

Comparing Object Lengths

Today's Standard

2.MD.A4 - Measure to determine how much longer one object is than another, expressing the length difference in terms of a standard length unit.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing the length of a pencil to a crayon.; Determining which of two books is longer.; Measuring and comparing the height of two plants.; Finding out how much longer a table is than a chair.; Comparing the length of a shoelace to a ribbon.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to measure and compare the lengths of different objects using rulers and measuring tapes. We practiced finding out how much longer one object is than another.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can just look at objects to see which one is longer. But it's important to measure to be sure! Another tricky part is thinking they can guess the difference in length without measuring. We need to use our tools to find the exact difference.

Quiz Me

- What tool do we use to measure length?
- How do we know which object is longer?
- Why is it important to measure?
- What do we do if two objects look almost the same length?
- Can we guess the difference in length without measuring?

Help Me

Measuring is important because it helps us know exactly how long things are. We can use rulers or measuring tapes to measure and compare the lengths of different objects. For example, we can see how much longer a table is compared to a chair by measuring both and then finding the difference in length.