

VCM (VESPARCH Capability Measure) - Word Definitions - May 2019

The word definitions provided in this document are to be used by the invigilator in the event that a child asks for a definition of a word they hear during the quiz.

Please note:

VCM is NOT used to determine a pass/fail or trying to achieve a certain standard.

What VCM is aiming to do is provide an accurate assessment of a child's verbal and spatial reasoning strengths – in order that the school can make informed decisions about teaching methods that would be best for the child.

It is therefore very important that the invigilator does not accidently help them with their answers.

This can happen when a child requests a definition of a word they hear when taking the quiz.

The children are permitted to ask for definitions and the invigilator may answer, providing they limit the answer to a straightforward definition that does not provide additional information that helps the child select an answer.

To help prevent that from happening, the list of words and definitions on the following pages are provided for the invigilator to refer to when providing a definition.

Definition of words used in VCM years 3-4

Above Higher than something

Aeroplane A large vehicle that flies

Air The space that is all around us

Airport The place that aeroplanes take off and land

Apple A round hard fruit that can be red, green or yellow

Away To leave a place

Backwards Moving back

Bad Not okay

Banana A curved yellow fruit

Basement An area of a building that is underground

Basket A container often made of plastic or woven wood. Used to carry things or for animals to sleep in

Battery An item that provides electrical energy

Beach An area of sand or pebbles next to the sea

Bedroom A room used for sleeping

Bed(s) A piece of furniture to sleep on

Bee A four-winged insect that makes honey and wax

Below Lower than something

Big A good amount, size or number

Bird A two-legged creature with feathers and wings

Bitter A sharp taste, such as a lime

Blue The colour of a clear sky

Body All the physical parts that make up an animal or human

Book Pages bound together for reading

Boot Worn on the foot and goes higher than the ankle

Bread A food made from dough – used to make sandwiches

Brick A rectangular block used to make walls or buildings

Brush An item with a handle and bristles

Building A structure such as a house, with a roof and walls

Burn To be set on fire

Bus A large vehicle used to carry lots of people

Bush A thickly wooded plant, smaller than a tree, with lots of branches

Buy Pay money for something

Cake A sweet food often eaten at birthday parties

Candle A stick or block of wax which is burned to produce light

Captain The person in charge of a ship or boat

Car A vehicle used to carry a few people

Cherry A red, small round soft fruit with a stone in the middle

Chicken A farmyard bird that lays eggs
Church A religious building for prayer

Circle A round shape

City A large place where people work and live

Classroom A room where lessons take place

Clever When someone is smart

Coins Metal pieces used as money

College A place where adults go to learn

Cold A low temperature; not warm

Colour The name for different shades for example, red / yellow

Corn A plant and grain that is used as food

Cow A large animal kept on a farm

Curtain A piece of material hung at a window to stop light coming in

Dark Having little or no light

Day A whole 24 hours from morning to night

Dentist A person whose job is to look after someone's teeth

Doctor A person whose job it is to make someone better when they are unwell

Dog An hairy animal with four legs, often kept as a pet

Duck A water bird with short legs and webbed feet **Early** Arriving before the correct or expected time

Envelope Something to put a message into, to send to someone

Farmer A person whose job it is to run a farm

Field An area of grassland or an area for growing crops

Fire Something hot which creates heat and smoke

Flame The thing seen on top of a lit candle

Flower The part of a plant that is usually brightly coloured

Food Things we eat

Football A game where two teams try to get the ball into the other team's goal

Forest A large wooded area

Fork A small tool with long thin prongs on a handle used for picking up food

Forwards Moving ahead

Friday The fifth day of the week

Frost A white layer of ice crystals when the temperature is very low

Fruit The soft part of a plant that is eaten

Garden An area of land usually next to a house for growing flowers or grass

Glass A hard see-through material

Good A positive thing; not bad
Ground The earth below our feet

Hall An area in a house that links other rooms

HappyWhen a person feels fineHardFirm, solid and strong

Hill A mound in the earth

Hockey

A game played where two teams use long sticks curved at the end to hit a ball into the other

team's goal.

