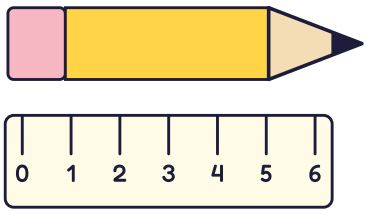
Measuring

Three things we measure, the words we use and the tools

Length and height

How long? How tall?



Words

long, short
longer, shorter
tall, taller

Tool

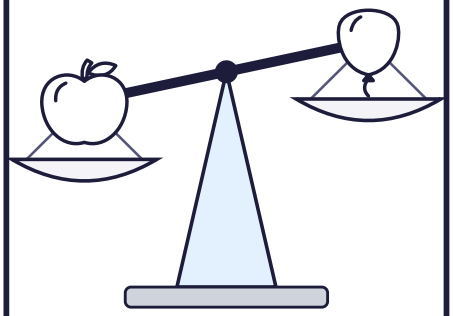
ruler or tape measure

Units

centimetres (cm)
metres (m)

Mass (weight)

How heavy?



Words

heavy, light
heavier, lighter
the same as

Tool

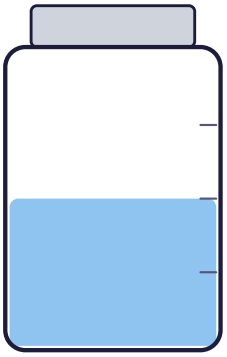
balance or scales

Units

grams (g)
kilograms (kg)

Capacity

How much does it hold?



Words

full, empty
half full
holds more, less

Tool

measuring jug

Units

millilitres (ml)
litres (l)

1. Line up the ends before you compare.

2. Use units that are all the same size, with no gaps.

3. Say the number and the unit: 8 cm, not 8.