



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?

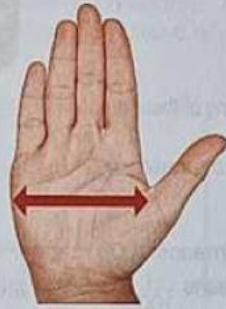


Figure 2.5 One 'hand' unit