



Netherton Park Nursery School

Vocabulary Bank

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'A place where children are at the heart of learning'

Overview

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Objects (Nouns)

Animals

Farm

pig, cow, sheep, horse, duck, chicken, hen, cockerel, goat, goose, frog

Farm animal sounds

Wild

lion, tiger, leopard, elephant, zebra, monkey, bear, polar bear, penguin, snake, camel, hippopotamus (hippo), chimpanzee, gorilla, rhinoceros (rhino), crocodile, giraffe

Wild animal sounds

Pets

dog, cat, rabbit, hamster, guinea pig, mouse, rat, fish, bird, tortoise, turtle

Pet sounds

In the woods / park

fox, badger, owl, squirrel, rabbit, deer

Mini-beasts

spider, ladybird, worm, ant, beetle, earwig, bee, wasp, caterpillar, butterfly, snail, slug, centipede

Under the Sea

shark, dolphin, whale, seal, sealion, octopus, jellyfish, fish, crab, starfish, turtle

People

man, lady, woman, boy, girl, baby, child, Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Nanny, Grandad, Auntie, Uncle, cousin

Teacher, Police Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic, Doctor, Nurse, Dentist, Postman/lady, Vet, Shop assistant, Mechanic, Builder

Body Parts

body, head, hair, arm, leg, hand, foot, tummy, back, bottom, knee, elbow, fingers, toes, face, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, teeth, tongue, chin, eyebrows

Clothes

pants, socks, tights, vest, nappy, t-shirt, shirt, trousers, skirt, dress, shorts, jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt, leggings, jacket, coat, wellies, boots, shoes, trainers, sandals, hat, cap, scarf, gloves, mittens, pyjamas, slippers

Food

fruit, vegetables, meat, breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea, snack, drink

apple, orange, banana, grapes, pear, pineapple, mango, watermelon, strawberry

cucumber, onion, tomato, lettuce

potato, carrot, peas, green beans, cabbage, parsnip, sweetcorn, cauliflower, pepper, broccoli, pumpkin, mushroom, sprout, beetroot, turnip

milk, water, juice, cheese, butter, bread, egg, yogurt, jelly

pizza, chips, burger, sausage, baked beans, pasta, cereal, toast, soup, fish, chicken, meat, sandwich, cake, biscuit, chocolate, sweets, crisps, ice-cream

Everyday Objects/Places

Home

house, flat, living room, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, hall, garage, garden

table, chair, sofa, armchair, television, window, wall, cupboard, box, cooker/oven, fridge, freezer, bath, shower, sink, taps, mirror, bed, wardrobe, drawers, bookcase, books, picture, rug, light, lamp, door, phone, toys, stairs, plant, flower, grass, tree, gate

plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, cup, glass, saucepan, frying pan

brush, comb, towel, sponge, toothbrush, soap, toothpaste

Nursery/Toys

apron, paintbrush, paint, playdough, clay, scissors, glue, pencil, crayon, pen, paper, sellotape, ruler, chalk

ball, bat, teddy, doll, train, car, farm, zoo, blocks, sand, water, bubbles, bucket, spade, bike, scooter, slide, climbing frame, jigsaw, tea set, dolls house, castle, pirate, animal, dinosaur, book

musical instruments: Drum, beater, tambourine, bells, shaker, maraca

In the Street

building, house, shop, library, post office, café, tree, road, traffic lights, crossing, pavement, lamppost, post box, bus stop, road sign

Vehicles

car, truck, lorry, van, train, bus, bicycle, motorbike, aeroplane, helicopter, boat, taxi, digger, ambulance, police car, fire engine, wheels, tyre, wings

Action Words (Verbs)

sit, stand, walk, run, jump, climb, hop, skip, dance, kick, watch, look, listen, wait
play, build, talk, read, write, draw, paint, stick, cut, ride, turn, cook, wash, dry, eat,
drink, lick, bite, chew, catch, throw, pull, push, reach, bang, hit, saw, drill,
measure, broke, fix, mend, sweep, tidy, carry, drop, fall, swim, splash, trickle, drip,
float, sink, sunk, move, open, close. sleep, wake, kiss, cuddle, hug, love, sneeze,
smile, laugh, cry, help, put on, take off, dress, brush, comb, stop, go, point, lift,
blow, gone, pour, stir, mix, scoop, pat, tap, shake, squash, squeeze, roll, zip, slide,
roll, swing, go, through

Feelings

happy, sad, upset, scared, worried, angry, cross, tired, excited, surprised, shy,
sorry, proud, brave, strong

Location Words (Prepositions)

in, on, side, on top, bottom, under, up, down, off, out, over, next to, beside, front,
back, in front of, behind, opposite, apart, below, above, inside, outside, between,
middle, through, around, there, here, forwards, backwards, corner, edge

Social Words

hello, goodbye, please, thank you, yes, no, sorry, okay

Pronouns

I, it. My, me, mine, you. Your, she, he, we

they, us, hers, his, them, her, him

it's, our, myself, yourself, ours, their, theirs

herself, himself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves.

