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# UNIT 1 DESCRIBING OBJECTS



- 301 What color is your book?  
302 My book has a dark blue cover.  
303 How much does that typewriter weigh?  
304 It's not too heavy, but I don't know the exact weight.  
305 This round table weighs about forty-five pounds.  
306 What size suitcase do you own?  
307 One of my suitcases is small, and the other one is medium size.  
308 I like the shape of that table.  
309 How long is Jones Boulevard?  
310 That street is only two miles long.  
311 Will you please measure this window to see how wide it is?  
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314 This material feels soft.  
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## VERB STUDY

## 1. weigh

- a. How much does that typewriter weigh?
- b. This table weighs about forty-five pounds.
- c. Did you weigh the suitcase?
- d. Yes, I weighed the suitcase this morning.

## 2. like

- a. I like the shape of that table.
- b. Do you like the shape of that window?
- c. I liked the movie very much.
- d. He likes the medium size suitcase.

## 3. measure

- a. Will you please measure this window?
- b. I've already measured that window.
- c. I'm measuring the window right now.
- d. Did he measure the table to see how long it is?

## 4. feel

- a. This material feels soft.
- b. I feel fine today.
- c. I didn't feel well yesterday.
- d. He felt the material to see how soft it was.

## 5. own

- a. What size suitcase do you own?
- b. I own a small suitcase and a medium size one.
- c. He owns that automobile.
- d. Last year he owned a good automobile.

## 6. have

- a. My book has a dark blue cover.
- b. I have two suitcases.
- c. Last year I had a good typewriter.
- d. Does he have a dark blue book?

## 7. be

- a. What color is your book?
- b. The walls are three inches thick.
- c. I'm a doctor.
- d. He was in New York yesterday.
- e. Isn't John your brother?

#### 4 UNIT ONE

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. What color is your 

book
pencil
typewriter
camera

 ? Do you remember?
2. My book has a 

dark blue
light blue
bright red
red and blue

 cover. Have you seen it?
3. How much does that 

typewriter
table
dog
elephant

 weigh? Can you tell me?
4. It's 

not too heavy
not awfully heavy
very light
pretty light
fairly heavy

 , but I don't know the exact weight.
5. This 

round
square
long
narrow
small

 table weighs about forty-five pounds.
6. What size 

suitcase
notebook
house
apartment
diamond

 do you own?
7. One of my suitcases is 

small
large
little
big

 , and the other one is medium.

8. I like the 

shape
size
color
weight

 of that table. Do you like it?

9. How 

long
wide
narrow
big

 is Jones Boulevard? Do you know?

10. That street is only 

two miles long
two blocks long
300 yards long
two miles in length
900 feet long

 . What's the name of the street?

11. Will you please measure this window to see how 

wide
narrow
high
big
small

 it is?

12. This window is just as 

wide
narrow
high
big
small
high and wide

 as that one.

13. The walls are 

three inches
two feet
one yard
3 in.
2 ft.
1 yd.

 thick. How high are the walls?

6 UNIT ONE

14. This material feels

soft  
hard  
wet  
dry  
hard and dry  
soft and wet

. How does that material feel?

15. This pencil is

longer  
shorter  
bigger  
smaller  
heavier  
lighter

than that one.

16. This book weighs

two pounds  
twenty ounces  
2 lbs.  
25 oz.

. What's the weight of that book?

17. This window is

two feet  
twenty-six inches  
2'  
26"

wide. What's the width of that window?

18. What size is your apartment?

How big

19. Do you

have  
own  
want

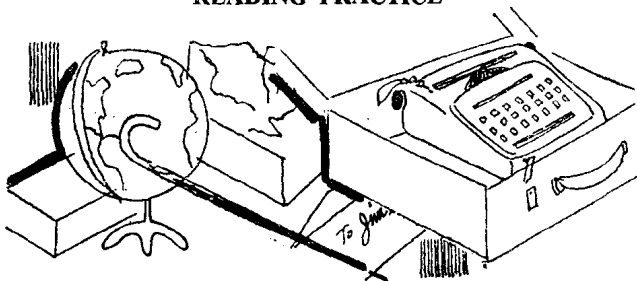
a large suitcase?

20. Your suitcase

is  
looks  
feels

very heavy.

