



Measuring Up

People didn't always measure with rulers. Long ago, Egyptians and other peoples measured objects with body parts. Try it!

A "digit" is the width of your middle finger at the top joint where it bends.

How many digits long is:

a pair of scissors? _____

a math book? _____

a crayon? _____



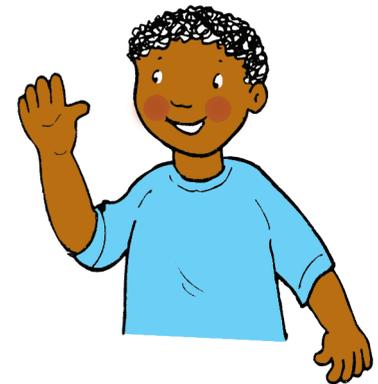
A "palm" is the width of your palm.

How many palms long is:

a telephone book? _____

your desk? _____

a ruler? _____



A "span" is the length from the tip of your pinkie to the tip of your thumb when your hand is wide open.

How many spans long is:

a broom handle? _____

a table? _____

a door? _____





Penguin Family on Parade

The penguin family is part of the winter parade. They need to line up from shortest to tallest. Give them a hand! Use a ruler to measure each penguin. Label each penguin with its height. Then write the name of each penguin in size order, from smallest to tallest.



Paul
Height:

_____ centimetres



Peter
Height:

_____ centimetres



Patty
Height:

_____ centimetres



Petunia
Height:

_____ centimetres

Size Order:

(smallest)

(tallest)