



WORKSHEET 4: BODY PART MEASURING IN EUROPE



Task 1: Read the text using the dictionary to clarify the meaning of unknown words.

“ ... 4 fingers make a palm, and 4 palms make a foot; 6 palms make 1 cubit, 4 cubits make a man's height, and 4 cubits make one pace ... ”

From: *The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci* (original edition 1883)



Task 2: Measure yourself or each other to verify the above statement.



Task 3: Compare the names of measures in English, Czech, French and Italian. Complete the table below.

4 doigts font une paume, et 4 paumes font un pied; 6 paumes font une coudée, 4 coudées font la taille d'un homme, et 4 coudées font un pas ...

4 diti fa un palmo, e 4 palmi fa un pie; 6 palmi fa un cubito, 4 cubiti fa un homo, e 4 cubiti fa un passo ...

4 prsty představují dlaň a 4 dlaně jsou jedna stopa; 6 dlaní představuje 1 loket, 4 lokte představují výšku člověka a 4 lokte představují i krok ...

ENGLISH	CZECH	FRENCH	ITALIAN	YOUR LANGUAGE
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4 fingers

a palm

a foot

1 cubit



Follow up activity for the whole class:

Can you give examples of body part counting or measuring in your culture?