Mathematical Vocabulary

Year 5



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Listed below are the key mathematical terms your child will learn this year. This is the minimum we expect children to learn; however, we know children are curious and will undoubtedly want to learn more and we encourage this.

Vocabulary	Definition	Example		
Number and Place Value				
Ascending order	Arranged from smallest to largest. Increasing.	'3, 9, 12, 55 are in ascending order .'		
Descending order	Arranged from largest to smallest. Decreasing.	'100, 45, 22, 18, 2 are in descending order.'		
≥ Greater than or equal to	Something is either greater than or equal to another thing.	'Marbles ≥ 1'		
≤ Less than or equal to	Something is either less than or equal to another thing.	'Dogs ≤ 3'		
	Addition and subtracti	ion		
	See previous year groups			
	Multiplication and division			
Common factor	A factor of two (or more) given numbers.	'A common factor of 12 and 9 is 3 because 3 × 4 = 12 and 3 × 3 = 12.'		
Common multiple	A multiple of two (or more) given numbers.	'A common multiple of 3 and 6 is 12 because 3 × 4 = 12 and 6 × 2 = 12.'		
Cube number	The result of multiplying a whole number by itself twice.	'3 × 3 × 3 = 27, so 27 is a cube number.'		
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.'		
Factor pair	A factor pair is a pair of numbers that, when multiplied will result in a given product.	'The factor pairs of 10 are shown below:		
		1 and 10 2 and 5'		

The formal written algorithm that can be used to divide by a	
number with two or more digits.	
The formal written	
algorithm that can be used to multiply a number by a number with two or more digits.	
A factor that is a prime number.	'3 and 2 are prime factors of 6.'
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.'
The product of two equal factors.	'9 is a square number because 9 = 3 × 3.'
Fractions	
The number of parts per hundred which is written using the % symbol.	'30% means for every 100 there are 30.'
The third decimal digit from the decimal point is the thousandths digit.	'The thousandths digit below is 6. 4.426'
	'To multiply a fraction by an integer '.
A whole number which can be positive, negative or zero.	Intergers could be 2, 5, 0, -1, -3 but not 0.23, 4.1, 6.5.
Length	
A system of measurement in use in the United Kingdom now mostly superseded by the metric system.	'The metric length of the line is 3cm. The imperial length of the line is 1.18 inches'.
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Inches	A measure of length.	'One inch is exactly 2.54 centimetres.'	

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.' Here is a sketch of a quadrilateral. It is not drawn to scale.	
Square millimetre (mm ²)	The area equal to a square that is 1mm on each side'	'The area of that square is 1mm² '.	
Square metre (m ²)	The area equal to a square that is 1m on each side.	'The area of that square is 1km²'. 1 km²	
Weight			
Pounds	ds A measure of mass in the Imperial measurement systems. A measure of mass in the Imperial measurement systems. Ib'		
	Capacity and volume	,	
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 model 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 .'	
Pint	A measure of volume in the Imperial systems of measurement.	'A pint is equal to about half a litre.'	

	Temperature	
Fahrenheit	See previous year gro A temperature scale	50 degrees Fahrenheit
	Time	
	See previous year gro	ups
Approximation	Nearly exact; not perfectly accurat or correct	e The approximate time was 10 o'cloc
	Money	
Currency	A system of money in general use in a particular country.	'The currency in England is Pound Sterling.'
Discount	A reduction in price.	'The item below has been discounted from \$10 to \$8.'
	2d shape	
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.'
Decagon	A polygon with ten sides and ten angles.	
Diagonal	A line segment that goes from one corner to another, but is not an edge.	
Dodecagon	A polygon with twelve sides and twelve angles.	

Nonagon	A polygon with nine sides and nine angles.	

Quadrant	Any of the 4 areas made when	У 🛕
	we divide up a plane by an x and	II I
	y axis.	
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X-axis	The line on a graph that runs	
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	zero.	
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	It is used as a reference line so	•
	you can measure from it.	
Y-axis	The line on a graph that runs	
	vertically (up-down) through	- 0
	zero.	Ψ 1 2 3
	It is used as a reference line so	
	you can measure from it.	
	3d shape	
Octahedron	A polyhedron (a flat-sided solid	
	object) with 8 Faces.	
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Angle at a point	Angles that meet at a point that	
	sum to 360°.	
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		50°
		70°
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Angle on a line	Angles formed as a studiebt line	-
Angle on a line	Angles formed on a straight line that sum to 180°.	'Angle b below is equal to 55 degrees
	that Suili to 100.	because angles on a line add to 180 degrees.'
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Coordinate	A set of values that show an exact position. On graphs it is usually a pair of numbers: the first number shows the distance along, and the second number shows the distance up or down.	10 J 12
Reflex angle	An angle that is greater than 180°.	
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 .'
	Statistics	
Line graph	A graph with points connected by lines to show how something changes in value: • as time goes by, • or as something else changes.	Facts I got Correct 15 15 15 10 5 10 12 13 14 Day Number