



Choosing units and instruments to measure capacity - answers

Have a look at the list of items below. For each one, write down the most suitable metric unit to use if you want to measure their capacity.

Also, what instrument would you use for measuring the capacity? Finally, have a go at estimating each item's capacity?

Object	Unit	Instrument	Estimated measurement
A bucket of water	litres	measuring bucket	10 litres
A can of soft drink	millilitres	measuring jug	300 ml
A bottle of milk	millilitres	measuring jug	568 ml
A kettle	litres	measuring jug	1.5 l
A hot-water cylinder	litres	measuring bucket	115 l
A car's petrol tank	litres	petrol can	50 l
A dose of medicine	millilitres	measuring spoon	5 ml
A bottle of wine	centilitres	measuring jug	75 cl