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- 10 dm = 1 m (meter), about half the height of an ordinary door.
- 10 m = 1 dam (decameter), about the height of a 3-storey building.
- 10 dam = 1 hm (hectometer), about the length of a football field.
- 10 hm = 1 km (kilometer), about the length of a brisk 10 minute walk

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- 1 000 cm³ = 1 l (liter), about 4 coffee cupsful.
- 1 m³ (cubic meter) = 1 kl (kiloliter), about 5 gasoline drums.

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4. Units of Area:

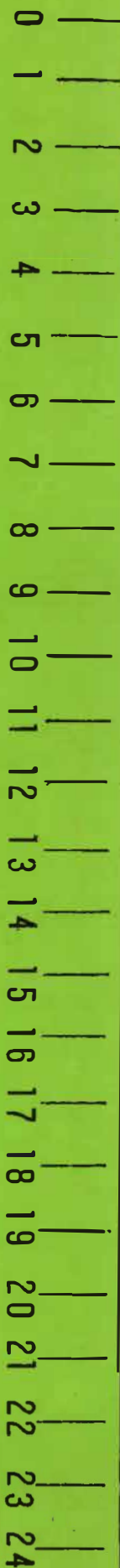
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5. Units of Temperature: (In degrees Celsius)

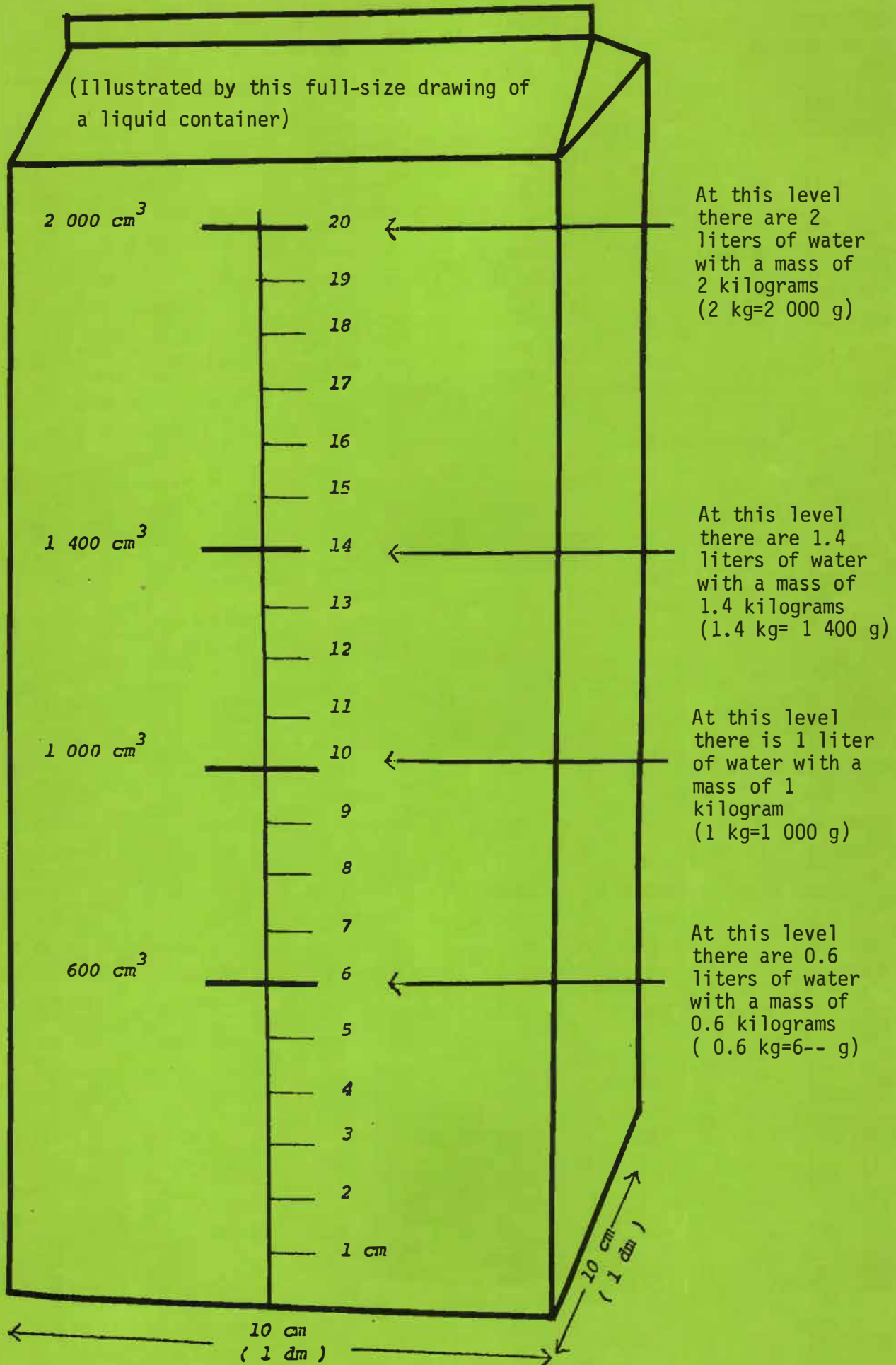
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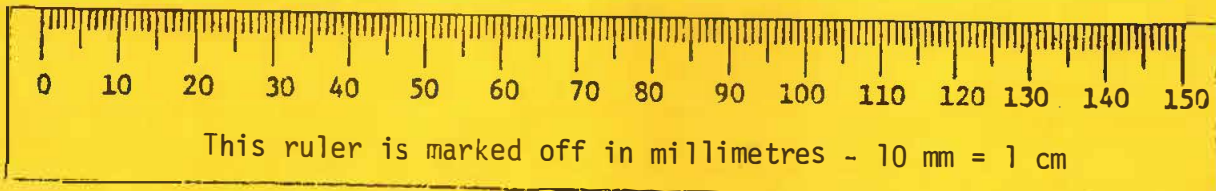
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