

Choosing units and instruments to measure weight - answers

Have a look at the following items. What would be the most suitable metric unit of measurement?

What instrument would you use for measuring? Then have a go at estimating the measurement.

The first one's been done for you.

Object	Unit	Instrument	Estimated measurement
An orange	grams	kitchen scales	200 g
Yourself	kilograms	bathroom scales	65 kg (average weight of a woman in UK)
A bag of sugar	kilograms	kitchen scales	1 kg
A can of beans	grams	kitchen scales	420 g
A bag of potatoes	kilograms	kitchen scales	from 1 kg
A car	tonnes	weighbridge	from 1 tonne
A letter	grams	letter scales	30 g
Luggage	kilograms	bathroom scales	23 kg (luggage allowance)