

# English Ladder

Student Workbook

## Measurements & Shapes

A polished self-study handout designed for print or tablet use. Read the concept, notice the pattern, and then complete the matching practice set on your own.



Grammar Concepts #22

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### Visual anchor

Use the concept poster to spotlight the main language pattern in **Measurements & Shapes** and keep the explanation visible during practice and discussion.

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Concept #22 ▶ **Measurements & Shapes**

For many measurements there is a **noun** style and an **adjective** style.

Noun Style	Adjective Style
What is its <b>size</b> ?	How <b>large/small</b> is it?
What is its <b>length</b> ?	How <b>long/short</b> is it?
What is its <b>width</b> ?	How <b>wide/narrow</b> is it?
What is its <b>depth</b> ?	How <b>deep/shallow</b> is it?
What is its <b>height</b> ?	How <b>high/short</b> is it?
What is its <b>weight</b> ?	How <b>heavy/light</b> is it?
What is its <b>age</b> ?	How <b>old/new</b> is it?
What is its <b>temperature</b> ?	How <b>hot/cold</b> is it?
What is its <b>speed</b> ?	How <b>fast/slow</b> is it?
What is the <b>distance</b> ?	How <b>far/near</b> is it?
What is the <b>price</b> ?	How <b>expensive/cheap</b> is it?
What is its <b>value</b> ?	How <b>valuable</b> is it?

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## Core Idea

Understanding the different ways to describe measurements and shapes is crucial for non-native English speakers. This image provides a clear distinction between noun and adjective forms of common shapes and measurements. Let's break down these concepts with detailed explanations and examples.

### Quick reference

Shapes	Noun: It is a circle.
Shapes	The children sat in a circle.
Shapes	Noun: It is a square.
Shapes	We drew a square on the board.
Shapes	Noun: It is a triangle.
Shapes	She cut the sandwich into a triangle.

## Key Points

### Introduction

#### Shapes

##### 1. Circle / Circular:

- Noun: It is a circle.
- Adjective: It is circular.

##### Example Sentences:

- The children sat in a circle.
- The garden has a circular layout.

##### 2. Square / Square:

- Noun: It is a square.
- Adjective: It is square.

##### Example Sentences:



- We drew a square on the board.
- The room is perfectly square.

### 3. Triangle / Triangular:

- Noun: It is a triangle.
- Adjective: It is triangular.

#### Example Sentences:

- She cut the sandwich into a triangle.
- The triangular sign warns drivers of a sharp turn ahead.

### 4. Oval / Oval:

- Noun: It is an oval.
- Adjective: It is oval.

#### Example Sentences:

- The artist painted an oval on the canvas.
- The mirror is oval-shaped.

### 5. Rectangle / Rectangular:

- Noun: It is a rectangle.
- Adjective: It is rectangular.

#### Example Sentences:

- The table is shaped like a rectangle.
- They bought a rectangular rug for the living room.

## Measurements

For many measurements, there is a noun style and an adjective style.

#### Noun Style Examples:

- What is its size?
- The size of the box is large.
- What is its length?
- The length of the table is six feet.
- What is its width?
- The width of the road is narrow.



- What is its depth?
- The depth of the pool is ten feet.
- What is its height?
- The height of the building is impressive.
- What is its weight?
- The weight of the package is heavy.
- What is its age?
- The age of the tree is old.
- What is its temperature?
- The temperature of the soup is hot.
- What is its speed?
- The speed of the car is fast.
- What is the distance?
- The distance between the two towns is far.
- What is the price?
- The price of the dress is expensive.
- What is its value?
- The value of the painting is high.

#### Adjective Style Examples:

- How large/small is it?
- The box is large.
- How long/short is it?
- The table is six feet long.
- How wide/narrow is it?
- The road is narrow.
- How deep/shallow is it?
- The pool is ten feet deep.
- How high/short is it?
- The building is high.
- How heavy/light is it?
- The package is heavy.



- How old/new is it?
- The tree is old.
- How hot/cold is it?
- The soup is hot.
- How fast/slow is it?
- The car is fast.
- How far/near is it?
- The towns are far apart.
- How expensive/cheap is it?
- The dress is expensive.
- How valuable is it?
- The painting is highly valuable.

