Measuring Small Things Around the House

Choose small things to measure, such as a book, tray, lamp, chair, shoe, bag. Use the cut out measuring tools on the next page, or find real items where you live.

have spaces between

- 1. Align the measuring unit at the left side of the item. If the measuring tools don't line up at the other end, think about "one-half."
 - Measuring a smart phone using large paper clips

 Like this:

 3 ½ clips

 Not like these: links overlap or

2. The units of measurement must touch each other, with no spaces in between and no overlapping.

Talk about what you notice.

Find a way to record the measurements you make.

Use the same unit of measurement in order to compare the length of two different items.

Ask, How do you know which is longer?

Measuring Tools

Cut out these tools, or find real items to use as measuring tools.

