

Progression in vocabulary in EYFS Reception

Maths vocabulary for EYFS

Number and place value	<p>Number, zero, one, two, three... to twenty, zero, ten, twenty, none, how many? Count, more, less, many, few, pattern, pair, greater, more, larger, bigger, less, fewer, smaller, greatest, most, biggest, largest, least, fewest, smallest, compare, order, size, first, last, before, after, next, between, half-way between, above / below</p> <p>guess how many ...? estimate nearly close to about the same as just over, just under too many, too few enough, not enough</p>
Addition and subtraction	<p>Add, more, make, total, altogether, one more, Subtract, take (away), leave, how many are left? How many have gone? One less</p>
Multiplication and division	<p>Number patterns, doubling, count, answer, sign, equal, sharing, share equally, one each, two each, group, shape, whole, pattern, puzzle, count out, share out, left, same, number/s, different number/s</p>
Measure	<p>Measure, size, compare, guess, estimate, enough, too much, too little, too many, too few, long, short, tall, high, low, thick, thin, longer, shorter, taller, higher, full, half full, empty, holds, containers, money, coin, total, buy,</p> <p>morning, afternoon, evening, night, midnight, today, yesterday, tomorrow, time days of the week, Monday, Tuesday ... day, week, 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</p>
Geometry (position and direction)	<p>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</p>
Geometry (properties of shape)	<p>Shape, pattern, flat, curved straight, round, hollow, solid, corner, point, pointed, sort, make, build, draw, 2d shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle) size, bigger, larger, flat, similar, smaller, repeating pattern, match, differences, the same as...</p>
Fractions	<p>halves, equal, sharing, share equally, one each, two each, group, cut, same as</p>
Problem Solving	<p>pattern puzzle what could we try next? how did you work it out? recognise describe draw compare sort</p>