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SPARKLE BOX



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CHARACTER INTRODUCTION:



Neena is super fast and loves learning new things.



Reena likes puzzles and solving problems.



Mama makes learning fun and exciting.

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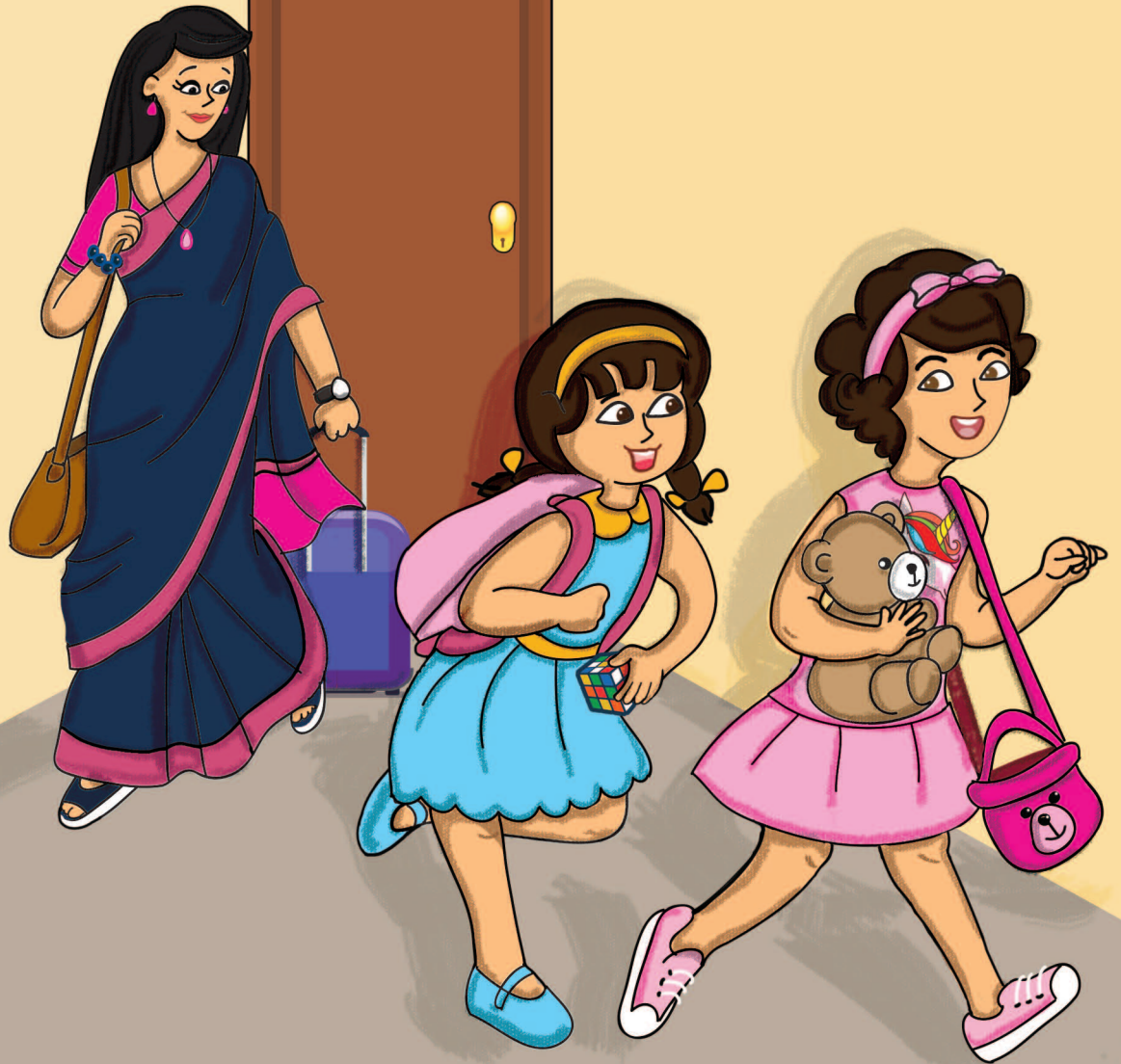


Reena and Neena were moving into their new house with their mother.

The twins were excited to get a new room. Mama had promised to let them decorate however they wanted.



“Wait for me, Neena!”
shouted Reena as she
ran behind her sister.



“Wow! I love my new desk,”
announced Reena.

“But where is mine?”
complained Neena.

“You will share this table,”
said Mama. “Remember,
sharing is . . .”

“Caring,” the twins said.



“How do we divide the desk equally?” Neena asked.

“You can use your handspan for it,” Mama said.



“What is that?” asked Reena.

