

What to do...

Choose a partner to work with.

1. Lie down on the floor.
2. Ask your partner to place a book at your head, and a book at your feet.
3. Without disturbing the books, get up very carefully!
4. Working with your partner, lay spoons along the space between the books. Make sure they are end to end.
5. Count how many spoons fit between the books.
6. This is how long you are in spoons! Draw yourself lying on the floor and write the number of spoons long you are!
7. Repeat this to measure your partner's length in spoons.

How many spoons long?

This activity helps children to realise that measuring a length is about repeating a unit – whether this is a spoon, or a centimetre! We shall use the spoons as a reason to discuss the need for standard units like centimetres.

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