

Compare Lengths

Adult Guidance with Question Prompts



Children compare the length and height of objects using comparative language such as longest, tallest, shortest, longer than, taller than and shorter than. They use the same unit when making comparisons. Please point out to the children that the images and rulers are not to scale. Children use inequality symbols to compare lengths of different objects.

What does each symbol mean?

What unit have the animals been measured in?

How do you know?

How long is the frog? How long is the lizard?

Can you show me this on a ruler?

Which words would you choose to complete the sentence?

Can you explain why?

Can you find two objects that are shorter than the ruler?

Do you remember how to measure them accurately?

Which is the longest/shortest?

Which sign would you use to compare them?

What if you swapped them around?

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Compare the lengths of the animals.
Which words complete each sentence?

A longer than

B shorter than

C the same as



12cm

The frog is ___ the lizard.



20cm



10cm

The caterpillar is ___ the butterfly.



10cm



30cm

The toucan is ___ the parrot.



30cm

Find 2 things shorter than a ruler.

Measure the lengths in centimetres.
Use these signs to compare them.

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What do these signs tell us?

What do these letters mean? (cm, m)

Can you show me a centimetre/metre?

Which is longer/shorter? Remember this when you compare the lengths.

Which sign would you choose?

Can you explain your reasoning?

What does the bear mean by 'taller'?

How is this different to 'longer'?

How can we find the height of the bear?

How can we find the height of the mouse?

Find two objects that you can measure with a ruler.

How can you find the difference between the shortest and the tallest object? 'The _____ is ____cm taller than the _____.'



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Use these signs to compare lengths.

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14cm



14cm

17cm



17m

1m



11cm

How tall are the animals?

I am 1m taller than the tiger.



1m



I am 10cm shorter than the rabbit.



20cm



Measure the heights of 2 objects.

In centimetres, what is the difference between their heights?

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How tall is each animal?

Which is the tallest/shortest? How do you know?

What do you know about metres and centimetres that will help you?

Can you order them from the tallest to the shortest?

Which measurement is the biggest? What symbol do you need to use?

Which measurement is the smallest? What symbol do you need to use?

How could you work out which measurement is the biggest/smallest?

How can you check your comparisons are true?

Compare your answer with your friend. Did you get the same?

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Can you order the animals from the tallest to the shortest?



1m 60cm



2m



1m 10cm

tallest

shortest

Compare the measurements by using the correct symbol:

5m + 7m

18m - 5m

22m + 7m

23m + 6m

Write a length to make each comparison true.

50cm + _____

>

60cm + _____

25m + _____

=

15m + _____

46cm + _____

>

41cm + _____