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fine point, but as Danloux-Dumesnils laments, "It is a strange fact that many a man who would justifiably complain about a misspelling or an unattached participle in a letter attaches no importance to the correct method of writing numbers and measurements."

Summary

This article has reviewed the history and application of the metre and second which are basic units of the International System of Units. The next article in this series will discuss the kilogram, why it already has a prefix in its name, and how it is combined with the metre and the second to create more complex units.

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"As a professional in this business of testmaking, I am much more aware of the limitations of testing than most laymen. Achievement tests such as ours are designed as tools to help teachers do their jobs. Scores from them cannot be used as final judgments on anything — not children, not teachers, not schools and certainly not American education in general."

"Several years ago, in the mid-1960s, we administered a test originally given in the 1940s. We wanted a direct comparison of abilities, then and now. That test turned out to be so easy for the 1960s children that we couldn't even calculate a dependable average — there were too many perfect scores."

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