

Maths Vocabulary for Reception: Length

Words to do with length are all around us and it is an ideal subject to involve young children with. At this age standard units of measurement are not used, the important concepts are all to do with comparisons as well as understanding that shapes can have length, width and height. This is not a spelling list: more a list of words that children should have heard in a variety of contexts and words that they are beginning to use themselves to describe their world.

LENGTH

length	width	
height	depth	
long	longer	longest
short	shorter	shortest
tall	taller	tallest
high	higher	highest
low	lower	lowest
wide	wider	widest
narrow	narrower	narrowest
thick	thicker	thickest
thin	thinner	thinnest
far	near	
close		

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