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Personal References for Imperial Lengths

Develop a set of personal references that you can use to approximate imperial lengths.

- a) Use a ruler and a measuring tape. What could you use as a personal reference for each measurement? Record your answers in the table.

Measurement	Reference
1 in.	
2 in.	
1 ft	
2 ft	
3 ft	

- b) You can use parts of the body as references for measuring length. Work with a partner. Measure each reference. Record your answers in the table.

Reference	Measurement
My hand span	
My arm span	
My foot length	
My height	
My stride length	



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- c) You can use objects at school or at home as references for measuring length. Work with a partner. Measure as many of the following items as possible. Record your answers in the table.

Reference	Measurement
Length and width of a floor tile	
Length and width of a ceiling tile	
Height of a door	
Height of a table	
Height of a ceiling	