### Practical Examples in Context

To further clarify, let's use these measurements and shapes in different contexts:

#### 1. Shopping:

- Noun Style: What is the price of this shirt? The price is reasonable.
- Adjective Style: How expensive is this shirt? It is quite cheap.

#### 2. Describing Objects:

- Noun Style: What is the size of your new apartment? The size is huge.
- Adjective Style: How large is your new apartment? It is very spacious.

#### 3. Giving Directions:

- Noun Style: What is the distance to the nearest gas station? The distance is short.
- Adjective Style: How far is the nearest gas station? It is very close.

### Key Points to Remember

- Shapes:
  - Use the noun form to identify the shape.
  - Use the adjective form to describe the shape.
- Measurements:



- The noun form asks for the measurement.
- The adjective form describes the measurement.
- Context Usage:
- Context determines whether you should use the noun or adjective form.
- Both forms are essential for clear and precise communication.

Understanding and using these grammar concepts correctly will enhance your English communication skills, especially when describing shapes and measurements in various contexts.



## Practice Check

Answer the quiz questions below with responses consistent with the grammar concepts taught on the left.

### ITEM 01

The garden has a \_\_\_\_\_ layout.

- a) circle
- b) circular
- c) circles
- d) circling

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

### ITEM 02

She cut the sandwich into a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) triangle
- b) triangular
- c) triangly
- d) triangling

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

### ITEM 03

The table is shaped like a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) rectangular
- b) rectangles
- c) rectangle
- d) rectangled

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 04**

The children sat in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) circular
- b) circle
- c) circling
- d) circles

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 05**

The box is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) size
- b) large
- c) sizes
- d) larges

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 06**

The road is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) width
- b) wide
- c) widths
- d) widening

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 07**

The pool is ten feet \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) depth
- b) deep
- c) depths
- d) deeps

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 08**

The building is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) height
- b) high
- c) heights
- d) highs

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 09**

The package is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) weight
- b) heavy
- c) weights
- d) heavied

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 10**

**The tree is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) age
  - b) old
  - c) ages
  - d) olding
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 11**

**The soup is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) temperature
  - b) hot
  - c) temperatures
  - d) temperate
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 12**

**The car is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) speed
  - b) fast
  - c) speeds
  - d) fasting
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 13**

The towns are \_\_\_\_\_ apart.

- a) distance
- b) far
- c) distances
- d) farther

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 14**

The dress is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) price
- b) expensive
- c) prices
- d) expensives

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 15**

The painting is highly \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) value
- b) valuable
- c) values
- d) valuabler

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 16**

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is your new apartment?**

- a) size
  - b) large
  - c) sizes
  - d) larges
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 17**

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is the nearest gas station?**

- a) distance
  - b) far
  - c) distances
  - d) farther
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 18**

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is the box?**

- a) size
  - b) large
  - c) sizes
  - d) larges
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 19**

The room is perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) square
- b) squares
- c) squaring
- d) squared

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 20**

How \_\_\_\_\_ is the pool?

- a) depth
- b) deep
- c) depths
- d) deeper

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 21**

How \_\_\_\_\_ is the car?

- a) speed
- b) fast
- c) speeds
- d) faster

Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 22**

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is the painting?**

- a) value
  - b) valuable
  - c) values
  - d) valuabler
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 23**

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is the dress?**

- a) price
  - b) expensive
  - c) prices
  - d) expensives
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 24**

**The table is six feet \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) length
  - b) long
  - c) lengths
  - d) longest
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Correct choice: \_\_\_\_\_



## Self-check Answer Key

Use the key after you have completed every item on your own.

ITEM 01    b) circular

ITEM 02    a) triangle

ITEM 03    c) rectangle

ITEM 04    b) circle

ITEM 05    b) large

ITEM 06    b) wide

ITEM 07    b) deep

ITEM 08    b) high

ITEM 09    b) heavy

ITEM 10    b) old

ITEM 11    b) hot

ITEM 12    b) fast

ITEM 13    b) far

ITEM 14    b) expensive



ITEM 15

b) valuable

ITEM 16

b) large

ITEM 17

b) far

ITEM 18

b) large

ITEM 19

a) square

ITEM 20

b) deep

ITEM 21

b) fast

ITEM 22

b) valuable

ITEM 23

b) expensive

ITEM 24

b) long