Honey A sweet food you can eat that is made by bees

Horse A large four-legged animal with hooves and a mane, often used for riding

Hospital A building to go to when feeling very unwell

Hot A high temperature

Hotel A place to stay for the night when away from home

House A building used as a home

Huge Something of a very good size

Ink A liquid used for printing, writing and drawing

Inside In something

Jog To run at a gentle pace

Kettle A container used to boil water

Kitchen A room used for cooking

Knife A small tool with a long sharp edge used for cutting food

Lamp A thing that when switched on, produces light

Large Something of a good size

Leaf One of the flat usually green blades attached to the stem of a plant

Learn To be taught new information

Leg Either of the two lower limbs in a human

Less A smaller amount of something

Letter A written or printed message

Lid A top for something

Line A straight mark

Light Something bright which allows you to see

Lots A large amount

Magazine A soft thin booklet published with writing and pictures

Many A large number of something

Medium A midway between something small and something large

Meat Food from an animal

Milk A white liquid you can drink, that comes from animals

Monday The first day of the week

Money Notes and coins used to pay for something

Most The largest number or amount of something

Motorbike A two-wheeled vehicle with an engine

Nest A place for birds to lay eggs

Never Not at all, not ever

Nice Something pleasant

Night The period of darkness that happens at the end of every day

Nurse A person whose job it is to look after people who are unwell

Often Frequently, much of the time

On In contact with something, or at the top of something

Once On one occasion only

One Single; not two or more
Over To go above something

Paint A coloured substance spread on a surface with a brush or roller

Paper Usually white; used for writing on

Parcel A package sent to someone

Path A walkway

Pay To give money for something

Pen An instrument for writing or drawing

Pig A farmyard animal with a snout

Plate Used to eat food from

Player A person who takes part in a game or sport

Pond A pool of still water

Postcard A card, often with a picture on one side, for sending messages without an envelope

Potato A vegetable that grows in the ground

Purse A small bag for carrying money

Rabbit(s) A burrowing animal with long ears and a short fluffy tail

Rails Two bars that the wheels of a train move on

Rain Water failing from the sky in drops

Rectangle An oblong shape with four sides

Red The colour of blood

River A large stream of flowing water

Robin A small brown bird with a red chest

Roof The structure that covers the top of a building

Rose A plant with spiky stems and pretty, sweet-smelling flowers

Rubber A item used to rub out / erase pencil marks

Run To move on foot at a fast pace

Sad Feeling unhappy

Sand Found at the seaside and in deserts

Saturday The sixth day of the week

Scarf A piece of material worn around the head, neck or shoulders

School A place where children go to be taught new information

Sea The large area of water covering much of the earth's surface

Season One of four parts of the year: Spring, summer, autumn, winter

Seed A grain of a plant needed to grow new plants

Sentence A set of words that, in a particular order, mean something

Sheep A woolly farmyard animal

Ship A large boat that sails on the sea with sails or an engine

Shoe One of two items worn on the foot and made of a strong material

Shop A place that sells things

Shorts A piece of clothing worn on the legs that stops above the knees

Shout A loud call or cry

Sick When a person feels unwell

Sit To be sat down

Sky What you see when you're outside and look up

Sock A piece of clothing worn on the foot

Soft Flexible, not hard

Sometimes Now and then

Sour A sharp taste like lemon juice

Spoon A small rounded tool with a handle used for stirring, serving or eating food

Square A shape with four equal sides

Stamp A printed label with a price on, attached to an envelope

Station A place where a bus or a train stops to pick up and drop off passengers

Stone A hard item, similar to a rock

Street A public road

Summer The warmest season of the year

Sun The source of light and heat; up in the sky

Sweet A taste like sugar

Table A piece of furniture with a top and legs

Talk To express thoughts through spoken word

Teacher A person whose job is to teach others

Tennis A game played using rackets and a ball

Tile A thin hard material used to cover a surface such as a floor or the top of a building

