

Measurement Activity: Gnoming Around

Mathletics

This is a fun activity to help early learners become familiar with the concept of length. Students will assemble paper gnomes and use them to compare and describe length by direct comparison.

You will need:

- A printed class set of gnomes
- Scissors
- Tape



Activity:

1. Hand out the sheets to your students and have them write a name for their gnome. If you are using the black and white sheets, instruct them to decorate their gnomes too.
2. Students will need to use the scissors to cut along the lines and the tape to assemble their gnomes.
3. Once all the students have assembled their gnomes, you can run simple tasks using length language with the class and their gnomes such as:

Which gnome is the shortest?

Which gnome is the tallest?

Can you find something taller than your gnome?

Can you find something smaller than your gnome?

Can you find something about the same size as your gnome?

4. Encourage students to move around the classroom or playground comparing the length of their gnome to different objects. Use the language, short, shorter, tall, taller or about the same when describing the object's length in comparison to their gnome.



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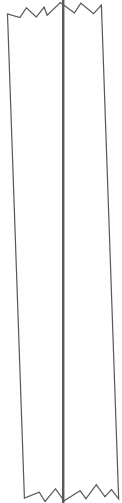
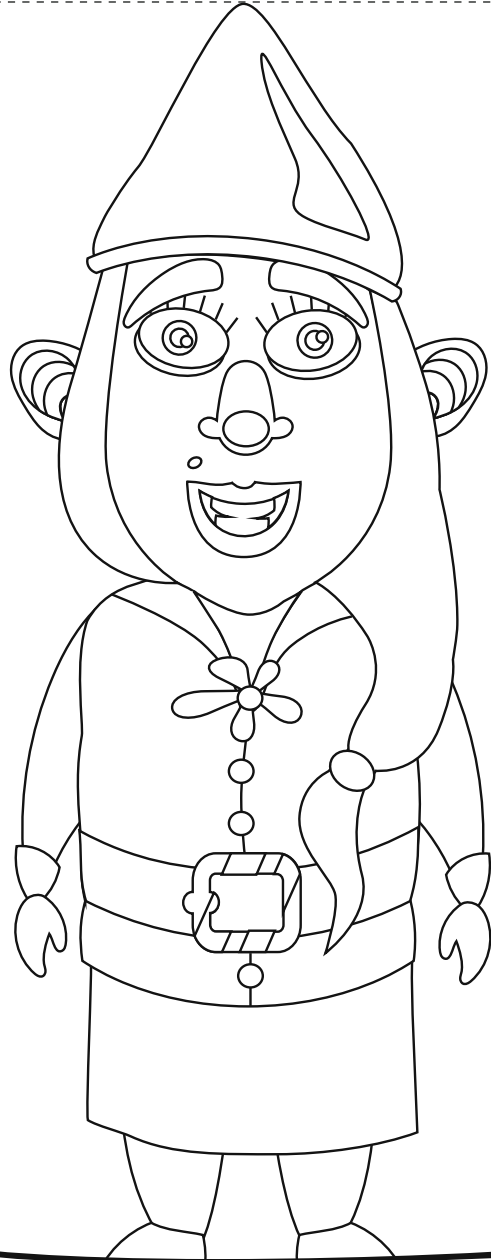


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