

## Non-standard measures of capacity

When we talk about capacity, we do so in terms of the container. For example, we say:

- “Please may I have a **can** of fizzy drink?”
- “You need to take two **spoonfuls** of medicine a day.”
- “I had a **bowl** of soup for lunch.” You wouldn’t say you had half a litre of soup for lunch!

These are non-standard measurements of capacity as they are not always the same. For example, you can get spoons or bowls of different sizes.

Cans, spoons, or bowls do not have a scale to show you how much they can hold. It’s useful to know the average capacity of different containers. Here are some examples:

 <p>A teaspoon: 5 ml</p>	 <p>A mug: 300 ml</p>
 <p>A can of drink: 330 ml</p>	 <p>A small glass of wine: 175 ml</p>
 <p>A small bottle of water: 50 cl</p>	 <p>A bottle of wine: 75 cl</p>
 <p>A bottle of cola: 1 litre</p>	 <p>A bucket: 10 litres</p>