Mathematical Language for the Maths Early Learning Goals  
in the Early Years Foundation Stage

As featured in the ‘EYFS Profile exemplification for the level of learning and development expected at the end of the EYFS’

Size – tall, taller, big, little, middle size, small, medium, long, short, tiny, large, centimetres, thickest, enormous

Weight – heavy, heavier, light, lightest

Capacity – full, empty, half full, enough

Position – next to, between, behind, under, in front, over, high, on top, up, in, on, first, second, third, fourth

Distance – far away

Time – today, tomorrow, day after, Friday, Saturday, early, evening, pm, morning, 25th November, yesterday, night, calendar

Money – 2p, 10p, pounds, enough, bill, change, amount, costs

Shape – circles, hexagons, square, rectangle, triangle, diamond, sphere, sides, corners, flat, curved

Pattern – green, blue, green, blue etc

red, blue, yellow, red, blue, yellow etc

blue, blue, red, red, yellow, yellow etc