

# Customary Units of Length

There are two major systems of measurement: the U.S. customary system and the metric system. Measurement systems allow us to measure things like capacity, length, weight, mass and temperature. The units you use to measure depend on which system you use.



## Key vocabulary

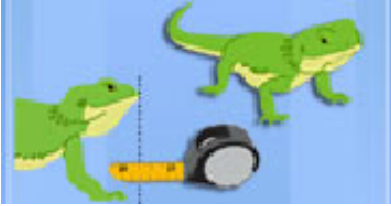
### length

The distance from one end of something to the other.

### convert

To make something into something else.

## Related articles



### Measure Length

Get out your rulers, yard sticks, and tape measures. It is time to measure length.



### Perimeter

Need to know the distance all the way around a figure, like your house? There is a measurement for that. It is called perimeter, and here is how to find it.



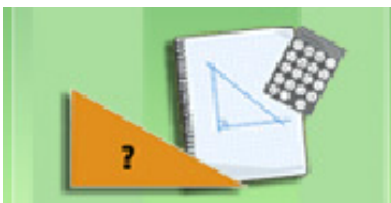
### Tools of Measurement

Not sure when to use a yard stick? Learn about the different tools of measurement and when each one will come in handy.



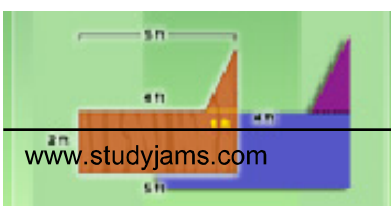
### Area of a Parallelogram

How big is your classroom? Find out by learning how to find the area of a parallelogram.



### Area of a Triangle

Exactly how much space does a triangle take up? You can find out by figuring its area.



### Area of Irregular Figures

Sometimes you need to know the area of an irregular shape. That might sound tricky, but all it takes is some strategic thinking.