

Mathematical Vocabulary

Year 6



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Maths is its own language. Sometimes that language looks like written word and sometimes it looks like symbols, but it is a language and it must be learned for maths fluency and understanding.


At Foundry Lane, we use stem sentences and the modelling of language in our lessons to ensure that children grasp the more challenging mathematical vocabulary.


Listed below are the key mathematical terms your child will learn this year.

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Example</u>
Number and Place Value		
Brackets	The symbols () used to separate parts of a multi-step calculation.	' $(10 - 2) \times 3 = 24$ '
Degree of accuracy	A description of how accurately a value is communicated.	'The degree of accuracy needed for the answer is one decimal place.' Round off to 1 decimal place. <i>(a) $0.38 \approx 0.4$</i>
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 $17 + 10$.'
Order of operations	The internationally agreed order to complete operations in a multi-step equation with multiple operations.	' $(3 + 4) \times 2 =$ The order of operations dictates that the operation within the brackets is completed first.'
<div style="text-align: center;"> Ordering Mathematical Operations </div>		
Addition and subtraction		
Multiplication and division		

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.'
Prime factor	A factor that is a prime number. In other words: any of the prime numbers that can be multiplied to give the original number	'The prime factors of 15 are 3 and 5 (because $3 \times 5 = 15$, and 3 and 5 are prime numbers).'

Fractions, decimals, percentages

Ratio	A ratio shows the relative sizes of two or more values.	<p><i>Example:</i> There are 3 triangles and 2 squares.</p>  <p>We can write the ratio as</p> <p>3 : 2 or 3 to 2 or $\frac{3}{2}$</p>
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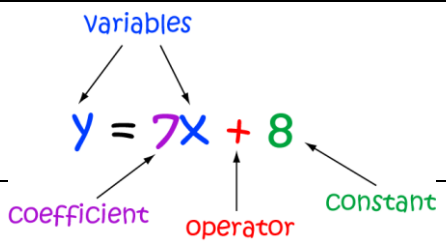
Proportion	A comparison between two or more parts of a whole or group. Proportion expresses a part-whole relationship. This may be represented as a fraction, a percentage or a decimal.	<p>'Two thirds of a group of children were boys. The proportion of the group that is girls is one third.'</p> 
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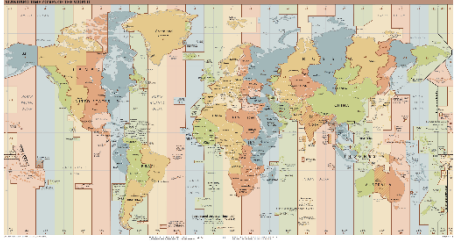
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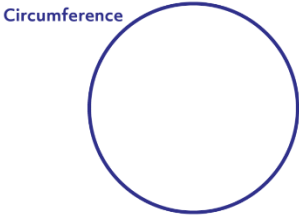
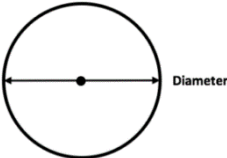
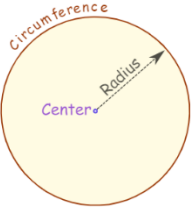
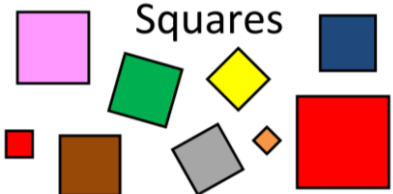
Equation	An equation says that two things are equal. It will have an equals "=" sign	<p>'That equation says: what is on the left ($7 + 2$) is equal to what is on the right ($10 - 1$)'</p> <p>$7 + 2 = 10 - 1$</p>
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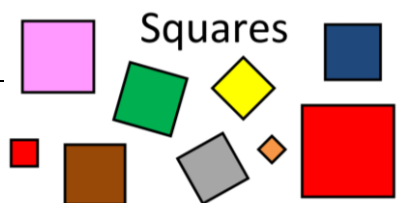
Formula	An algebraic expression of a rule.	<p>'The area of a rectangle can be found by multiplying the width and height. $a = w \times h$. This is the formula'.</p>
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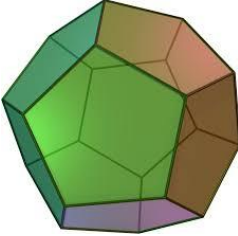
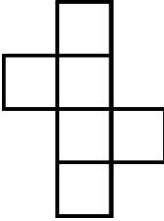
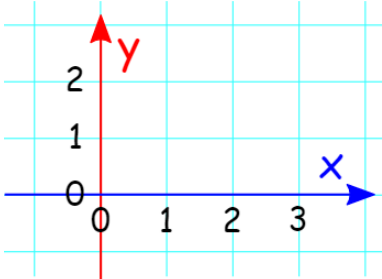
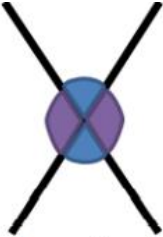
Unknown	A number we do not know.	<p>'In the equation below, y is unknown but can be calculated.</p> <p>$y + 17 = 100$'</p>
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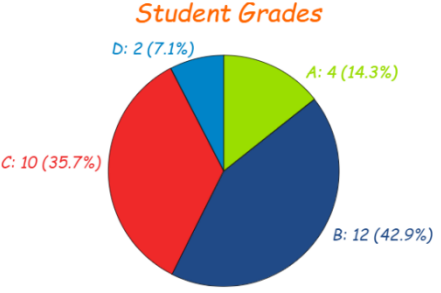
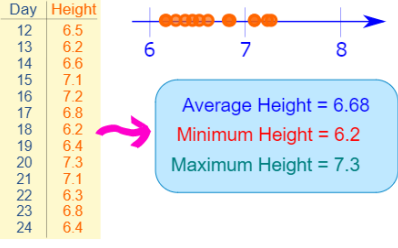
Variable	A symbol for a value we don't know yet. It is usually a letter like x or y .	
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Length		
Feet/foot	An imperial unit of measure of length.	<i>'I am approximately five feet tall.'</i>
Mile	An imperial unit of measure of length.	<i>'Five miles is equivalent to eight kilometres.'</i>
Yard	A unit of length (or distance) equal to 3 feet or 36 inches.	<i>'In football, the penalty spot is 12 yards from the goal line.'</i>
Weight		
Ounce	An imperial unit of measure of mass.	<i>'The new born baby had a mass of 6 pounds and 3 ounces'.</i>
Tonne	A unit of mass equal to 1000 kilograms.	<i>'A small car weighs about 1 tonne'.</i>
Capacity and volume		
Centilitre	A metric unit of capacity, equal to one hundredth of a litre	<i>'There are 500 centilitres in this beaker. It is about the same 5 litres'.</i>
Gallon	An imperial unit of measure of volume/capacity.	<i>'A gallon is approximately 4.5 litres.'</i>
Temperature		
Time		
British Summer Time	Time as advanced one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time for daylight saving in the UK between March and October.	<i>'During British Summer Time, there are more daylight in the evening and less in the morning'.</i>
Greenwich Mean Time	Greenwich Mean Time is an internationally standard time format. It is the main time zone in several countries, including the United Kingdom.	
Money		
Loss	If the income is less than the expenses.	<i>'Two days ago. Sam's Bakery received \$480, but expenses were \$520.'</i>

