



Meters and Kilometers

Let's explore measurements in meters and in kilometers.

Warm-up

Number Talk: Times Hundreds and Thousands

Find the value of each expression mentally.

- 3×100

- 40×100

- 43×100

- $43 \times 1,000$

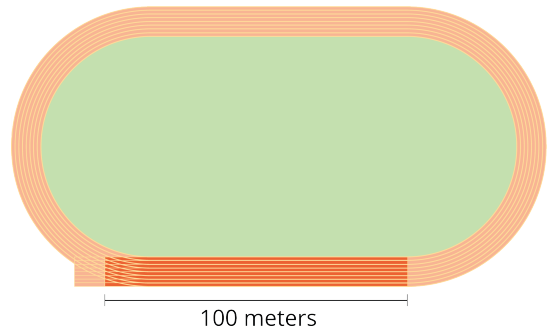


Activity 1

How Long Is 1 Kilometer?

There are 1,000 meters in 1 kilometer.

1. The shaded section of the track is the length of a 100-meter race. How many 100-meter races does it take to travel 1 kilometer?



2. Your teacher will give you images of something with a length or a height measured in meters.

About how many of the items in the handout are needed to make 1 kilometer?
Explain or show how you know.

3. Work with your group to write a number in the blank so that each statement is true. Decide if your length is "about" or "exactly" 1 kilometer, and circle the correct word.
 - a. One kilometer is the length of (about, exactly) _____ soccer fields.
 - b. One kilometer is the length of (about, exactly) _____ Statues of Liberty.
 - c. One kilometer is the length of (about, exactly) _____ Olympic-size swimming pools.
 - d. One kilometer is the length of (about, exactly) _____ basketball courts.
4. Estimate where you might end up if you travel 1 kilometer from your school's front door.

Activity 2

Meters and Kilometers

1. Complete the table with the unknown lengths in meters or in kilometers.

| kilometers (km) | meters (m) |
|-----------------|------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 1 | 1,000 |
| 5 | |
| | 6,000 |
| $8\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | |
| | 12,000 |
| 27 | |

2. Andre says 100 meters is longer than 10 kilometers. Do you agree or disagree? Explain or show your reasoning.
3. Which is greater?
- a. 2,000 meters or 3 kilometers
 - b. 500 meters or 1 kilometer
 - c. 14 kilometers or 14,000 meters
 - d. 8 kilometers or 80,000 meters

