

## Estimating and measuring lengths

If you're estimating the length, width or height of something, it means that you're using your skills and knowledge to make a good guess.

When measuring things, you should be accurate. You need to choose the right measuring equipment and be able to use it correctly. You must also decide which unit of measurement is most appropriate. When measuring length, this will usually be millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) or metres (m).

Check out your estimating and measuring skills by choosing a selection of items and then complete the table below.

| Object         | mm, cm or m? | Estimated length, width or height | Actual length, width or height | How good was your estimate? |
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| Length of room | m            | 6 m                               | 8 m                            | 2 m too short               |
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