

The Great Estimations Contest

Use the space below to give your best estimate to the following objects' attributes. There could be fabulous prizes given to students whose estimations of individual objects are closest to the actual measurement, to students who have made the most accurate overall estimates, and to students who have made the most improvement in their estimation skills.

OBJECT and ATTRIBUTE	ACTUAL MEASUREMENT
The LENGTH of the Raffle Tickets (in feet and inches)	7 ft 1 in.
The NUMBER of Gummy Sharks in the container	41 Gummy Sharks
The WEIGHT of the Jar of Shells <i>including the jar</i> (in pounds)	3.46 lb.
The LENGTH of the Nylon Rope (in meters)	1.67 m
The CAPACITY of the Bag of Sand (in cups)	2.5 cups
The WEIGHT of the Jar of Fish Counters <i>including the jar</i> (in grams)	725 g
The CAPACITY of the Jar of Pebbles (in liters)	0.47 L

Note: The selected items are given **as suggestions. The teacher may opt to provide other items for students' estimation based on availability, or to fit the activity within the context of an integrated teaching unit. These items were selected to integrate estimation with U.S. and metric units within a teaching theme of "A Day at the Beach."*