

WS 4.0: Unit Conversions

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Prefix	Symbol	Meaning
Mega-	M	10^6 , 1,000,000, 1 million
kilo-	k	10^3 , 1,000, 1 thousand
deci-	d	10^{-1} , $\frac{1}{10}^{\text{th}}$, 1 tenth
centi-	c	10^{-2} , $\frac{1}{100}^{\text{th}}$, 1 hundredth
milli-	m	10^{-3} , $\frac{1}{1000}$, 1 thousandth
micro-	μ	10^{-6} , $\frac{1}{1,000,000}$, 1 millionth
nano-	n	10^{-9} , $\frac{1}{1,000,000,000}^{\text{th}}$, 1 billionth

Other Conversions:

- 1 inch = 2.54 cm
- 1 mile = 5280 ft
- 1 mile = 1.61 kilometers
- 1 foot = 12 inches (exactly)
- 1 hour = 60 minutes (exactly)
- 1 cm³ = 1 mL (exactly)

(Memorize all prefixes in the above table)

YOU MUST SHOW ALL WORK AND ALL UNIT FACTORS TO RECEIVE CREDIT!

1. Make the following conversions

a. 3.2 feet to centimeters $(3.2 \text{ ft}) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \right) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ inch}} \right) = 97.536 \rightarrow \boxed{98 \text{ cm}}$ (a)

b. 0.0567 meters to inches $(0.0567 \text{ m}) \left(\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ inch}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} \right) = 2.2323 \rightarrow \boxed{2.23 \text{ inches}}$ (b)

c. 27.2 inches to millimeters $(27.2 \text{ in}) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ inch}} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ cm}} \right) = 690.88 \rightarrow \boxed{691 \text{ mm}}$ (c)

d. 3.00 days to minutes $(3.00 \text{ day}) \left(\frac{24 \text{ hr}}{\text{day}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) = 4320 \text{ minutes}$ (d)

e. 0.11 kilometers to feet $(0.11 \text{ km}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1.61 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{\text{mile}} \right) = 360.745 \rightarrow \boxed{360 \text{ feet}}$ (e)

2a. A spider is moving at a speed of 48 feet per hour. Convert this speed into centimeters per minute. $\left(\frac{48 \text{ feet}}{\text{hour}} \right) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ foot}} \right) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{\text{inch}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hour}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) = 24.384 \rightarrow \boxed{24 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}}}$ (a)

2b. A car is traveling at a speed of 1400 meters per minute. Convert this speed to miles per hour. $\left(\frac{1400 \text{ meters}}{\text{minute}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1.61 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hour}} \right) = 52.1739 \rightarrow \boxed{52 \text{ miles/hr}}$ (b) (mph)

2c. A puppy is gaining weight at a rate of 4.2 pounds per week. Convert this rate into grams per day. (Note: 1 kilogram = 2.20 pounds) $\left(\frac{4.2 \text{ lb}}{\text{week}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.20 \text{ lb}} \right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ week}}{7 \text{ days}} \right) = 272.73 \rightarrow \boxed{270 \text{ g/day}}$ (c)

3. a. How many square inches are in one square foot? 144
 b. How many cubic inches are in one cubic foot? 1728

4. Convert 1.0 ft³ to cm³.

$$(1.0 \text{ ft}^3) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ inch}} \right)^3 = 28317 \rightarrow \boxed{28000 \text{ cm}^3}$$

$$\text{or } (1.0 \text{ ft}^3) \left(\frac{1728 \text{ in}^3}{1 \text{ ft}^3} \right) \left(\frac{16.387 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ in}^3} \right) = 28317 \rightarrow 28000 \text{ cm}^3$$

- 5. A piece of gold has a mass of 0.245 kg (kilograms).
- a. Convert the mass of gold from kilograms into grams.

$$(0.245 \text{ kg}) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \right) = \boxed{245 \text{ g}}$$

- b. Gold has a density of 19.2 g/cm³. Determine the volume of the piece of gold.

$$V = \frac{m}{D} = \frac{245 \text{ g}}{19.2 \text{ g/cm}^3} = 12.760 \rightarrow \boxed{12.8 \text{ cm}^3}$$

- 6. Aluminum has a density of 2.70 g/cm³. A cubic piece of aluminum has sides with a length of 2.0 inches.

$$(2.0 \text{ in})^3 = 8.0 \text{ in}^3 \quad (8.0 \text{ in}^3) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ inch}} \right)^3 = 131.097 \text{ cm}^3$$

- a. Calculate the volume of the aluminum cube, in cubic centimeters (cm³).

$$(2.0 \text{ in})(2.54 \text{ cm/inch}) = 5.08 \text{ cm}$$

$$(5.08 \text{ cm})^3 = 131.097 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\boxed{130 \text{ cm}^3}$$



- b. Calculate the mass of the piece of aluminum.

$$m = V \cdot D = (131.097 \text{ cm}^3)(2.70 \text{ g/cm}^3) = 353.96 \rightarrow \boxed{350 \text{ g}}$$

- 7. Gold has a density of 19.2 g/cm³. A rectangular piece of gold has a length of 9.0 cm, a width of 7.0 cm, and a mass of 0.16 grams. Calculate the thickness of the gold foil, in centimeters.

(Hint: This is just like problem 1 from WS 3.4)

$$V = \frac{m}{D} = \frac{0.16 \text{ g}}{19.2 \text{ g/cm}^3} = 0.008333 \text{ cm}^3$$

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$$V = l \cdot w \cdot t \quad 0.008333 \text{ cm}^3 = (9.0 \text{ cm})(7.0 \text{ cm}) t$$

$$\boxed{t = 0.00013 \text{ cm}}$$

- 8. A cat is moving at a speed of 14000 meters per hour. Convert this speed to feet per minute.

$$\left(\frac{14000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) \left(\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ inch}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) = 765.5 \rightarrow \boxed{770 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}}$$

- 9. Make the following conversions:

- a. 1447 seconds into days

$$(1447 \text{ s}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hr}} \right) = 0.016748 \rightarrow \boxed{0.01675 \text{ days}} \text{ (a)}$$

- b. 899 millimeters (mm) into feet.

$$(899 \text{ mm}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ mm}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ inch}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \right) = 2.9495 \rightarrow \boxed{2.95 \text{ feet}} \text{ (b)}$$

- c. 0.25 kilometers (km) into meters

$$(0.25 \text{ km}) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) = \boxed{250 \text{ m}} \text{ (c)}$$

- d. 0.0040 kilograms to milligrams

$$(0.0040 \text{ kg}) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ g}} \right) = 4000 \rightarrow \boxed{4.0 \times 10^3 \text{ mg}} \text{ (d)}$$

- e. 55.5 inches into meters

$$(55.5 \text{ in}) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ inch}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) = 1.4097 \rightarrow \boxed{1.41 \text{ m}} \text{ (e)}$$

- f. 3.50 miles into meters

$$(3.50 \text{ miles}) \left(\frac{1.61 \text{ km}}{\text{mile}} \right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{\text{km}} \right) = 5635 \rightarrow \boxed{5640 \text{ m}} \text{ (f)}$$

OR $(3.50 \text{ mi}) \left(\frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{\text{mile}} \right) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \right) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{\text{inch}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) = 5632.7 \dots \rightarrow ? \quad 5630 \dots$