

Year 2 Vocabulary list

Words from the Academic Word List

Analyse, approach, assess, area, authority, available, benefit, context, consist, create, data, define, distribute, environment, establish, estimate, evidence, export, factor, function, identity, individual, interpret, involve, issue, method, occur, percent, proceed, require, research, respond, role, section, significant, similar, source, specific, theory, vary.

Words from taught phonics

badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust, race, ice, cell, city, fancy, knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw, write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap, table, apple, bottle, little, middle, camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel, metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal, pencil, fossil, nostril, cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July, flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries, copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied, hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny, patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny, all, ball, call, walk, talk, always, other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday, key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley, want, watch, wander, quantity, squash, word, work, worm, world, worth, war, warm, towards, television, treasure, usual, enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly, merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll, Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's, station, fiction, motion, national, section, here/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight

Words from the National Curriculum spellings lists

door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas

Latin root words

benefit, centimeter, century, dictionary, fact, form, information, fraction, subject, reject, mother, submit, multiple, multiply, multicolour, father, transport, import, export, disrupt, erupt, describe, section, sense, sensible, inspect, structure, voice.

Greek root words

Automatic, autobiography, biography, biology, dynamite, autograph, photograph, paragraph, hydrate, hyperactive, apology, microscope, microscopic, misunderstanding, technology, telephone, thermometer

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Maths words

2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, minutes, addend, addition, analogue clock, array, augend, balance, block diagram, calendar, capacity, carol diagram, category, centimeter, change, circular, clockwise, anti-clockwise, column, commutative, cone, cube, cuboid, curved, cylinder, degree, denominator, difference, digit, dividend, division, divisor, double, edge, equals, equivalent, even, face, fraction, gram, greater than, hexagon, hour, hundred, inverse, kilogram, less than, symmetry, litre, mass, measuring scale, mental calculation, metre, milliliter, minuend, minute, mixed number, multiple, multiplicand, multiplication, multiplier, number bonds, numeral, numerator, octagon, odd, one third, pentagon, pictogram, polygon, prism, product, quadrilateral, quarter past, quarter too, quotient, rectangular, right angle, row, rule, second, semi-circle, sequence, single digit numbers, sorting, straight line, subtrahend, sum, surface, table, tally, tally chart, temperature, tens, three-quarters, triangle, units, venn diagram, vertex, vertices, vertical, vinculum, volume.

Science words

Exercise, healthy, germ, flexible, hydrate, energy, stronger, hygiene, disease, muscle, happiness, vegetables, fitness, absorbent, bend, brittle, bumpy, concrete, dull, elastic, fabric, flexible, glass, hard, metal, opaque, paper, plastic, recycle, rough, rubber, shiny, smooth, transparent, translucent, waterproof, bend, squash, stretch, twist, elastic, pull, push, friction, gravity, plant, flower, petal, stem, leaf, bulb, seed, germinate, sunlight, warmth, water, grow, nutrition, movement, respiration, sensitivity, excretion, growth, root, properties, materials, soil, habitat, predator, prey, animal, reptile, bird, fish, amphibian, mammal, carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, dead, alive, food chain.

Working scientifically: analyse, observe, bar graph, investigate, compare, predict, conclusion.

Art words

Mark maker, thick/thin, hard/soft, dark/light, texture, repeating, wavy, flowing, jagged, shiny, furry, prickly, bumpy, surface, reproduce, tools, media, next to, between, in front of, behind, display, arrange, shape, circle, triangle, square, line, around, object, pattern, space, shape, collage, surfaces, building up, primary colours, imagination.

Computing words

Coding, debugging, instruction, algorithm, spreadsheet, cell, row, column, online safety, solve, pictogram, record, data, picture, photograph, draw, impressionism, paint, watercolour, paint brush, texture, rubber, slow, down, tune, volume, background, pitch, instruments, bells, chimes, drums, guitar, scales, violin, microbit.

DT words

fruit and vegetable, names, names of, equipment and utensils, soft, juicy, crunchy, sweet, sticky, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard flesh, skin, seed, pip, core, slicing, peeling, cutting, squeezing, healthy diet, choosing, ingredients, planning, investigating tasting, arranging, popular, design, evaluate, criteria

History Words

Stuart period, earlier evidence, sources, importance, relevance, now, then, cause, water squirt, fire bucket, fire hook, eyewitness, diary, interpretation, consequences, impact, primary sources, secondary sources, recent past, twentieth century, seaside resort, accommodation, leisure, souvenir, recent past, infer, promenade, pier, Punch and Judy, bandstand, seawall, value, fiction, fact, research, continuity, change, same, different, tourist, tourism, anachronism, reconstruction, modern, portrait, hero, significant, local, courage, past, sequence, chronological order, source, image, photograph, experts, observe, heroes, evidence, clues, artefact, fragile, experts, objects, document, information, significant, museum, display, exhibit, curator.

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Geography words

weather symbol, satellite, predict, breeze, gale, oceans roaring, north, south, east, west, change, compass, icy blast, freezing, thaw, melt, cold blast, observe, predict, climate, region, continent, London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Atlantic, high street, farm, local, locality, raw ingredients, flat, hilly, mountainous, stream/river, coastal, fields, wheat barley, oilseed rape, pasture, grassland, United Kingdom, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, flat, lowland, traditional, picnic, South East, London, North West, East of England, West Midlands, South West, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands, North East, landscape, landmarks, human, physical, physical features, mountain, hill, ridge, cliff, highland, moor, mound, rivers, rocks, snow, ice, wonderful, desert, major world rivers: Congo, Yangtze, Amazon, Nile, Volga, Mississippi, Human features: Great Wall of China, Asia; Golden Gate Bridge, North America; The Louvre Museum, Europe; Christ the Redeemer Statue, South America; Suez Canal, Africa, wonder, world heritage.

Music words

Listen, clap, instrument, beat, voice, sing, notes, syllables, compose, play, performance, keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitars, saxophone, trumpet, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, perform, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo.

PE words

Jumping, running, throwing, catching, balance, agility, coordination, team games, tactics, attacking, defending, perform, ball, gymnastics, roll, dance, heartbeat, heart rate, muscles, multi-skills, tennis, racket, net.

RE words

God, Christians, Parable, Jesus, forgiveness, powerful, worship, love, Incarnate, advent, thankful, giving, agape, community, salvation, resurrection, Holy Week, Rescue, Heaven, saviour, equality, stewardship, Muslim, Islam, Mosque, prayer, prayer mat, Salah, commitment, Allah, peaceful, belonging, friendship, Holy place, Mecca.

Other Tier 2 words

Enough, remember, usual, ready, above, early, list, though, consider, direct, pose, leave, measure, product, state, question, happen, complete, numeral, clear, area, half, other, nothing, course, stay, full, decide, test, record, object, surface, deep, common, busy, ground, possible, perhaps, bring, less, weight, language, among, interest, evaluate, equivalent, justify, method, procedure, refer, relationship, represent, technique.
UNICEF –Participation, Interdependence, Indivisibility, Accountability, Inherent, Indivisible, Inalienable, Universal, Unconditional, Duty bearers, Rights holders.