Describe and compare measurable attributes of objects (Standards K.MD.1–2)	Describe and compare measurable attributes of objects (Standards K.MD.1–2)		
Standard K.MD.1 Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object.			
Concepts and Skills to Master			
 Understand that objects are measured using different attributes (length, width, capacity and weight) 			
 Understand that one object may have more or less of an attribute than another object (see Suggested Models below) 			
 Describe several measurable attributes of a single object 			
• Distinguish the difference between attributes and apply vocabulary appropriately (while a tower may be described as big or small, it may be more			
appropriate to describe the tower as tall or short)			
Teacher Note: Students may informally work with area, volume, and capacity. Although these concepts are not explicitly introduced in kindergarten,			
students may begin to informally address these attributes. For example, students may identify the area of a paper to see if it could be used to draw a "big"			
or small picture. Students in kindergarten are not expected to use the formal te	erms of area, volume, and capacity.		
Related Standards: Current Grade Level	Related Standards: Future Grade Levels		
K.MD.2 Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common	1.MD.1 Order three objects by length		
K.MD.3 Classify objects into given categories	1.MD.2 Express the length of an object as a whole number of units		
	2.MD.1 Measure the length of an object by selecting and using		
	appropriate tools		
Critical Background Knowledge			
 Students may have had informal experience labeling items as tall, short, big, si 	mall, heavy, etc.		
Academic Vocabulary			
measure, attribute, size, big, small, length, long, short, height, tall, weight, heavy, light			
This list is non-exhaustive. Students should be exposed to other similar terms such as wide, thin, etc.			
Suggested Models	Suggested Strategies		
	• Give students an object and have them describe attributes of the object		
	that can be measured		
	 Use measurement vocabulary when talking about an object 		
	 Represent measurable attributes with drawings or manipulatives 		
	• Describe measurable attributes using gestures (hold arms out to describe		
	an objects as big or long)		
A student may describe a bowling ball as "big and heavy," and a feather as "light			
and long."			

Describe and compare measurable attributes of objects (Standards K.MD.1–2)		
Standard K.MD.2 Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has "more of"/"less of" the attribute, and		
describe the difference. For example, directly compare the length of two pencils and describe one as shorter or longer.		
Concepts and Skills to Master		
 Understand that two objects may have different amounts of the same attribute 		
• Align endpoints of objects when comparing length or height		
• Consider conservation of length when comparing objects (For example, a length of string that is bent compared to a length of string that is straight, or a		
straw that is orientated vertically versus a pencil that is orientated norizontally)		
Pelated Standards: Current Grade Level	Related Standards: Future Grade Levels	
K.MD.1 Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight	1.MD.1 Order three objects by length	
Describe several measurable attributes of a single object.	1.MD.2 Express the length of an object as a whole number of units	
	2.MD.2 Measure the length of an object using different units, describe	
	how the measurements relate to the size of the unit chosen	
	2.MD.4 Determine how much longer one objects is than another	
Critical Background Knowledge		
• Related Standards: Current Grade Level (see above)		
• Students may have had informal experience comparing themselves to their peers and surroundings (For example, comparing their height, hair length, etc.)		
Academic Vocabulary		
length, height, weight, size, compare, measure, attribute, taller, longer, shorter, he	avier, lighter, bigger, smaller, more of, less of	
Suggested Models	Suggested Strategies	
Sticks whose endpoints are not aligned	 Manipulate objects to prove or disprove comparisons (see 	
Π	Suggested Models at the left)	
	• Use language such as "it looks longer, but it isn't because the other	
The larger bear is heavie	r	
than the smaller bear	• Ose a time object to multectly compare two objects (for example a tower of connecting cubes can be used to compare the height of a	
	desk leg and the height of a window)	
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When shown this figure and asked which is "the longest stick,"		
Similarly, they may recognize a 12-inch vertical line as "tall" and		
a 12-inch horizontal line as "long" but not recognize that the two		
are the same length.		

Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category (Standard K.MD.3).		
Standard K.MD.3 Classify objects into given categories; count the numbers of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. Limit the category		
counts to less than or equal to 10.		
Concepts and Skills to Master		
Identify similarities and differences between objects		
Classify objects into given categories		
 Count the number of objects in each category (up to 10) 		
Sort categories by count (up to 10)		
Related Standards: Current Grade Level	Related Standards: Future Grade Levels	
K.MD.1-2 Describe and compare measurable attributes of objects	1.MD.4 Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three	
K.CC.1, K.CC.4, K.CC.5 Count to tell the number of objects	categories	
K.CC.6 Use matching or counting strategies to identify whether the number of	2.MD.10 Draw a picture graph and a bar graph with single-unit scale to	
objects in one group is greater than, less than, or equal to the number of objects	represent a data set with up to four categories	
in another group		
K.CC.7 Compare two numbers between 1 and 10 using "greater than," "less		
than," or "equal to"		
Critical Background Knowledge		
Related Standards: Current Grade Level (see above)		
Students may have prior knowledge with informally classifying and sorting objects.		
Academic Vocabulary		
classify, sort, groups, categories, count		
Suggested Models	Suggested Strategies	
	• Sort collections of objects in a variety of ways (shape, size, color, etc.)	
Circles Squares	Use buttons, manipulatives, shapes, cereal, etc. to sort	
	Sort objects into categories of choice and describe how collections	
	have been sorted	
	Count objects in each collection	
"There are 5 circles and 7 squares. There are more squares than circles."		