## Another Look!

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

Using Customary Units of Length

| Unit |
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| 1 inch (in.) |
| 1 foot $(\mathrm{ft})=12$ inches |
| 1 yard $(\mathrm{yd})=3$ feet |
| 1 mile $(\mathrm{mi})=5,280$ 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., $\mathrm{ft}, \mathrm{yd}$, or mi.

1. cat
2. hallway
3. boat $\qquad$ 6. wallet
4. soccer field
5. computer cable $\qquad$ -
6. train route
7. sea
8. Which unit would you most likely use to measure the length of a desktop?
9. Would you use the same unit to measure the height of the desk as you used to measure the length of the desktop? Explain.

10. Which unit would be most appropriate for measuring
(3) 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Feet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

17. Explain Explain how you would decide which unit is best for measuring the length of the cover of your math book.
18. Estimation What unit would you use to measure the height of your classroom door? Explain.
19. Construct Arguments When measuring the length of an object, how do you decide which unit of measure to use?
20. Extend Your Thinking How much greater is 5 miles than 8,000 yards? Explain.
