



WA Mathematics Curriculum Key Vocabulary Words

These are the words that children in Pre-primary need to understand to do well in Mathematics.

Whole Numbers

first
second
third
fourth
fifth
zero to twenty
add add on / to

backwards forwards
before after
collection
continue
counting on/back
difference
equal
equal symbol
few fewer fewest

first last
from
group groups of
how much
left
name naming
next
number
number line

numeral
pair
partition
plus plus sign
quantity
sequence
sharing
subitising
to

total

Patterns & Algebra

patterns

Units of Measurement

alike
balance
big, bigger and
biggest
container
full, fuller, fullest
heavy, heavier,
heaviest,
high, higher,
highest
length

less, least
light, lighter,
lightest
long, longer,
longest
mass
measure,
measurement
more, most
short, shorter,
shortest
small, smaller,
smallest

tall, taller, tallest
weigh, weight

Time

afternoon
days of the week
(Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday)
evening
morning
night
noon
order

sequence
today, tomorrow
and yesterday

Shape

3D shapes (cone,
cube, cylinder,
rectangular prism,
pyramid, sphere
attributes
corners
curved
edges
faces

flat
group
shape
size
sort
straight
vertices

Location

above, below
backward,
forwards
before, after

behind, between,
in-between
bottom, top
diagonal
down, up
estimate
high, low
Infront, inside,
outside
next, next to, near
on, off
over, under
position

Chance

impossible
might
might not
possible
will not

Data

data
display
graph
information
least

list
most
pictograph
popular
question
survey

table
tally

