

Customary Units

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Unit (abbreviation)

Conversion

Weight

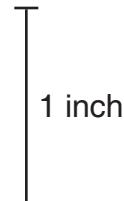
ounce (oz)
pound (lb)
ton

1 lb = 16 oz
1 ton = 2,000 lb

Length

inch (in)
foot (ft)
yard (yd)
mile (mi)

1 ft = 12 in
1 yd = 3 ft
1 mi = 5,280 ft



Volume

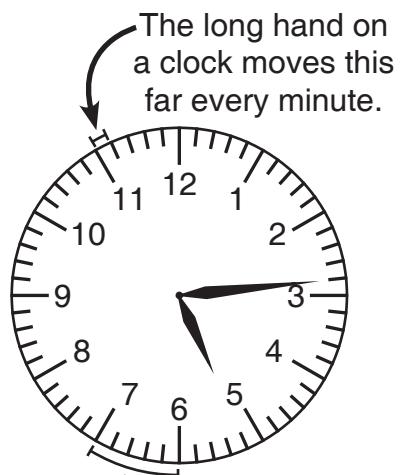
fluid ounce (fl oz)
cup (c)
pint (pt)
quart (qt)
gallon (gal)

1 c = 8 fl oz
1 pt = 2 c
1 qt = 2 pt
1 gal = 4 qt

Time

second (sec)
minute (min)
hour (hr)
day
week
month
decade
century
millennium

1 min = 60 sec
1 hr = 60 min
1 day = 24 hr
1 week = 7 days
1 month has 28-31 days
1 decade = 10 years
1 century = 100 years
1 millennium = 1,000 years



Temperature

degree Fahrenheit ($^{\circ}\text{F}$)
Water freezes: 32°F
Water boils: 212°F

The short hand on a clock moves this far every hour.

The Metric System

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The metric system uses prefixes.

kilo means $\times 1,000$

For example, there are 1,000 meters in 1 **kilometer**.

centi means $\div 100$

1 meter can be divided into 100 **centimeters**.

milli means $\div 1,000$

1 liter can be divided into 1,000 **milliliters**.

Common Units (abbreviation)

Weight

gram (g)

kilogram (kg)

$1 \text{ kg} = 1,000 \text{ g}$

Length

centimeter (cm)

$100 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ m}$

meter (m)

kilometer (km)

$1 \text{ km} = 1,000 \text{ m}$

Volume

milliliter (mL)

$1,000 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ L}$

liter (L)

Other Prefixes

kilo (k)

Conversion

$\times 1,000$

hecto (h)

$\times 100$

deka (da)

$\times 10$

no prefix

$\div 10$

deci (d)

$\div 100$

centi (c)

$\div 1,000$

milli (m)

Example

1 **kilometer** = 1,000 meters

1 **hectometer** = 100 meters

1 **dekameter** = 10 meters

1 meter = 1 meter

10 **decimeters** = 1 meter

100 **centimeters** = 1 meter

1,000 **millimeters** = 1 meter

↔ 1 millimeter

↔ 1 centimeter = 10 mm

↔ 1 decimeter = 10 cm = 100 mm ↔

Temperature

degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Water freezes: 0°C

Water boils: 100°C