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# Physical Science | 0.3 Virtual Lab: Measurement

### **Background**

This lab will help you practice using measurement tools to collect accurate data, which is essential for scientific investigations. You will explore concepts related to length, volume, mass, temperature, and time that you learned about in the lesson.

**Learning Objective: Take, record,** and **interpret** scientific measurements using appropriate tools (e.g., rulers, graduated cylinders, thermometers, digital scales) and units.

#### **Pre-Lab Questions**

| 1. | Why is it important to use standardized units when recording measurements? |
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# **Data Collection**

| Measurement<br>Type | Object or<br>Material | Tool Used                                     | Measurement with Units |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Length              |                       | [Ruler/Tape<br>Measure/Measuring Tape]        | [MLength1]             |
|                     |                       | [Ruler/Tape<br>Measure/Measuring Tape]        | [MLength2]             |
| Volume              | [Volume1]             | [Graduated Cylinder/Ruler]                    | [MVolume1]             |
|                     | [Volume2]             | [Graduated Cylinder/Ruler]                    | [MVolume2]             |
| Density             | [Density1]            | [Digital Scale]<br>[Ruler/Graduated Cylinder] | [MassD1]<br>[VolumeD1] |
|                     | [Density2]            | [Digital Scale]<br>[Ruler/Graduated Cylinder] | [MassD2]<br>[VolumeD2] |
| Time                | [Time1]               | [Stopwatch/Timer/Data<br>Logger]              | [MTime1]               |
| Temperature         | [Temp1]               | [Thermometer/Digital<br>Thermometer/Probe]    | [MTemp1]               |

## **Calculations**

In the space provided, type your work for density calculation for your two objects.

| Object or Material | Density Calculation Work             | Density        |
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| [Density2]         | [StudentCalcMD2]<br>[StudentCalcVD2] | [CalcDensity2] |

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| 1. | How did choosing different tools affect the accuracy of your measurements?                         |
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|    | What factors could introduce errors during measurement, and how can they be minimized?             |
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| •  | How would using improper units impact your results?                                                |
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| •  | At the density station, how did the choice of mass and volume tools affect the calculated density? |
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