

# Scheda 7



#### Can you help me?

"Hello guys!! How are you? I'm so happy! I understood so much! I'd like to tell you... But not now really...I'm so hungry:

May I have some rice? Do you now? At home I used to eat  $3 \eta \rho \eta \chi$  of well cooked rice a day!

#### Help Maggie! Teach her what she needs to know about our Metric System of Measurements if she is hungry!

Pay attention! Despite of her size you'll have a really hungry Maggie to feed.



## Do you know?

#### How to measure mass.

If you want to measure mass, you need only to know about:
• grams (g)
<ul> <li>kilograms (kg)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>tonnes (t)</li> </ul>

Grams are the smallest, tonnes are the biggest

#### A gram is very light:

#### But how "light" is a gram?

hold one small paperclip in your hand. This is more or a less 1 gram.

How many grains of rice are there in 1 gram of rice? Try to guess.

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Now check your assumptions: how can you work? (pay attention at the scale you are using: how accurate is it?)

Try to be as accurate as possible:

try your experiment 5 times and then give your result as the average number.

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Trial	Number of rices grains
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average number	

Was your estimate correct? ...... What difficulties did you have?

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Complete the chart: How many grams of rice (and of rices grains) are there in:

Object	Guess (number of g)	Measure (g)	Number of rices grains
Glass			
1 teaspoon			
1 dm <sup>3</sup>			

And now, think: how many rices grains are there in 1kg of rice? And in 1 tonne?





# And now complete the chart: add each object to the column with the appropriate unit of measurement:

a teaspoon of sugar a paperclip two loaves of bread a pen cap a thumbtack 7 apples the weight of a small car a pinch of salt

grams	kilograms	tonnes

### And: 1 dm<sup>3</sup> of water (or....liter of water) = .....g

Try to guess.

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Now check your assumptions using a scale: .....

And: 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of water (or .....g)