



Imperial and metric measures in context 2: weight and capacity

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.

Weight

Imperial measure	When used	Metric measure	When used
ounces		milligram	
pounds		gram	
ton		kilogram	
Everyday measure Amount of dried fruit in a large wedding cake; weight of a lorry; weight of steak on a restaurant menu.		Everyday measure Weight of a baby born this year; weight of gold; measure of medicine in tablet form.	

Capacity

Imperial measure	When used	Metric measure	When used
fluid ounces		millilitre	
pints		centilitre	
gallons		litre	
Everyday measure Filling petrol; wine by the glass; ordering beer in a pub.		Everyday measure Filling petrol; measure of cough syrup; markings on a measuring jug.	