

Many Ways to Measure

Cross-Curricular Focus: Mathematics



There are many different ways to measure. There are many different tools to help us, too. You can use a tape measure or yardstick to measure **height**. Height is how tall someone or something is. To measure a person's height, start where his feet touch the floor. Stop at the top of his head. You can measure the height of objects the same way.

When you measure **weight**, you are measuring how heavy someone or something is. You can use a scale to measure weight. There are many kinds of scales. You may have a scale with a dial. Other scales have digital numbers. You may have one in your bathroom for weighing yourself. A scale can also be used to weigh objects. Some things are very light. A spring scale or a balance scale work better for measuring light objects.

When you measure **temperature**, you are measuring how hot or cold something is. The best tool to use for measuring temperature is a thermometer. Different kinds of thermometers help you measure temperatures, inside and outside.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What do you call the measurement that tells how heavy someone or something is?

2) What do you call the measurement that tells how hot or cold something is?

3) What do you call the measurement that tells how tall someone or something is?

4) What is one tool that can be used to measure weight?

5) What is one tool that can be used to measure temperature?