## READING PRACTICE



## Describing Objects

Yesterday was Jim's birthday. He got a lot of presents from his friends and family. All the gifts were wrapped in colored paper. Some of the packages were large, but others were very small. Some were heavy, and others were light. One square package was blue; there was a book in it. Another one was long and narrow; it had an umbrella in it. Jim's sister gave him a big, round package. He thought it was a ball, but it was not. When he removed the yellow paper that covered it, he saw that it was a globe of the world.

After that his brother gave Jim another gift. It was a big box wrapped in green paper. Jim opened it and found another box covered with red paper. He removed the paper and saw a third box; this one was blue in color.

Everyone laughed as Jim opened the boxes. There were six of them! In the last one he found a small white envelope. There was a piece of paper in the envelope which said: "Go to the big bedroom. Look in the closet near the high window. You will see three suitcases: a black one, a brown one and a gray one. Your birthday present is in one of these."

Jim went in the large bedroom. He went to the closet and began opening the suitcases. He had to open all of them before he saw his brother's present. He was very happy. It was just what Jim wanted—a portable typewriter.

## Questions

1. What was in the square blue package?
2. What did Jim's sister give him?
3. What was in the long, narrow box?
4. Describe the gift from Jim's brother.
5. Was Jim happy with the gift from his brother? Why?

CONVERSATION

Judy comes home late with a surprise for her husband, Fred.

FRED: Judy! Where have you been? It's after six o'clock.

JUDY: Wait until I tell you, Fred! I've been downtown and I saw just what I wanted.

FRED: I know. A green dress to match the green shoes you bought last week.

JUDY: No. Not a green dress or a red one or a yellow one. It isn't anything for me. It's for our house.

FRED: Our house? What is it?

JUDY: You'll never guess. It's a new sofa. A yellow one.

FRED: We already have a sofa, Judy. A very good one.

JUDY: I never liked it. It's brown and our other furniture is light blue. It doesn't match. The yellow one will look good with our other things.

FRED: Very well. Tell me about it.

JUDY: First of all, it's exactly the right size for the wall near the window. The sofa we have now is too short.

FRED: Is it wide or narrow?

JUDY: It's as wide as our old sofa, but it looks narrower because it's longer.

FRED: Fine. Then I'll have a very good place to sleep after dinner.



## EXERCISES

1. Complete the following sentences with the correct word.

Example: My automobile is *longer* than yours. (*longer, length, medium, small*)

- a. This typewriter weighs \_\_\_\_\_. (*light, heavy, 25 lbs., 10 inches*)
- b. The typewriter is \_\_\_\_\_ than this pencil. (*light, heavy, lighter, heavier*)
- c. This pencil is \_\_\_\_\_ than the typewriter. (*light, heavy, lighter, --heavier*)
- d. Jones Boulevard measures \_\_\_\_\_ in width. (*36 lbs., heavy, 36 oz., 36 feet*)
- e. It is \_\_\_\_\_ than Lane Street. (*wide, wider, width, weight*)
- f. I don't know the exact \_\_\_\_\_ of the window. (*wide, wider, width, high*)
- g. This window is \_\_\_\_\_ than that one. (*narrow, narrower, height, width*)
- h. This wall is just as \_\_\_\_\_ as that one. (*thick, thickness, width, height*)

2. Complete the sentences with the correct word from the list below:

weight    size    color    shape    length  
height    width    material

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this book is blue.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this table is round.
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this suitcase is 20 lbs.
- d. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the street is 2 miles.
- e. This suitcase is a small \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. This window is high. Its \_\_\_\_\_ is three feet.
- g. This is a wide street. Its \_\_\_\_\_ is 36 feet.
- h. This \_\_\_\_\_ feels soft.

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3. Complete the sentences below with the appropriate words from the list:

large	wide	long	light	hard
narrow	thick	soft	small	dry
thin	heavy	wet	short	

*Example:* Elephants are big. They are not *small*.

- a. This suitcase is awfully heavy. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. This table is 'pretty small. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. This material feels fairly soft. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Jones Boulevard is very wide. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. The window was wet. It was not \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. These walls are two feet thick. They are not \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. This street is very long. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. This is a thin book. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. This is a narrow window. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- j. This is a light briefcase. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. This is a hard bed. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- l. This street is dry. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- m. This table is short. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Complete the questions with one of the expressions from the list below:

how wide	how long	what is the weight
how thick	what color	what is the thickness
what sizes	what shape	what is the width
how much heavier	what is the length	how tall

*Example:* What is the width of that window? It is 3 feet wide.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ of that pencil? It weighs 2 oz.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ is that window? It is 41 inches in width.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ is that street? It is two miles in length.

