



Linked up: What is the longest paper chain that can be made from A4 paper?

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Possible alignment of inquiry with Australian Curriculum: Mathematics:

| Content Descriptors | Proficiencies |
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| Yr3: ACMMG061 | <u>Understanding</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• m and cm are units of length• need for a common unit of measurement (formal or informal uniform) when comparing indirectly <u>Fluency</u> |
| Yr2: ACMMG037 Limit to ordering and comparison using appropriate uniform informal units | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• applies correct procedures for measurement, comparison and ordering of length (whether direct or indirect, metric or informal) <u>Problem Solving</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• make choices in order to formulate a plan to investigate the longest paper chain |
| Yr1: ACMMG019 Limit to ordering using uniform informal units | <u>Reasoning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justify mathematically the prediction for length of class chain• Using knowledge from first iteration of chain making to predict necessary adjustments to make a 1m chain |