Today This day

Torch A small portable light

Town A medium-sized area where people live and work

Tuesday The second day of the week

Train A group of railway carriages moved by an engine

Tree(s) A tall wooded plant with branches

Triangle A shape with three sides

Truck A large vehicle used for moving goods

Trunk Thick wooded part of a plant

Twig A small branch

Tyre A ring of air-filled rubber fitted round a wheel

Under Directly lower than something

Vegetable A plant used for food

Village A small area where people live

Walk To move on foot

Wall A structure made of brick, wood or stone used to close in an area

Water A clear liquid used for drinking, cooking and washing. The liquid found in rivers, streams or the

sea

Wednesday The third day of the week

Wheel A round object that rolls along the ground to move objects and vehicles

Whisper To speak or say something very quietly

Wind Moving air

Window A glass opening in a building or vehicle

Wings Used by animals, insects and machines to fly

Winter The coldest season of the year

Wood An area where trees grow together

Word The smallest single unit in speech or writing made up of letters

Work A job; employment

Yellow The colour of a lemon

Yesterday The day before today

Definition of words used in VCM year 6-7

All The whole thing

Alphabet A set of letters used in writing

Anger Feeling very annoyed or unhappy

Apple A round hard fruit that can be red, green or yellow

Army A group of people who work to protect a country

Arrive To reach a place

Author A person who writes a book, article or other written work

Bad Not okay

Bake To cook food using an oven

Baker A person who makes and sells breads and cakes

Banana A curved yellow fruit

Bark The outside layer of a large plant

Basement An area of a building that is underground

Bath A large piece of furniture which gets filled with water to wash the body

Battery An item that provides electrical energy

Battle A fight between groups

Beauty Attractiveness

Bedroom A room used for sleeping

Begin To start

Big A good amount, size or number

Bill A statement showing money needing to be paid

Bird A two-legged creature with feathers and wings

Black The colour of coal

Blue The colour of a clear sky

Boil Heating liquid until it bubbles

Book A number of pages bound together for reading

Bread A food made from dough – used to make sandwiches

Brick A rectangular block used to make buildings

Bright When there is lots of light

Brown The colour of wood

Brush An item with a handle and bristles

Building A structure such as a house, with a roof and walls

Bush A thickly wooded plant, smaller than a tree, with lots of branches

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Butter A yellowish food used in cooking or to spread on bread

Cabin A room on a boat in which people sleep

Candle A stick or block of wax which is burned to produce light

Captain The person in charge of a ship or boat

Car A vehicle used to carry a few people

Carrot A long orange vegetable that grows in the ground

Catch To grasp and hold something

Chapter A section of something, for example in a book

Cheese A food – usually yellow – often put in sandwiches or on top of pasta

Cherry A red, small round soft fruit with a stone in the middle

Chicken A farmyard bird that lays eggs

Circle A round shape

City A large place where people work and live

Clap The action of patting palms of hands together repeatedly

Clever When someone is smart

Come To move closer to a place

Commence To start

Commute To travel a distance regularly between home and work

Complete Whole; nothing missing

Cook To prepare food

Cooker An appliance used for cooking or heating food

Core The central part of something, for example the core of a fruit

Country An area separated from other areas by its people, culture, and language. France is a country

Cover To place something over something else to protect it

Cow A large animal kept on a farm

Curtain A piece of material hung at a window to stop light coming in

Day A whole 24 hours from morning to night

Debt A sum of money needing to be paid

Delight Extreme pleasure; very happy

Desert A very dry, often sandy area with little or no plant growth

Desire To long for something

Dirty Covered in dirt and muck; not clean

Distant Far away

Dog A hairy animal with four legs, often kept as a pet

Down From a higher to a lower position

Drink To swallow a liquid

Drop To allow something to fall to the ground

Early Arriving before the correct or expected time

Eat To take food into the mouth and swallow it

Editor A person who checks through written work and makes corrections

Egg An oval object, with a hard shell and soft inside, laid by female birds, reptiles etc.

