

Feet and Miles

This is a tape measure. The numbers 1, 2, 3, and so on, are inches.

Number 12 is on a black background, and above it you see "1F". That means 1 foot.



12 inches makes 1 foot.

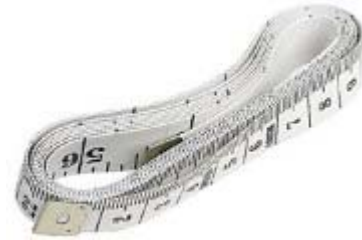
Roll the tape measure out some more, until you find "2 F" or "2 ft" (which means two feet), and "3 ft" (three feet), and so on. Stretch out the tape measure as far as you can. What is the biggest number of feet it has?

You use feet as your measuring unit when you measure the width of a room or of a table, the length of a house, or of a swimming pool.

People often use both feet and inches. For example, a table can be 5 feet 10 inches long. A boy can be 4 feet 7 inches tall.



This tape measure has both inches and centimeters. The numbers in the top part are inches, and the numbers in the bottom part are centimeters. The number 60 means 60 cm, and the "1" after it means 61 cm.



Measuring tapes often have centimeters on one side and inches on the other side.

Distances between towns or between countries are measured in miles. 1 mile is 5,280 feet (five-thousand two-hundred eighty)! That is a lot of feet - many, many more than your tape measure has.

1. How tall are these people? Ask your mom, dad, or others.

You: ____ feet ____ inches _____: ____ feet ____ inches

Your mom: ____ feet ____ inches _____: ____ feet ____ inches