



Homework 12-1 **Using Customary Units of Length**

Another Look!

Below are some customary units of length and examples that could be measured using those units.



Unit

1 inch (in.)

1 foot (ft) = 12 inches

1 yard (yd) = 3 feet

1 mile (mi) = 5,280 feet

Example

width of a U.S. quarter

gym shoes

height of a desk

distance between school and home

In 1 through 12, choose the most appropriate unit to measure the length of each. Write in., ft, yd, or mi.

1. cat

- 2. lake

3. hallway

4. basketball court

5. boat

6. wallet

7. soccer field

8. finger bandage

9. computer cable

10. train route

11. nose

- **13.** Which unit would you most likely use to measure the length of a desktop?
- **14.** Would you use the same unit to measure the height of the desk as you used to measure the length of the desktop? Explain.



- 15. Which unit would be most appropriate for measuring
- the length of a barn?
 - **A** inches
 - **B** pounds
 - **C** yards
 - **D** miles

You can use more than one unit to measure. But sometimes one unit is more appropriate to use.



16. Which is greater, 20 feet or 7 yards? Complete the table to model the answer.

Yard	1			
Feet				

- **17. Explain** Explain how you would decide which unit is best for measuring the length of the cover of your math book.
- **18. Construct Arguments** When measuring the length of an object, how do you decide which unit of measure to use?

- **19. Estimation** What unit would you use to measure the height of your classroom door? Explain.
- **20. Extend Your Thinking** How much greater is 5 miles than 8,000 yards? Explain.