

Reading measurements

If you're measuring lengths then you need to:

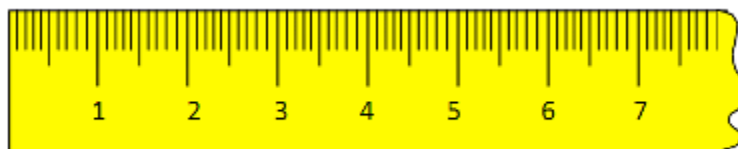
- choose the right equipment
- know how to read measurements correctly

The factsheet **Using different measuring equipment** in this topic gives more information about some of the different types of measuring equipment.

Once you've selected the right equipment, then you should always make sure that you start measuring from the right place.

In most cases measuring equipment will show the starting point as a line marked with a 0. You should line this up with one end of the item you're measuring.

Sometimes, rulers or tape measures don't have 0 to mark the starting point. In this case you should start measuring from the first line or, as in this example, from the end of the ruler.



Tip

This ruler is marked in millimetres and centimetres. There's a slightly longer line halfway between each centimetre. There are 10 millimetres in a centimetre, so this longer line shows 5 millimetres or a half a centimetre.

