three equal parts

sixths, sevenths, eighths, tenths
...

MEASUREMENT

measure

measurement

size

compare

measuring scale, division

guess, estimate

enough, not enough

too much, too little

too many, too few

nearly, close to, about the same
as, approximately

roughly

just over, just under

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Length

millimetre, centimetre, metre,
kilometre, mile

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, further, furthest, near, close

distance apart ... between ... to ...
from

perimeter

ruler

metre stick, tape measure

Weight

kilogram, half kilogram, gram

weigh, weighs, balances

heavy, light

heavier than, lighter than

heaviest, lightest

scales

Capacity and volume

litre, half litre, millilitre

capacity

volume

full

empty

more than

less than

half full

quarter full

holds, contains

container

Temperature

temperature

degree

centigrade

Time

time

days of the week, Monday,
Tuesday ...

months of the year (January,
February ...)

seasons: spring, summer,
autumn, winter

day, week, weekend, fortnight,
month, year, century

birthday, holiday

morning, afternoon, evening,
night

bedtime, dinner time, playtime

today, yesterday, tomorrow

before, after

earlier, later

next, first, last

midnight

calendar, date

now, soon, early, late, earliest,
latest

quick, quicker, quickest, quickly

slow, slower, slowest, slowly

old, older, oldest

new, newer, newest

takes longer, takes less time

how long ago?

how long will it be to ...?

how long will it take to ...?

how often?

always, never, often, sometimes

usually

once, twice

hour, o'clock, half past, quarter
past, quarter to

5, 10, 15 ... minutes past

a.m., p.m.

clock, clock face, watch, hands

digital/analogue clock/watch,
timer

hour hand, minute hand

hours, minutes, seconds

Roman numerals

12-hour clock time, 24-hour clock
time

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Money

money

coin

penny, pence, pound

price, cost

buy, bought, sell, sold

spend, spent

pay

change

dear, costs more

cheap, costs less, cheaper

costs the same as

how much ...?

how many ...?

Total

GEOMETRY

Properties of shape

shape, pattern

flat

curved, straight

round

hollow, solid

sort

make, build, draw

perimeter

surface

size

bigger, larger, smaller

symmetry, symmetrical,
symmetrical pattern

line symmetry

pattern, repeating pattern

match

2-D shape

corner, side

point, pointed

rectangle (including square),
rectangular

circle, circular

triangle, triangular

pentagon, pentagonal

hexagon, hexagonal

octagon, octagonal

quadrilateral

right-angled

parallel, perpendicular

3-D shape

face, edge, vertex, vertices

cube, cuboid

pyramid

sphere, hemisphere

cone

cylinder

prism, triangular prism

Position and direction

position

over, under, underneath

above, below

top, bottom, side

on, in

outside, inside

around

in front, behind

front, back

beside, next to

opposite

apart

between

middle, edge

centre

corner

direction

journey, route

left, right

up, down

higher, lower

forwards, backwards, sideways

across

next to, close, near, far

along

through

to, from, towards, away from

clockwise, anticlockwise

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compass point

north, south, east, west, N, S, E,
W

horizontal, vertical, diagonal

movement

slide

roll

turn

stretch, bend

whole turn, half turn, quarter
turn,

three-quarter turn

angle ... is a greater/smaller angle
than

right angle

acute angle

obtuse angle

straight line

STATISTICS

count, tally, sort, vote

graph, block graph, pictogram

represent

group, set

list, table, chart, bar chart,
frequency table

Carroll diagram, Venn diagram

label, title, axis, axes

diagram

most popular, most common

least popular, least common

GENERAL

pattern

puzzle

problem, problem-solving

mental, mentally

what could we try next?

how did you work it out?

show how you ...

explain your thinking

explain your method

describe the pattern

describe the rule

investigate

recognise

describe

draw

compare

sort

greatest value, least value

mental calculation

written calculation

statement