



## MATHEMATICS VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Here are some words and phrases adults can include in daily activities to strengthen children's early mathematical learning. Use these words and phrases as you make comments about what children are doing, ask questions about what children are interested in, and expand on what children say.

### Number Concepts & Quantities

- Count
- One, two, three, four, five
- All together
- A lot
- A few
- How many?

### Number Relationships & Operations

- One more
- One less
- Add/subtract
- Same as
- Share
- First, second, last

### Geometry & Spatial Sense

- In
- Out
- On
- Last
- Next
- First, second
- Far
- Flip
- Under
- Up
- Down
- Above
- Top
- Bottom
- Near
- Rotate
- Slide
- Below
- Over
- Around, in front of
- Behind
- Next to, beside
- Between, through
- Inside
- Outside

## Patterns

- What comes next?
- What came before?
- Let's read the pattern together
- Repeat
- Grow
- Increase
- Decrease

## Measurement & Comparison

- How is this \_\_\_\_ different than that\_\_\_\_?
- Which of these \_\_\_\_ is bigger than the other? How do you know?
- How much more/less?
- Volume
- Circumference
- Amount
- Weight
- Height
- Length
- Width
- More, less
- Heavier, lighter
- Louder, softer
- Faster, slower
- Distance
- Speed
- Temperature
- Hotter, colder
- Bigger, smaller
- Taller, shorter