

Imperial and metric measures in context 1: length

In Britain we use a mixture of **imperial** and **metric measurements**. Have a go at placing the everyday measure items (at the bottom of the table) in the 'when used' columns below, using your understanding of measures used in the UK.

Length

| Imperial measure | When used | Metric measure | When used |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| inches | | millimetres | |
| feet | | centimetres | |
| yards | | metres | |
| furlongs | | kilometres | |
| miles | | | |
| Everyday measure In horse racing; length of material; diagonal of a TV screen; distance from one town to another; height of a person. | | Everyday measure Walking distance to the nearest station; lengths marked on an athletic track; height of a baby; thickness of shelving. | |