





## Using different measuring equipment

There are many different types of instruments that you can use to measure the length, height or width of something. The equipment you choose will vary depending on what you want to measure.

The table below shows some examples of instruments that are commonly used to measure length. You can probably think of more.

| Example   | Description  |
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|    | <p><b>Ruler</b></p> <p>A standard ruler is marked in centimetres and millimetres. It measures lengths up to 30 centimetres. Some rulers also show imperial measurements - feet and inches. You can use a ruler to measure small items or lines on a page.</p>                                      |
|   | <p><b>Tape measures</b></p> <p>You use a tape measure to measure things that aren't straight. For example, to check your waist or neck size. Tape measures can come in a variety of sizes but usually measure up to about 150 centimetres. Many tape measures also show imperial measurements.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Steel ruler or measure</b></p> <p>A steel ruler is useful when you're measuring DIY jobs. For example, you could use one to measure out long lengths like the width of a room. The measure is marked in millimetres, centimetres and metres and it might show imperial measurements too.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Trundle wheel</b></p> <p>If you need to measure much longer lengths - for example the length of a football pitch - then you could use a trundle wheel. You use it by pushing the wheel along the ground. It clicks every time it measures one metre.</p>                                     |