Measuring length worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 measuring length problems, easier ones first. Let your child try each one alone, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer where there are choices.

1. **A pencil is 6 centimeters long. A crayon is 2 centimeters long. How much longer is the pencil?**

   Answer: _____ cm

2. **Two ribbons are 3 centimeters and 4 centimeters. Laid end to end, how long are they?**

   Answer: _____ cm

3. **Two ribbons are 4 inches and 10 inches. Laid end to end, how long are they?**

   Answer: _____ in

4. **A pencil is 4 centimeters long. A crayon is 5 centimeters long. How much longer is the crayon?**

   Answer: _____ cm

5. **Which unit is best to measure a bus?**

   ○ **meters** ○ **feet** ○ **yards** ○ **miles**

6. **A pencil is 3 inches long. A crayon is 12 inches long. How much longer is the crayon?**

   Answer: _____ in

7. **Two ribbons are 8 centimeters and 5 centimeters. Laid end to end, how long are they?**

   Answer: _____ cm

8. **Which unit is best to measure a paper clip?**

   ○ **yards** ○ **centimeters** ○ **feet** ○ **meters**

9. **Which unit is best to measure your finger?**

   ○ **inches** ○ **meters** ○ **feet** ○ **miles**

10. **A pencil is 11 centimeters long. A crayon is 7 centimeters long. How much longer is the pencil?**

    Answer: _____ cm

Answer key: Measuring length

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1. **4 cm**
   6 – 2 = 4 centimeters.
2. **7 cm**
   3 + 4 = 7 centimeters.
3. **14 in**
   4 + 10 = 14 inches.
4. **1 cm**
   5 – 4 = 1 centimeter.
5. **meters**
   Meters fit a bus best. Small things take small units, big things take big units.
6. **9 in**
   12 – 3 = 9 inches.
7. **13 cm**
   8 + 5 = 13 centimeters.
8. **centimeters**
   Centimeters fit a paper clip best. Small things take small units, big things take big units.
9. **inches**
   Inches fit your finger best. Small things take small units, big things take big units.
10. **4 cm**
    11 – 7 = 4 centimeters.