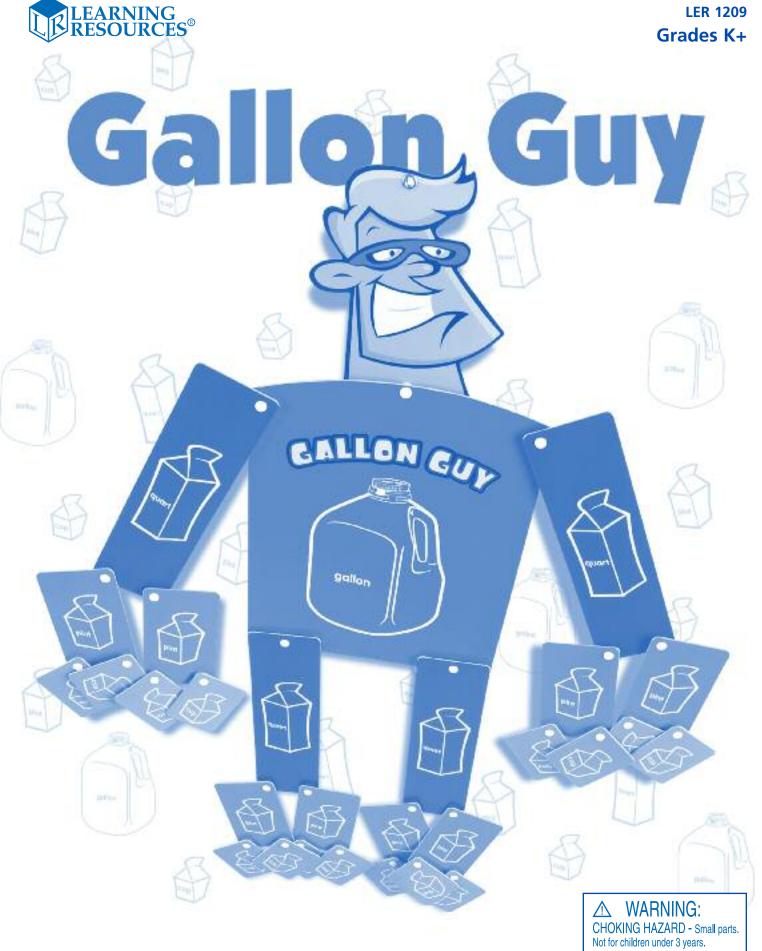
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Gallon Guy is a great tool to help students visualize conversions and equivalencies. Colorfully labeled conversion pieces will make students excited to assemble Gallon Guy!

When assembling Gallon Guy make sure to put the head on first and build upon that. Although the snaps are strong, they are meant to come apart easily, so be careful when assembling and moving him around.

For the whole class:

Discuss all the units of standard liquid measurement with the class.

Ask the students to identify cups, pints, quarts, and gallons, and then place them in order from greatest to least volume.

Explain to the class that everyone will learn conversions by making a Gallon Guy. Hand a piece to each student, but keep Gallon Guy's head in your hand.

Ask the class to identify the largest unit of measurement. Once the class decides that the gallon is the largest unit, have the student with the gallon come to the front of the room and attach it to the head. Continue by asking for all of Gallon Guy's units of measurement in order. Once Gallon Guy is complete, use the grommet to hang him somewhere in the room where he can be seen.

This activity could also be done with the Gallon Measurement Set (LER 1207). Separate the class into three groups and give each group a quart, a pint, or a cup. Keep the gallon at the front of the room. First, have the quart group fill the quart with water and empty it into the gallon container. Continue until the gallon is full. Once students figure out that four quarts are in a gallon, the group could then start to assemble Gallon Guy. Empty the gallon and ask the pint group to fill the gallon, counting how many pints it takes to fill the gallon. Repeat with the cup group.

Reproducible activity sheets are included in this guide so that all students can make a miniature Gallon Guy. This can be done after a lesson or as you make Gallon Guy at the front of the room. Simply photocopy enough pages for each student in the class. Tape, glue, or staples can be used to keep Gallon Guy together. Have each student color their Gallon Guy to take home or to be placed in the classroom for decoration.

