## Weight in Pounds

Weight means how heavy something is. You can measure weight using a scale. A bathroom scale measures weight in pounds or in kilograms.

In this lesson you will need:

- a bathroom scale that measures in pounds
- a bucket and water
- encyclopedias or some other fairly heavy books
- a plastic bag or some other bag
- a backpack

The numbers on your scale may go up by twenties, and not by tens. In the picture here, the longer line halfway in-between the two numbers is TEN more than the smaller of the two numbers. Each little line means 2 pounds more than the previous line.

The scale on the right is stopped at the second little line after 140 pounds, which means $140+2+2$ pounds, or 144 pounds.


We use "lb" to abbreviate the word pounds. 15 pounds $=15 \mathrm{lb}$.
The "lb" comes from the Latin word libra, which also means a pound.

1. How many pounds is the scale showing? You can mark the in-between ten-numbers on the scale to help.

a. $\qquad$ lb

d. $\qquad$ lb


b. $\qquad$ lb

e. $\qquad$ lb

c. $\qquad$ lb

f. $\qquad$ lb
