





Equipment for measuring weight

You can use lots of different types of equipment to weigh things. The equipment you choose will vary according to what you're weighing.

Here are some examples of weighing equipment and when you might use them:

Kitchen scales	Bathroom scales
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for weighing ingredients when you're cooking • most kitchen scales will weigh up to a maximum of 5 kilograms in weight, about five bags of sugar • kitchen scales can be electronic (digital) or mechanical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for weighing yourself at home. • most bathroom scales will weigh up to a maximum of 150 kilograms • bathroom scales can be electronic or mechanical
Postal scales	Luggage scales
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cost of sending a letter or parcel depends on its size and weight • letters or packets will be weighed in grams and larger parcels will be weighed in kilograms • postal scales can be electronic or mechanical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you need to have luggage weighed if you're taking it onto an aeroplane • heavy items of luggage will be weighed on scales at the airport • the weight will be shown in a digital format. 24 kilograms would be shown as 24 kg