Several possible examples with explanations about counting space and using numbers:

- Each space is marked with an oval.
- Each space is marked with a hop motion.
- The end of each inch is marked with a dot, and counted in order.
more ways to find the length along a broken ruler:

This approach shows the re-numbering to repair the ruler and fit the object.

Here the endpoints are marked, and we find the difference: 6 - 2 = 4. So the length is 4 inches.