Describing Words (Adjectives)

quiet, loud, clean, dirty, tidy, messy, wet, dry, damp, hot, cold, warm, cool, dark, light, shady, fast, slow, broken, fixed, soft, hard, rough, smooth, shiny, prickly, spiky, knobbly, wobbly, sparkly, furry, hairy, lumpy, bumpy,. Slippery, crunchy, juicy, zingy, creamy, ripe, sweet, sour, salty, spicy, fizzy, grainy, sludgy, slimy, squidgy, mucky, sticky, sloppy, squelchy, disgusting, smelly, scary, pretty, beautiful, amazing, funny, kind, unkind

Mathematical Vocabulary

Colours

red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, black, white, grey

Size

big, bigger, biggest, small, smaller, smallest, tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest, long, longer, longest, thin, thinner, thinnest, thick, thicker, thickest, deep, deeper than, deepest, shallow, shallower than, shallowest, wide, wider than, widest, narrow, narrower than, narrowest, high, higher than, slim, slimmer than, slimmest, large, larger, largest, middle sized, enormous, gigantic, huge, massive, teeny, tiny, little, mini, teeny-weeny, length, distance, speed, height

Shape

circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oblong, cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, cylinder, pyramid, diamond, heart, star, round, flat, curved, straight, hollow, solid, corner, side, edge, face, half, halves, quarter, quarters, 2D shapes, 3D shapes

Weight

heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, lightest, balance, balanced, balances, weigh, weighs, sales

Capacity/ Quantity

full, fuller than, fullest, nearly full, half full, half empty, empty, nearly empty, holds more than, holds less than, too much, enough, not enough, more, less, lots, up to the top, all gone, few, fewer, too little, too many, too few, nearly, close to, about the same as, count, same as, measure, size, guess, estimate

Direction

forwards, backwards, direction, left, right, up, down, in the middle, sideways, across, close, near, far, along, through, to, from, towards, away from, side

Distance

far, far away, further, further than, furthest, near, nearer than, nearest, close, closer than closest

Speed

quick, quicker than, quickest, quickly, slow, slower than, slowest, slowly, fast, faster than, fastest

Time

days of the week, day, week, weekend, morning, afternoon, evening, night, bedtime, dinnertime, today, yesterday, tomorrow, before, after, next, last, first, now, soon, early, earlier, late, later, old, older than, oldest, new, newer than, newest, takes longer than, takes less time than, takes more time than, time, home time, o'clock

Number

zero, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, add, altogether, how many, put together, one more, how many more, how many left, take away, subtract, how many are left, how many have gone, one less, greater than

Pattern

straight line, cross, zig zag, pattern, wiggly line, criss cross, wavy, swirly, spiral, spotty, stripy, symmetrical, repeating, repeats

Seasons/Weather

Autumn

September, October, November, tree, leaves, falling, change, brown, golden, orange, red, yellow, crunch, foggy, cold, chilly, damp, harvest, pumpkin, apple, conker, acorn, squirrel, scarecrow

Winter

December, January, February, frosty, crisp, freezing, ice, snow, hail, white, frozen, slippery, slushy, shiver, Jack Frost, snowflake, snowball, snowman, icicle, glistening, dark, melt, toasty, cosy, fire

Spring

March, April, May, windy, breeze, blossom, leaves, green, grass, grow, seeds, nest, plant, flowers, daffodil, baby animal, bird, egg, chick, duckling, hatch, tadpole, frog, warm, sun, rain, shower, umbrella, puddle, rainbow

Summer

June, July, August, hot, heat, sweating, sun, sunshine, holiday, swim, beach, seaside, sandcastle, shell, shade, sun lotion, ice-cream, ice-lolly, thunder, lightening, fan, pool, paddle, picnic

