

Many Ways to Measure

Cross-Curricular Focus: Mathematics



There are many different ways to measure, and many different tools to help us do it. When you measure **height**, you are measuring how tall someone or something is. You start at the bottom, or where the person's feet touch the floor, and stop at the tallest point, or the top of the person's head. A tape measure or a yard stick are the best tools for measuring height.

When you measure **weight**, you are measuring how heavy someone or something is. There are many kinds of scales you can use to weigh objects or people. You may have a scale with a dial or digital numbers in your bathroom for weighing yourself. A scale like that can also be used to weigh objects, but a spring scale or a balance work better for measuring things that don't weigh very much.

When you measure **temperature**, you are measuring how hot or cold something is. The best tool to use for measuring temperature is a thermometer. There are many kinds of thermometers for measuring temperatures in different places, 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? _____
