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Maths Vocabulary for Reception: Measures

Another area of maths vocabulary that children meet very early in their lives. Standard units of measurement (eg metres) are not introduced at this age. It is much more about comparing different amounts or sizes.

MEASURES (GENERAL)

measure size compare guess, estimate enough, not enough too much, too little too many, too few nearly, close to, about the same as just over, just under LENGTH length, width, height, depth long, short, tall high, low wide, narrow deep, shallow thick, thin longer, shorter, taller, higher... and so on longest, shortest, tallest, highest... and so on far, near, close MASS weigh, weighs, balances heavy/light, heavier/lighter, heaviest/lightest balance, scales, weight CAPACITY full half full empty holds

measure

size

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higher

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heavy

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weigh

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balances

scales

weight

full

half full

empty

holds

container