“It’s the distance between the tip of your thumb and the tip of your little finger,” Mama explained.

“Give it a try.”



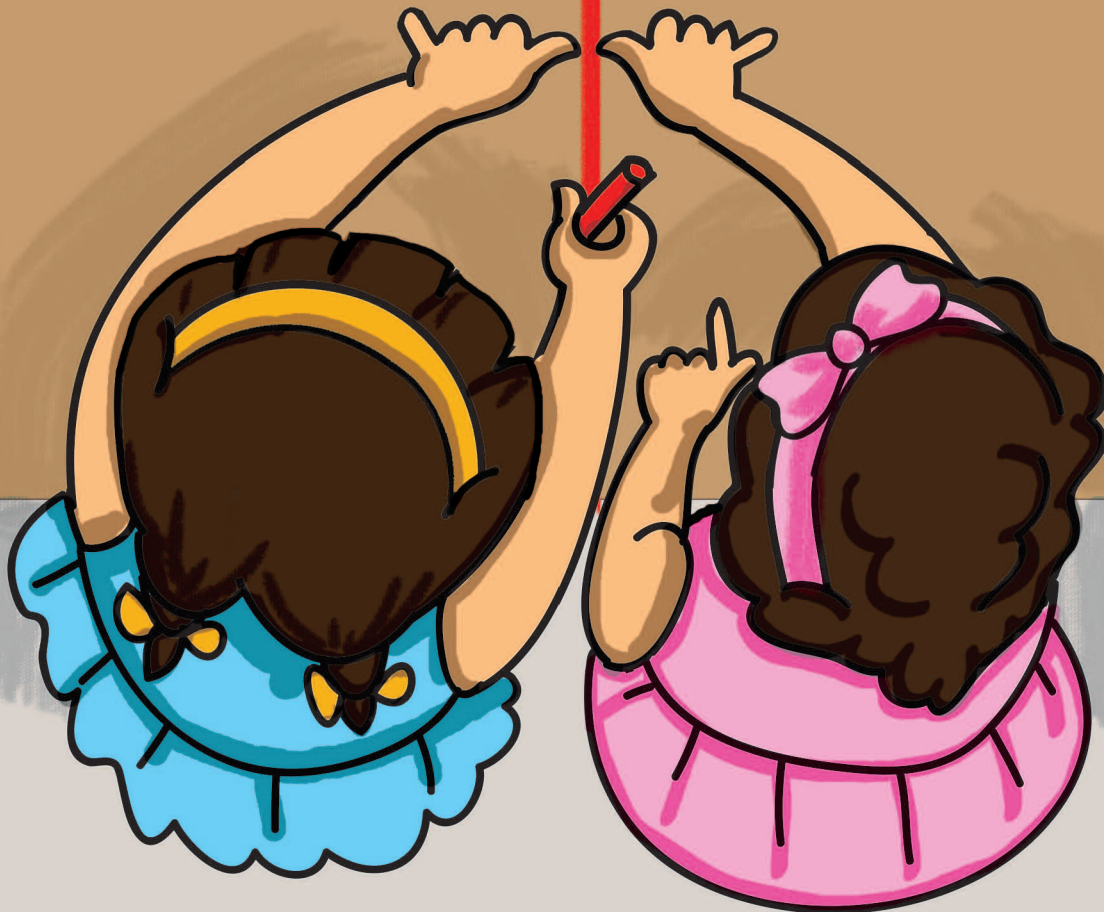
Reena measured her handspan from one corner of the new desk. Neena did the same from the other.

“One, two, and three,” the twins counted aloud.



Reena took a crayon from her pocket and marked the point where their hands met.


“This part is mine and the rest is yours,” Neena announced, happily.



“Good. Now, let’s arrange these books on your new shelves,”
Mama said.

“Some books are taller and some are smaller. How do we arrange them?” asked Reena, holding her books.



An illustration of a woman and two young girls in a library. The woman, on the left, has long black hair and is wearing a dark blue saree with a pink border and a pink blouse. She is looking towards the girls. One girl, in the center, has brown hair in pigtails with yellow headbands and is wearing a light blue dress and blue shoes. She is holding a stack of four books (purple, brown, pink, and red) and pointing upwards. The other girl, on the right, has curly brown hair with a pink headband and is wearing a pink dress and pink shoes. She is kneeling on the floor, pointing at a blue bookshelf. In the foreground, there is an open brown cardboard box containing two books, one green and one light blue. The background shows a yellow bookshelf and a light pink wall.

“We’ll arrange the books by their heights,” Mama said. “Girls, can you measure the height of the bookcases?”

“My hands are too small. This is taking forever,” Reena frowned.