Entire Every part of something

Everything The whole of something

Expense The amount of money needed to pay for something

Experiment A test to provide evidence for or against an argument / theory

Fall To drop down from a higher to a lower place

Farm An area of land used to rear animals or grow crops

Fast Acting or moving quickly

Field An area of grassland or an area for growing crops

Fight To take part in a violent struggle

Figure An amount written in numbers

Finger One of four long jointed parts of the hand

Fire Something hot which creates heat and flames

Firm Not soft

Fit In good shape

Flour A powder used in cooking and baking, made from grain

Flow To move in a stream

Flower The part of a plant that is usually brightly coloured

Fly To move through the air using wings

Foreign From another country; far away

Forty A number that is written with a four and a zero

Fridge An appliance for keeping food and drink cool

Frown To wrinkle one's brow in worry or concentration

Fruit The soft part of a plant that is eaten

Funny Causing amusement

Gentle Kind and calm

Glove A piece of clothing worn on the hand

Go To leave a place

Good A positive thing

Grain The small hard seed-like fruit from a plant, often fed to animals

Grass A green plant, used for lawns and eaten by animals such as cows and sheep

Green The colour of grass

Growl The low rumbling noise usually made by animals, as a signal of anger

Hall A room in a house that links other rooms

Hand The part of the body at the end of the arm with four fingers, a thumb and a palm

Happiness A good feeling; a feeling of joy

Happy Feeling pleased and good

Hard Firm, solid and strong

Health The state of body and mind (can be healthy or unhealthy).

Heavy A large weight

Height The size of something from top to bottom

Hill A raised mound in the earthHouse A building used as a home

Hundred A number that is written with a one and two zeros

Hungry Wanting or needing to eat food

Ice Water that has frozen and become solid

If In the event that, or on condition that...

Joyful Feeling or causing pleasure

Juice A drink made from the liquid of fruits or vegetables

Kettle A container used to boil water

Kitchen A room used for cooking

Lake An area of water surrounded by land

Lamp A item that when switched on, produces light

Large Something of a good size

Laughter The action and sound of happiness and amusement

Leaf One of the flat usually green blades attached to the stem of a plant

Leave To go away from a place

Lemon A yellow oval-shaped fruit

Less A smaller amount of something

Letter A written or printed message

Library A room or a building where books are kept

Lid A top for something

Line A straight mark often made by a pen or pencil

Little Not large

Local A particular area; close to home

Magazine A soft thin booklet published with writing and pictures

Many A large number of something

Melt To change from a solid to a liquid because of heat

Mention To speak about something

Microwave A small kitchen appliance used for heating and cooking food

Milk A white liquid you can drink, that comes from animals

Misery Feeling very unhappy

Money Notes and coins used to pay for something

More Extra of something

Most The largest number or amount of something

Mouth Where you find your teeth. Used or eating and speaking

National A country or area of land

Near A place not too far away

Need To require something

Nest A place for birds to sleep and lay eggs

News Important or interesting new events often reported on the TV, radio and in newspapers

Newspaper A weekly or daily written paper, which talks about new events in the country or world

Nice Something pleasant

Night The period of darkness that happens at the end of every day

None Not any; nothing

Often Frequently, much of the time

On In contact with something, or at the top of something

Once One time; on one occasion only

One Single; not two or more

Orange A round juicy fruit that grows on trees

Paint A coloured substance spread on a surface with a brush or roller

Paper Usually white; used for writing or drawing on

Paperclip Bent wire for holding sheets of paper together

Peach A soft and juicy fruit with a yellowish-orange flesh and a stone

Peel To remove the skin of a fruit or vegetable; the skin is also known as the peel

