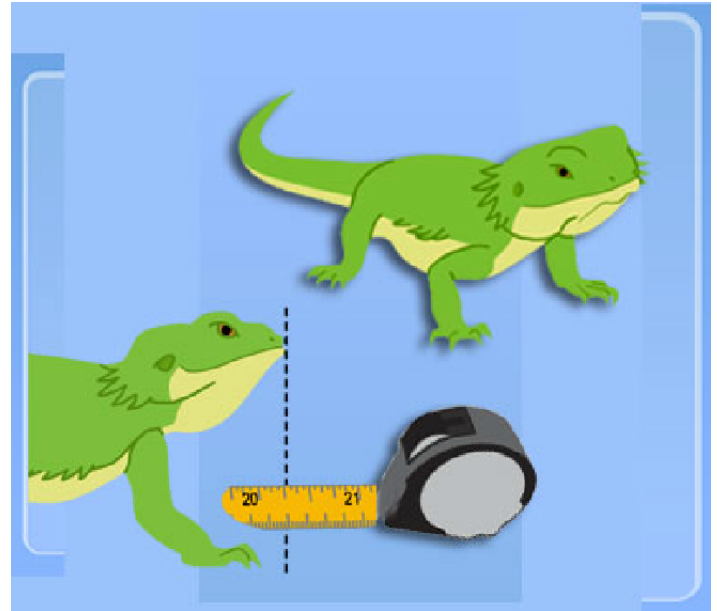


Before you get started measuring length, it is important to know which tool is the best one for your measurement.



Key vocabulary

length

The distance from one end of something to the other.

ruler

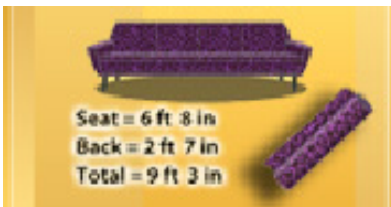
A long, flat piece of wood, plastic, or metal that you use for measuring length or drawing straight lines.

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