

comparing capacities

Would you like
this big jug or
this small jug?

In the bath

(or water play with a bowl,
pool or sink)

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Let's pour all of
the water from the
yellow pot into this
blue pot, what do
you think might
happen?



capacity

Let's see if one jug full
will fill all these
cups...

volume

Let's half-fill these ones so
we can both have the
same amount of 'drink'.

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volume

Can you fill it right up to the line?

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capacity & comparison

Which cup holds the most water do you think? How might we check?

size & capacity

This ladle is HUGE!
It holds more than this cup!



capacity

If we keep on pouring, this will over-flow!

how many & weight

I wonder how many pebbles I can fit in my pot / tub before it sinks?

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