Try It Out

In pairs, compare past and current methods of measuring length.

1. Use the following methods to measure the length of your desk.
   a. Use the width of your palm to measure
      Length of desk = _____ 'hand' units
   b. Use the width of your partner's palm to measure
      Length of desk = _____ 'hand' units
   c. Use your rule to measure
      Length of desk = _____ cm
   d. Use your partner's rule to measure
      Length of desk = _____ cm
2. Which is a better way for measuring length, using 'hand' units or centimetres? Why?

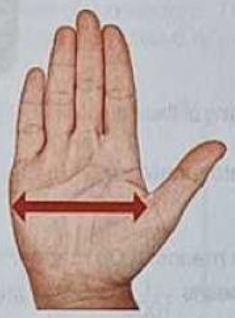

Figure 2.5 One 'hand' unit

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