		$\$480 - \$520 = -\$40$, which is a <i>\\$40 loss</i> ’.
Profit	Income minus all expenses.	‘ <i>Sam’s Bakery received \\$900 yesterday, but expenses such as wages, food and electricity came to \\$650. So the profit was $\\$900 - \\$650 = \\$250$.</i> ’
2d shape		
Arc	A portion of the circumference of a circle	
Circumference	The perimeter/boundary of a circle.	
Compass	A tool for creating curved lines, arcs and circles.	‘ <i>I can use a pair of compasses to draw a circle with a radius of 4 cm.</i> ’
Intersect	The point at which two (or more) lines meet is where they intersect.	‘ <i>The x and y axes intersect at (0,0)</i> ’
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.	
Radius	A line from one point of the circumference of a circle to the centre of the circle.	
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	‘ <i>All squares are similar to one another.</i> ’ 



	factor (for example by doubling all side lengths) creates a similar shape.	
3d shape		
Dodecahedron	A polyhedron (a flat-sided solid object) with 12 Faces.	
Net	A group of 2-D shapes which, when folded and connected, forms a 3-D polyhedron.	<p><i>'The net of a cube is comprised of six connected squares.'</i></p> 
Position and direction		
Origin	The point at which axes in a coordinates grid cross; the point (0,0).	
Vertically opposite angles	Angles which are positioned opposite to one another when two lines intersect.	 <p>The purple angles indicated are vertically opposite angles.</p>
Statistics		
Mean	The Arithmetic Mean is the average of the numbers: a	<i>'What is the mean of 2, 7 and 9?'</i>

	<p>calculated "central" value of a set of numbers.</p> <p>To calculate it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add up all the numbers, • then divide by how many numbers there are. 	<p>Add the numbers: $2 + 7 + 9 = 18$</p> <p>Divide by how many numbers (i.e. we added 3 numbers): $18 \div 3 = 6$</p> <p>So the mean is 6'.</p>
Pie chart	<p>A representation of a set of data where each segment represents one group in proportion to the whole.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Student Grades</i></p>  <p>A pie chart titled "Student Grades" is divided into four segments. The largest segment is blue, representing grade B with 12 students (42.9%). The next largest is red, representing grade C with 10 students (35.7%). The smallest is light green, representing grade A with 4 students (14.3%). The smallest is light blue, representing grade D with 2 students (7.1%).</p>
Statistics	<p>The study of data: how to collect, analyse, summarise and present it.</p>	 <p>A table and a dot plot are shown. The table lists the height of a person each day from day 12 to 24. The heights are: 6.5, 6.2, 6.6, 7.1, 7.2, 6.8, 6.2, 6.4, 7.3, 7.1, 6.3, 6.8, 6.4. To the right, a dot plot shows these heights plotted on a number line from 6 to 8. A callout box summarizes the statistics: Average Height = 6.68, Minimum Height = 6.2, Maximum Height = 7.3.</p>