

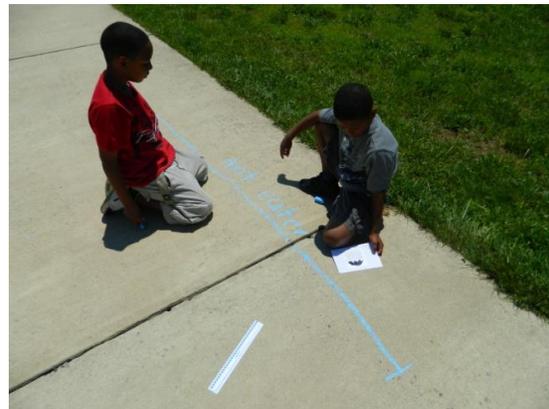
Actual Size Activity



You'll need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- Rulers
- Printed cards with animal statistics
- *Actual Size* book

It's hard to imagine the real-life size of the animals shown in the book *Actual Size*. So let's go outside with our rulers to visualize the length of some of these creatures.



The steps:

1. Children team up with their parent (if available) or another child or adult.
2. Each team chooses a card (or picks one out of a hat) and a piece of chalk.
3. Teams go outside to the back driveway (which will be closed off to parking) with their rulers, animal cards, and chalk.
4. Using the information on their animal cards, teams draw a line on the parking lot using their rulers to measure out their animals' length.



Discussion:

Which animal is longest? How do you think the animal's length helps it survive in the wild? How might it cause problems?