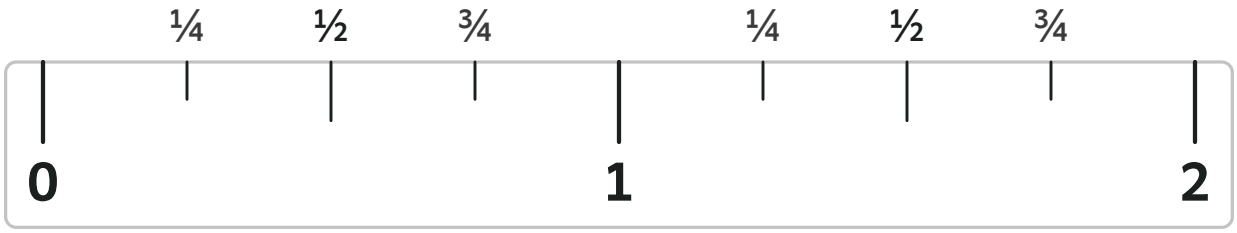
How to Read a Ruler

What the marks mean and where to start measuring. The lower rulers are real size.

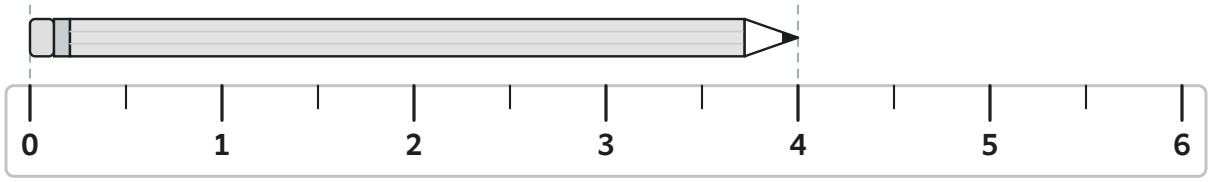
The marks between the numbers

Longest marks: whole inches. Middle mark: a half inch. Short marks: quarter inches.



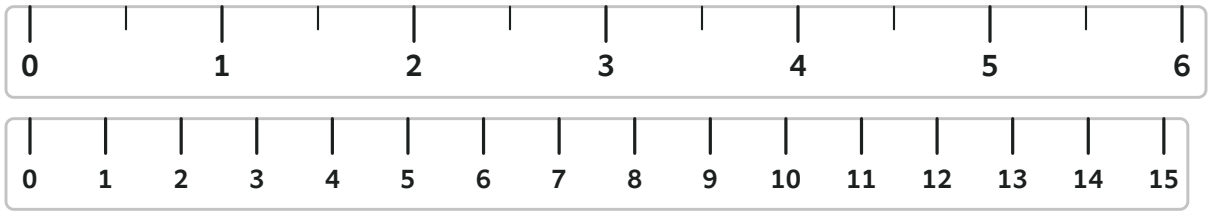
shown 3 times real size

Line up one end with 0



The other end is at 4, so this pencil is 4 inches long.

Inches and centimeters



A centimeter is smaller than an inch. One inch is about 2 and a half centimeters.

Watch out

Start at the 0 mark. On many rulers that is not the very end of the ruler.

If the end falls between two marks, choose the mark it is closer to.

Always say the unit with the number: 4 inches, not just 4.