For a small group or individual students:

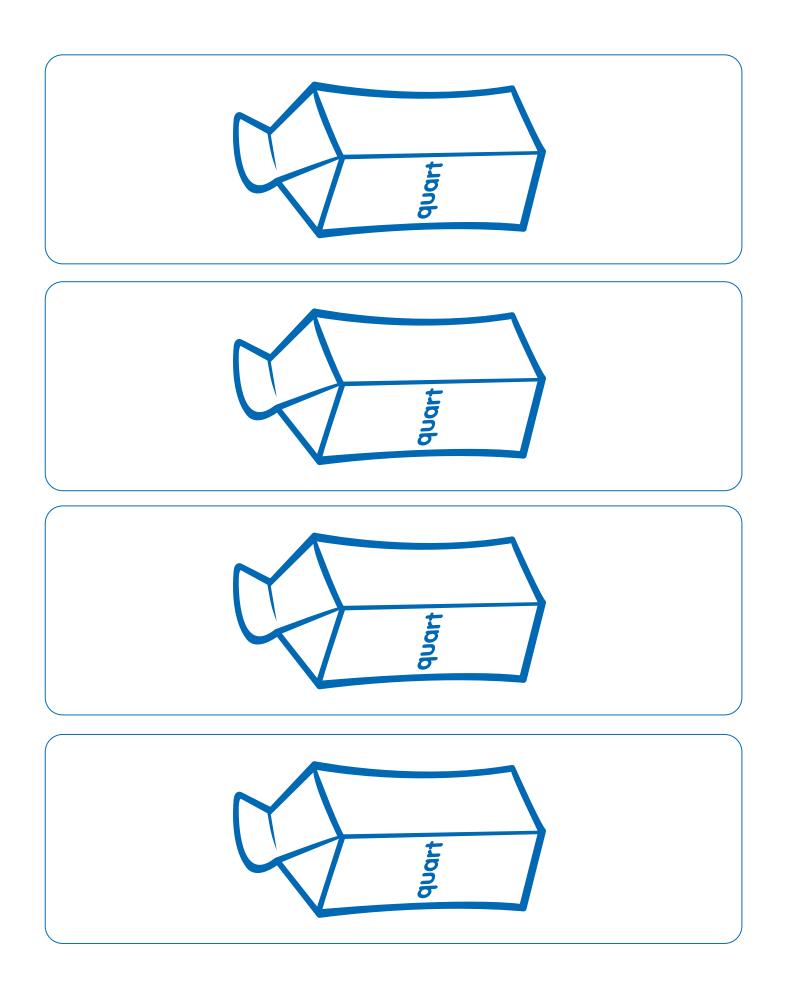
Put Gallon Guy in the center of the room and have the student or students put it together like a puzzle.