“Let’s use the cubit instead of the hand span then,” said Mama.



“Cubik? Do you mean the Rubik’s Cube, Mama?”
Reena asked.

“No,” Mama laughed, “A cubit is the distance between the tip of your finger and your elbow.”

The girls immediately tried out this new way of measuring the area.



“One, two, three, and four. The height of my bookcase is exactly four times my cubit,” said Neena.

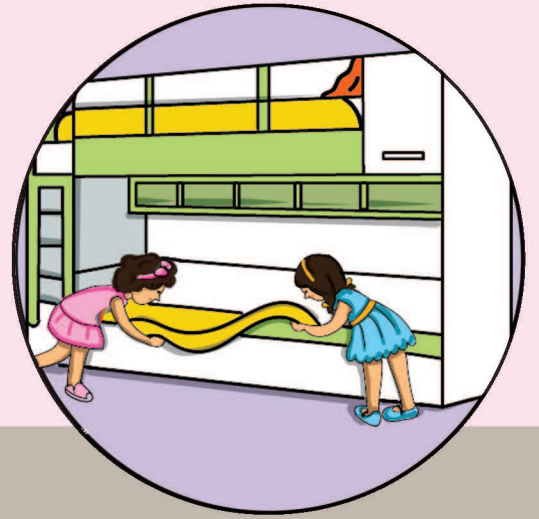
“The height of mine is twice my cubit,” answered Reena.





The twins arranged the taller books in the taller bookcase and the shorter books in the smaller bookcase.

They put the clothes in their cupboards and placed the toys in the toy box.



They also put up new curtains and bedsheets.

“We are done for the day. Shall we order pizza to celebrate?” asked Mama.

“Yes!” shouted Reena. The twins gave each other a high-five.



“I bet the area of my slice will be bigger than yours!” Neena yelled as they ran out of their new room.



Handspan and Cubit:

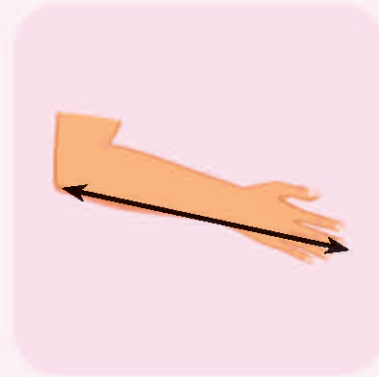
The length of objects can be measured in many different ways. Some of these ways are handspans and cubits.

Handspan is the distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger.

A cubit is the length of the arm from the elbow to the ends of the middle finger.



Handspan



Cubit

Activity Time

Take your hand and measure these objects.
Write down how many handspans they are:

1. Your desk

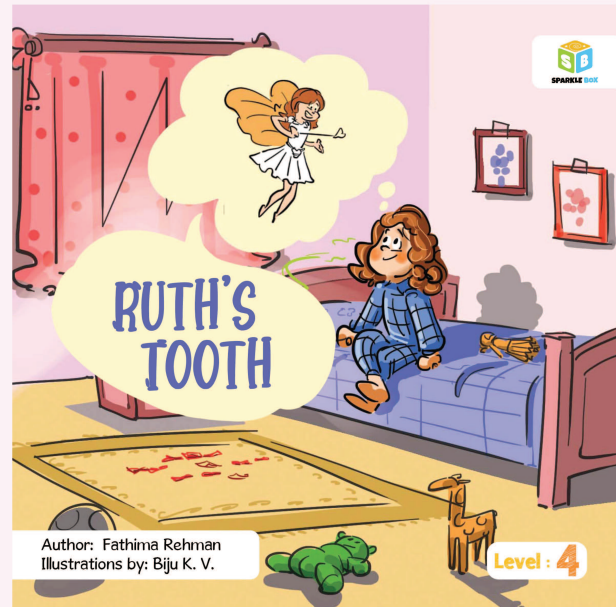
2. Your bed

3. Your book

4. Your crayon box

5. Your favourite toy

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From their new desk to a tasty slice of pizza, Reena and Meena want to share everything EQUALLY! Read on to find out how Mama helps them out.



LEVEL 1

- Appropriate for 3 to 4 year olds
- Large font size and big images
- Simple sentences
- High repetition

LEVEL 2

- Appropriate for 4 to 5 year olds
- Large font size and big images
- Simple sentences
- High repetition

LEVEL 3

- Appropriate for 5 to 6 year olds
- Medium font size and big images
- Simple compound sentences
- Low repetition

LEVEL 4

- Appropriate for 6 to 8 year olds
- Medium font size and big images
- Compound sentences
- Low repetition



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