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ is that wall? It is three feet thick.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ of that street? It is 36 feet wide.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ is this book than that one? They are the same weight.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ is your book? It is red and blue.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ are your suitcases? One is small and the other is medium.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ is that table? It is round.
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ of that material? It is three yards long.
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ is John? His height is exactly six feet.

5. Use the right verb form:

weighing	weigh	weighs	am	is	are
	measure	measures		measuring	

- a. How many pounds do you \_\_\_\_\_?
- b. I don't know how many pounds I \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. John \_\_\_\_\_ one hundred and fifty pounds.
- d. You \_\_\_\_\_ your suitcase to see what size it is.
- e. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ the windows to see how wide they are.
- f. I \_\_\_\_\_ heavier than my sister.
- g. These windows \_\_\_\_\_ wider than those.
- h. Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ smaller than elephants.
- i. How much does that typewriter \_\_\_\_\_?
- j. They are \_\_\_\_\_ the windows now to see how high they are.
- k. I am \_\_\_\_\_ my suitcase to see what its weight is.
- l. The boulevard \_\_\_\_\_ only three miles long.
- m. That man is \_\_\_\_\_ the boulevard now to see what its width is.
- n. That street \_\_\_\_\_ longer than this one.
- o. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the length of this material for me, please?

## WORD LIST

apartment	high	short, shorter, shortest
as . . . as	inch	size
awfully	large	small, smaller, smallest
big, bigger, biggest	length	soft
bright	light, lighter, lightest	square
camera	long, longer, longest	suitcase
color	material	thick
cover	medium	too
dark	mile	typewriter
diamond	narrow	weight
elephant	only	wet
fairly	ounce	wide
foot, feet	pound	width
hard	round	yard
heavy, heavier, heaviest	shape	

## Verb Forms

p. = past; p. part. = past participle  
 feel, felt (*p. and p. part.*)  
 measure, measured (*p. and p. part.*)  
 own, owned (*p. and p. part.*)  
 weigh, weighed (*p. and p. part.*)

## Expression

how much

## Weights and Measures

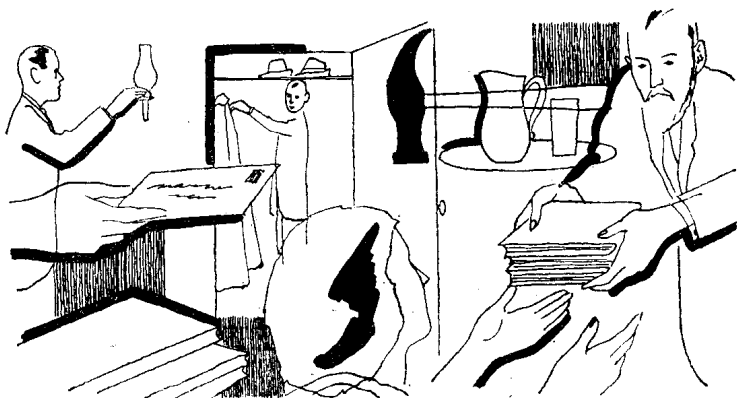
26" = twenty-six inches  
 26 in. = twenty-six inches  
 2' = two feet  
 2 ft. = two feet  
 1 yd. = one yard  
 25 oz. = twenty-five ounces  
 2 lb. = two pounds

## Supplementary Word List

(Conversation and Reading Practice)

ball	furniture	removed
bedroom	gifts	shoes
box	globe	sofa
closet	laughed	surprise
colored	match	umbrella
covered	package	why
downtown	portable	wrapped
dress	presents	

# UNIT 2 ASKING PEOPLE TO DO THINGS



- 316 Would you please tell Mr. Cooper that I'm here?
- 317 Take these books home with you tonight.
- 318 Please bring me those magazines.
- 319 Would you help me lift this heavy box?
- 320 Please ask John to turn on the lights.
- 321 Put your books down on the table.
- 322 Get me a hammer from the kitchen, will you?
- 323 Hang up my coat in the closet, will you please?
- 324 Please don't bother me now. I'm very busy.
- 325 Would you mind mailing this letter for me?
- 326 If you have time, will you call me tomorrow?
- 327 Please pick up those cups and saucers.
- 328 Will you do me a favor?
- 329 Please count the chairs in that room.
- 330 Please pour this milk into that glass.

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