Pen An instrument for writing or drawing

Perch A branch or resting place above ground for a bird

Picture An image shown through drawing, painting or photography

Pie A baked pastry food that can be sweet or savoury

Pig A farmyard animal with a snout

Pip The seed of a fleshy fruit such as an apple or pear

Plum A dark red or yellow oval fruit with a stone in the middle

Poem A written rhyme or song

Port A town with an area where boats can load and unload

Portion Part of a whole item

Prepare To get ready

Press News media – people who deliver the news events

Print To reproduce text and images by applying ink to paper

Product Something made

Quarter One of four equal parts of something

Rarely Hardly ever

Read To look at (or say aloud) written words

Relief A feeling of happiness that follows the removal of anxiety or pain

Rich Having a lot of money

River A large stream of flowing water

Road A surface used by vehicles to get from one place to another

Robin A small bird with a brown back and a red-orange front

Roof The structure that covers the top of a building

Rope A thick cord made from wires or fibres

Rose A plant with spiky stems and pretty, sweet-smelling flowers

Rough Uneven; not smooth

Round A circular shape, like a hoop

Sadness Feeling unhappy

Sail A sheet of material that catches the wind and moves a boat, or a journey on a boat

Sailor A person who works on a ship

Sand Found on the seaside and in deserts

Save Not spending money

Scientist A person who studies or practices science

Scissors An item with two blades used for cutting

Sea The large area of water, covering much of the earth's surface

Section A part of something

Sellotape Sticky tape to hold things together

Shape The form of an object based on its outline

Sheep A woolly farmyard animal

Shell A hard outer case for eggs, fruits, animals or nuts

Ship A large boat

Shoulder Where the arm joins the body

Skin The outer layer covering the body

Small Not big

Smile A facial expression when happy, whereby the corners of the mouth are turned up

Smoke A cloudy mass that comes from something burning

Soft Flexible, not hard

Some An unknown amount or number of something

Sometimes Now and then

Sorrow A strong feeling of sadness or distress

Square A shape with four equal sides

Stapler A device used to fasten things together with a staple

Start To begin

Station A place where a bus or train stops to pick up and drop off passengers

Steam The vapour into which water changes, when it is boiled

Straight Not curved

Strawberry A sweet red fruit with small seeds on the outside

Strong Solid; not easily broken or damaged

Summer The warmest season of the year

Swim To move in water by movements of the arms and legs

Table A piece of furniture with a top and legs

Teacher A person whose job is to teach others

Teeth The things in the mouth used for biting and chewing

Thin Not wide or large

Thirsty Feeling a need to drink

Thousand A number written with a one and three zeros

Throw To launch something, with one's arm, through the air

Tile A thin hard material used to cover a surface such as a floor or the top of a building

Tired Feeling a need to sleep

Toaster A device for cooking bread

Today This day

Torch A small portable light

TownA medium-sized area where people live and workTrainA group of railway carriages moved by an engine

Tree A large woody plant usually with leaves

Umbrella An object carried to protect someone from rain: a central rod with a waterproof material on top

Up Toward a higher position

Vegetable A plant used for food

Village A small area where people live

Walk To move on foot

Wall A structure made of brick, wood or stone used to close in an area

Want When someone would like something

War A battle between at least two countries or groups

Wash To clean oneself or to clean something

Water A clear liquid for drinking, cooking and washing

Weak Not much strength

Weight The heaviness of an object

Whale A very large fish-like sea creature that breathes through a hole on top of its head

White The colour of snow

Whole Every complete part of somethingWidth The size of something side to side

Window A glass opening in a building or vehicle

Wish To hope for something

Wood An area where trees grow together

Word The smallest single unit in speech or writing made up of letters

Write To put marks on a page to spell out words and sentences

Writer A person whose job it is to write

Yesterday The day before today