

ACTIVITY #1

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Customary Measures of Strange Things

You come across U.S. customary units of measurement every day, whether you think about them or not! Here are some common units:

LENGTH: inches, feet, yards, miles

WEIGHT: ounces, pounds, tons

CAPACITY: fluid ounces, cups, pints, quarts, gallons

For each question, just write down the best unit of measure. (You don't have to figure how far or heavy something is.) On some, there may be more than one acceptable answer.

1 Length of...

a. a trip from California to New York to visit your annoying Aunt Mavis:

b. a football field for a team that has lost every game for the past 17 years:

c. your favorite pencil, with the chew marks on it:

d. a running track but just once around because I get dizzy:

e. an adult person, head to toe (hey, clip these toenails):

f. a bus route through a city and the driver is a little lost:

2 Weight of...

a. a person named Edgar:

b. a truck named Trucky:

c. your lucky hat that maybe you should wash one of these days:

d. a dog who is growling for no particular reason:

e. a rusty spoon, wait, that's not rust, it's cinnamon:

f. a stadium full of cooked spaghetti:

3 Capacity of...

a. a can of the most disgusting flavor of soda ever created:

b. a big fish tank near a SCUBA-diving kitty:

c. a carton of juice that no one can open so it's been sitting in the refrigerator a really long time:

d. a coffee mug with "World's Best Person Who Writes Things on the Sides of Coffee Mugs" written on the side:

e. a swimming pool filled with spaghetti sauce:

f. a little spilled water on the table that a flea thinks is an ocean: