**Counting**

number   
zero, one, two, three… to twenty and beyond   
zero, ten, twenty… one hundred   
none   
how many…?   
count, count (up) to   
count on (from, to)   
count back (from, to)   
count in ones, twos… tens…   
more, less, many, few   
odd, even   
every other   
how many times?   
pattern, pair   
guess how many, estimate   
nearly, close to, about the same as   
just over, just under   
too many, too few, enough, not enough



**Comparing and ordering numbers**

the same number as, as many as   
*Of* ***two*** *objects/amounts:*   
greater, more, larger, bigger   
less, fewer, smaller   
*Of* ***three*** *or more objects/amounts:*   
greatest, most, biggest, largest   
least, fewest, smallest   
one more, ten more   
one less, ten less   
compare   
order   
size   
first, second, third… tenth   
last, last but one   
before, after   
next   
between, above, below

**Adding and subtracting**

add, more, and   
make, sum, total   
altogether   
score   
double

one more, two more, ten more…   
how many more to make… ?   
how many more is… than…?   
take (away), leave   
how many are left/left over?   
how many have gone?   
one less, two less… ten less…   
how many fewer is… than…?   
difference between   
is the same as

**Solving problems**

Reasoning about numbers or shapes   
pattern   
puzzle   
answer   
right, wrong   
what could we try next?   
how did you work it out?

count, sort   
group, set   
match   
same, different   
list

compare   
double   
half, halve   
pair

**General**

same number/s   
different number/s   
missing number/s   
number facts   
number line, number track   
number square   
number cards

**Problems involving 'real life' or money**

compare   
double, half, halve   
pair   
count out, share out   
left, left over   
money, coin, penny, pence, pound   
price, cost   
buy, sell   
spend, spent   
pay   
change   
dear, costs more, cheap, costs less, cheaper   
costs the same as   
how much…? how many…?   
total

**Measures (general)**

measure   
size   
compare   
guess, estimate   
enough, not enough   
too much, too little   
too many, too few   
nearly, close to, about the same as   
just over, just under

**Length**

length, width, height, depth   
long, short, tall   
high, low   
wide, narrow   
deep, shallow   
thick, thin   
longer, shorter, taller, higher… and so on   
longest, shortest, tallest, highest… and so on   
far, near, close

**Mass**

weigh, weighs, balances   
heavy/light, heavier/lighter, heaviest/lightest   
balance, weight, scales

**Capacity**

full   
half full   
empty   
holds   
container

**Time**

time   
*days of the week:* Monday, Tuesday…   
day, week   
birthday, holiday   
morning, afternoon, evening, night   
bedtime, dinnertime, 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

**Exploring patterns, shape and space**

shape, pattern   
flat   
curved, straight   
round   
hollow, solid   
corner   
face, side, edge, end   
sort   
make, build, draw

**3D shapes**

cube   
pyramid   
sphere   
cone

**2D shapes**

circle   
triangle   
square   
rectangle   
star

**Patterns and symmetry**

size   
bigger, larger, smaller   
symmetrical   
pattern   
repeating pattern   
match

**Position, direction and movement**

position   
over, under   
above, below   
top, bottom, side   
on, in   
outside, inside   
around   
in front, behind   
front, back   
before, after   
beside, next to   
opposite   
apart , between   
middle, edge   
corner   
direction   
left, right   
up, down   
forwards, backwards, sideways, across   
close, far, near   
along, through   
to, from, towards, away from   
movement   
slide   
roll   
turn   
stretch, bend

**Instructions**

listen   
join in   
say

think   
imagine   
remember

start from   
start with   
start at

look at   
point to   
show me

put, place   
fit   
arrange   
rearrange   
change, change over   
split   
separate

carry on, continue   
repeat   
what comes next?

find   
choose   
collect

use   
make   
build   
tell me   
describe   
pick out   
talk about   
explain   
show me

read   
write   
trace   
copy   
complete   
finish, end

fill in   
shade   
colour

tick, cross   
draw   
draw a line between   
join (up)   
ring

cost   
count   
work out   
answer   
check

**General**

counters, cubes, blocks, rods   
die, dice   
dominoes   
pegs, peg board   
same way, different way   
best way, another way   
in order, in a different order not   
all, every, each