Quick mental arithmetic


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Observe.

The length between the two fingers is 1 match.


Tear off the measuring rod (the one graduated with matches) at the end of your book.

Show with you fingers the lengths corresponding to:
1 match
2 matches
3 matches
4 matches

With your measuring rod (graduated with matches), measure the lengths of the lines below and complete the sentences (you can use the list of colours on page 106).


The green line is as long as 1 match.
The __ line is longer than 1 match but shorter than 2 matches.
The line is as long as 2 matches.
The line is longer than 2 matches but shorter than 3 matches.
The _ line is as long as 3 matches.

Colour the chicks according to the


B to D. Using a measuring rod with a match as a standard paves the way to using a rod graduated in centimetres (cm). Both instruments emphasize the length between two graduations: the drawing of 1 match in the first case and a coloured 1 cm -band in the second case. The equivalence between expressions such as "as long as $n$ matches" or "measures $n$ cm" will he underlined

