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Answer: I think I will go fishing. I want to catch a nice sunfish or walleye or maybe a catfish. I do not want to catch a paddlefish (also called a spoonbill) because it is an endangered species.

Fishing by the Numbers

Before Otter went fishing, he got a license and a book of regulations. He caught a trout, a bass, and a pike. In the regulation book, he read that a trout must be at least 7 inches long, a bass 15 inches, and a pike 18 inches or he would have to release them. When he got out his ruler to measure them, he found that it was divided into centimeters rather than inches. Luckily, he knew that 1 centimeter = .39 inches, so he measured them in centimeters. Help Otter figure out if he must release any of his fish.

Trout = 25 centimeters = _____ inches Release? ___
 Bass = 35 centimeters = _____ inches Release? ___
 Pike = 47 centimeters = _____ inches Release? ___



Answers: Otter's Trout measured 25 centimeters x .39 = 9.75 inches. Release? No (Must be at least 7 inches.)
 Otter's Bass measured 35 centimeters x .39 = 13.65 inches. Release? Yes (Must be at least 15 inches.)
 Otter's Pike measured 47 centimeters x .39 = 18.33 inches. Release? No (Must be at least 18 inches—Whoa! That was close!)