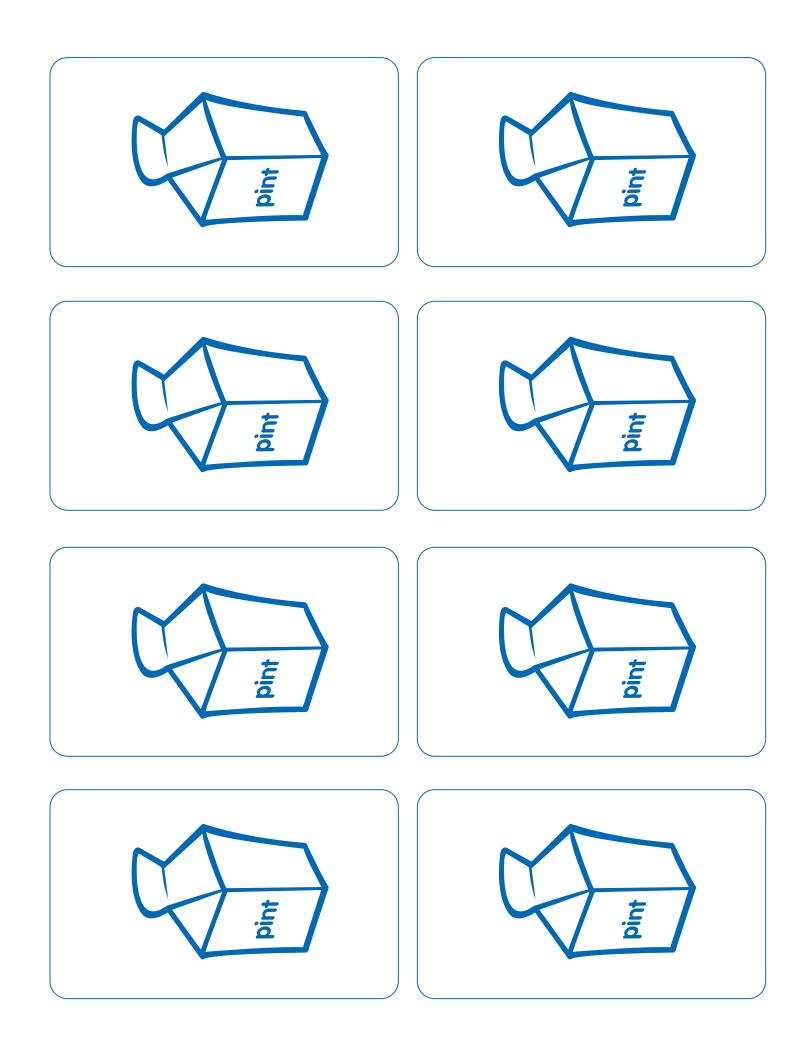
Gallon Guy will be the class hero helping students learn liquid measurements!

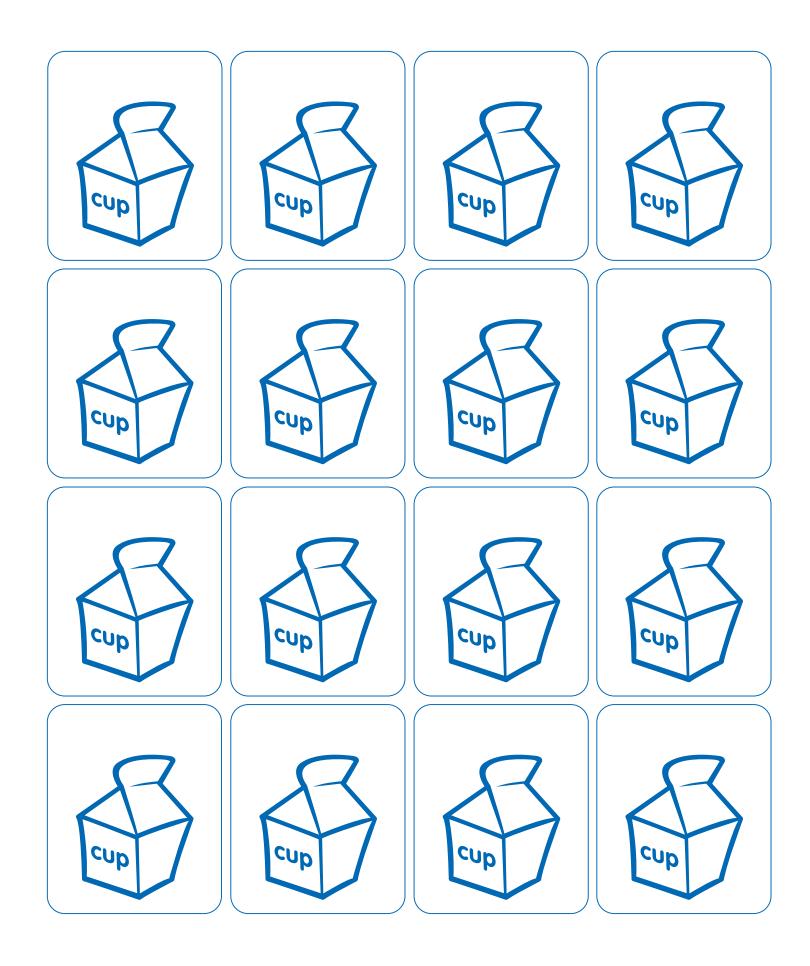












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