Special Times/Celebrations

Bonfire Night

bonfire, flames, hot, fireworks, Guy Fawkes, Nov 5th, colours, rocket, bang, flash, whoosh, zoom, whizz, shimmer, fizz, sparkler, explode, flicker, display, wow, dark, light, dangerous, safe

Diwali

Hindu, Hindi, diva lamp, gifts, New year, Festival of Lights, fireworks, Rama, Sita, mehndi, Holi, rangoli pattern, bindi, India

Christmas

Christmas tree, bauble, tinsel, lights, fairy, angel, decorations, star, candle, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, stocking, wrapping paper, bow, ribbon, toys, present, card, Father Christmas, Santa, Jolly, North Pole, sleigh, bells, elf, reindeer, Rudolph, chimney, fireplace, mince pie, cracker, turkey, pudding, advent calendar

Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, donkey, three kings, shepherd, stable, manger, Christian, church. Happy New Year

Eid

Ramadan, Eid Mubarak, holy, festival, fasting, moon, mosque, presents, gifts, celebrate, feast, henna, mehndi, Muslim, Islam

Chinese New Year

dragon, dog, pig, rat, rooster, rabbit, snake, sheep, horse, tiger, monkey, ox, lantern, red, envelope, money, firecracker, fortune cookie, chop sticks, good luck, festival, lunar, dance

Valentines Day

valentine, love, heart, special, card, envelope, gift

Pancake Day

pancake, milk, flour, eggs, sugar, lemon, frying pan, mix, toss, cook, bowl, spoon, whisk

Mothers Day / Fathers Day

Mother, Mommy, mom, Nanny, Grandma, Father, Daddy, Dad, Grandad, love, special, hug, care, kind, look after, help, present, card, flowers

Easter

Easter eggs, bunny, rabbit, chocolate, Easter basket, hunt, chick, Spring, flowers, hot cross buns, cross, new life

Birthday

cake, candle, present, card, wrapping paper, bow, ribbon, party, invitation, Happy Birthday, celebrate, family, special clothes

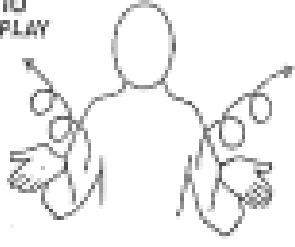
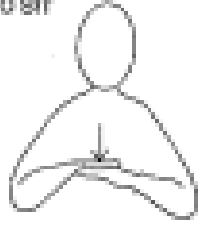
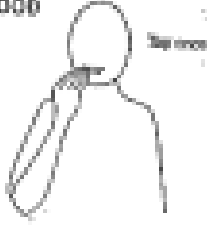
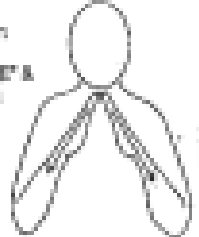
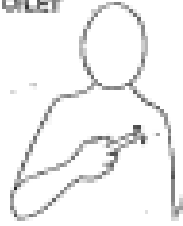
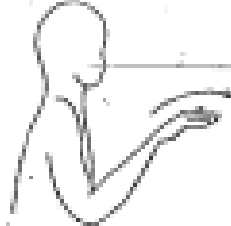
Wedding

bride, groom, wedding, marriage, celebrate, church, bells, flowers, bouquet, party, invitation, family, guest, best man, bridesmaid, pageboy, cake, confetti, ring, special clothes, hymn

Christening

baby, church, font, parents, family, vicar, priest, cake, gift, special clothes, hymn

Core Makaton Signs

<p>HELLOHI</p> 	<p>TO PLAY</p> 	<p>TO SIT</p> 
<p>FOOD</p>  <p>Tap once</p>	<p>Time (1)</p>  <p>Tap twice</p>	<p>Bag</p>  <p>Mime or incorporate</p>
<p>TO TRASH (1) (see video for examples of use)</p> 	<p>BOOK</p> 	<p>TO SEND</p> 
<p>GOODBYE</p>  <p>Mime hand</p>	<p>HOUSE (this sign can be used for both 'HOUSE' & 'HOME', if a more iconic version is required for 'HOME')</p> 	
<p>TOILET</p> 	<p>OUTSIDE</p> 	

Book Vocabulary

book, cover, title, author, page, writing, pictures, characters, setting, problem, solution, beginning, middle, end

*We recognise cultural and religious differences and we will acknowledge this in the language we use when talking about food items, clothing, special times and celebrations.

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