

Sequence for Mathematical Vocabulary According to Anne Locke

	Starter Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Size width height length	big	little	fat, long, small, biggest	bigger, fattest, longest, short, smallest, tall, thin	fatter, longer, longest, narrow, narrower, narrowest, shorter, shortest, smaller, tall, taller, tallest, thick, thicker, thickest, thinner, thinnest, wide, wider, widest
Weight volume		a bit, all, a lot, lots heavy,	a little bit empty, full same	a little heaviest, light	lightest
Number and algebra	more	all, a lot, some one, two	another, many, more, any first, next, three, four, five, pair same	every, few, most last, second, third	half, less, none, part, whole
Fractions			same	different	half, none, part, whole
Time		again	after, today	before, yesterday	tomorrow
Spatial relationships	down, in, on, up	by, inside, off, out, outside, over, under, through	behind, bottom, forwards, in front of, near, next to, outside, round (around), top	back, backwards, beside, between, far, front, right, left, middle	above, below

Other Vocabulary Recommended by Les Staves:

Size width height length

- shorter than, longer than, as big as, order, compare

Weight volume

- a small bit, much, most, more than, less than
- not heavy, heavier than, lighter than.

Units of measurement

- grams, centimetres, metres, etc. *Note natural units such as hands, footsteps strides may be part of initial teaching before formal measures.*

Number and algebra

- both, not any, more, less, enough, as many as, add, subtract, take away, guess, estimate, two times, multiply, units, tens, hundreds, repeating pattern, odd, even.

Fractions

- as big as, smaller than, larger than, piece of , complete, halves, equal, unequal, quarters, one quarter, three quarters , one half.

Time

- now, soon, later, early, late, once, twice, quick, slow, first, next, last, days of the week, months in a year, o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past.

Money

- buy, pay, how much, costs more, most, less, least, have enough, not enough, need more, expensive, cheaper, afford, give, change, coin, penny, pence, coin names, pound

Shapes

- round, dot, spot, line, circle, rectangle, hexagon, pentagon, square, oval, triangle, diamond, sphere, box, cube, tube ,cylinder, pyramid.

Properties of shapes (c.f. Size width height length)

- curved, rolls, flat, corner, edge, straight, right angle, turning, flip, symmetry, clockwise, anti-clockwise.

Spatial relationships

to, first, next, last.