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The purpose of this task is to help your child to:

- estimate lengths
- measure lengths using a familiar object



Discuss with your child that a horse is measured to its shoulder (withers) in hands. Help your child to investigate how tall 'in hands' each family member is.

You may like to print the following page or make a similar chart for your child to use.

Suggestions:


You need three 'markers' (sticks, pencils or similar).

- Have a family member lie down on the floor.
- Ask your child put a marker at the top of the person's head and at their heels.
- After the person has moved, help your child to measure the distance from marker to marker.
- Talk about how to use your hand to measure between the markers. A 'hand' as used to measure horses is the width of a hand with the fingers together, not the length of a hand or a hand span.
- Have your child measure, counting how many hands fit between the two counters. Discuss the fact that you used fewer hands because your hand is bigger.
- Have your child measure the height of other family members in the same way.



Activity | Hands high

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Write your family names here	Height in my hands 	Who is the tallest?	This person is <i>this many hands taller</i> than the next tallest person

Are there other things that you would like to measure in 'hands'?

