



Home Link Help: Measuring in Centimeters

Grade 1, Home Link 6-6

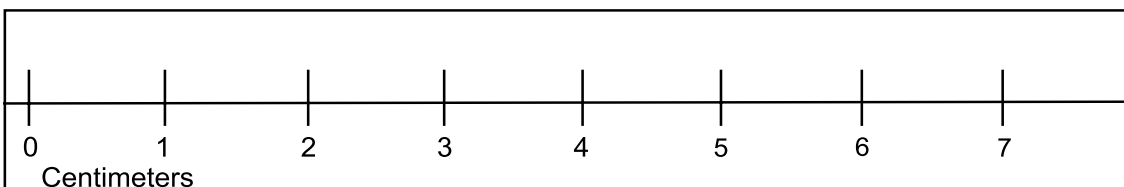
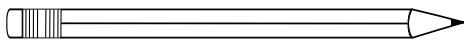
Measuring in centimeters allows students to use rulers to measure length and explore standard units. Centimeters are units in the metric system, which is used in most parts of the world. The abbreviation for centimeter is cm.

Help with Home Link Problems

- Make sure your child has the ruler lined up so that the 0-mark is at the beginning of the object. You may want to color the 0-mark with a color marker so that it is easier to identify.
- If one end of the object is lined up at the 0-mark, the approximate length of the object will be the unit-mark closest to the other end. If the object is over the halfway mark children should use the next greatest measurement mark. If the object's length does not reach the halfway mark your child should use the next smaller measurement mark.
- Note: In Everyday Mathematics, we emphasize that measurements are always estimates and approximations. Our tools are not precise enough to be exact, and often, objects will not align exactly with measurement marks on the ruler.

Example

The pencil is lined up with the 0-centimeters mark and extends to about the 3-centimeter mark.



Extra Practice Ideas

Have your child use a ruler to measure various objects around the house in centimeters.