

## From Here to There

Al·most a<sup>s</sup> soon a<sup>s</sup> there were peo·ple on Earth, they found they need·ed to mea·sure th·ing<sup>s</sup>. They need·ed to know how long th·ing<sup>s</sup> were. But there were no ru·ler<sup>s</sup>. They need·ed to tell time. But there were no clock<sup>s</sup>.

They wanted to know how much of some·th·ing they had when they wanted to trade. But there were no scale<sup>s</sup> to use. They need·ed to know how long and how wide the land they farmed wa<sup>s</sup>. But they had no good way to tell.

At first, peo·ple could mea·sure dis·tan·ce on·ly by steps. They might say that they lived ten pa·ce<sup>s</sup> from the riv·er. Or, to tell time, they might say that a trip would start at sun·up.

But, lit·tle by lit·tle, peo·ple found bet·ter way<sup>s</sup> to mea·sure. They thought of way<sup>s</sup> to find out what they need·ed to know.