

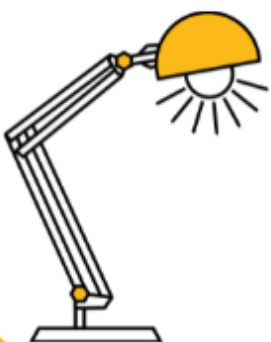
What is this tool? The Independent Learner Ruler was developed in order to encourage students to practice solving problems independently, before turning to the teacher for help during class. The ruler helps practice problem solving and encourages the student to try, and try again to solve the problem on their own. This allows the teacher to assist students who need him/her most.

Who is it intended for? Students of all ages, including those with special needs.

How long is it used for? The Independent Learner Ruler is used by students in class during routine tasks, which may prove challenging. Thus, the ruler which can be placed in the pencil case, can be used whenever a task is given in class, for the duration of the activity.

Good to know: Each student gets his or her own ruler, and can practice problem solving with it. The ruler may be used for lessons in any subject taught in class in which students work independently and problems may arise. The teacher should also practice in advance how to allow the students to work on their own. In other words, the teacher can see how his/her students work and how they cope with problems, while he/she is free to walk around and help those who have passed the stage of “try”, “try again”, “ask a friend” and have now reached “ask a teacher”.

***We highly recommend making a big ruler for the classroom and hanging it in a clearly visible spot (for example over the white board) for everyone to see and remember, teachers and students alike.**



Poenta's Independent Learner Ruler

