

Clip Count

Students measure paper strips with equal paper clips and record whole-number lengths.

CCSS.Math.Content.1.MD.A.2 "Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by laying multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	2	3	4
b	4	6	5
c	7	6	8

2 WRITE IT _____

D	
E	
F	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Before the activity, make six paper strips labeled A through F and gather a pile of same-size paper clips for each pair. Make each strip a whole number of paper-clip lengths, using the lengths in the answer key. Read each prompt aloud while students lay paper clips end to end, count, and mark the page.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Use paper clips to measure each strip. Start at one end, place each paper clip right after the last one, and do not leave spaces or put clips on top of each other. Count the paper clips, then circle the number that tells the length.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Measure strip A with paper clips. The choices are 2, 3, and 4. Which number tells how many paper clips long strip A is? Circle it.	3
b	Measure strip B with paper clips. The choices are 4, 6, and 5. Which number tells how many paper clips long strip B is? Circle it.	5
c	Measure strip C with paper clips. The choices are 7, 6, and 8. Which number tells how many paper clips long strip C is? Circle it.	7

PART 2 • WRITE IT

SAY “Measure strips D, E, and F with paper clips the same way. How many paper clips long is each strip? Write the number in the box beside its letter.”

- Box 1 (beside D): **2**
- Box 2 (beside E): **4**
- Box 3 (beside F): **6**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Prepare strip A as 3 paper clips long, B as 5, C as 7, D as 2, E as 4, and F as 6. Accept circles A: 3, B: 5, C: 7 and written answers D: 2, E: 4, F: 6, as long as students used same-size clips with no gaps or overlaps.