

CHOOSING METRES OR CENTIMETRES

- 1 Look at the object or distance.
- 2 Decide if it is long like the yard or short like a crayon.
- 3 Choose metres for long distances and centimetres for short lengths.

WARM-UP

Write m or cm on each line for the better unit.

1. Choose the unit for the school yard path about 20 long
2. Choose the unit for a hurley about 90 long
3. Choose the unit for a finger about 5 long

school yard path 20: _____

hurley 90: _____

finger 5: _____

PRACTICE

- 1 The hurley is **1 metre** long.
metres or centimetres? _____

- 2 A finger is **8 centimetres** long.
metres or centimetres? _____

- 3 The book is **25 centimetres** wide.
metres or centimetres? _____

- 4 The classroom is **9 metres** long.
metres or centimetres? _____

- 5 The yard is **50 metres** across.
metres or centimetres? _____

? ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, NEVER

Always, sometimes or never true? Write A, S or N.

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| a. You measure the school yard in metres. ☐ | c. You measure the bench in centimetres. ☐ |
| b. You measure a crayon in metres. ☐ | d. Big distances outside use metres. ☐ |

IRISH FACT

How long is a GAA pitch?

A Gaelic football pitch is about **130 to 145 metres** long — far easier to measure in metres than in centimetres.

GAA playing rules



REFLECT

How do you decide whether centimetres or metres fit a length best?