METRIC SYSTEM REVIEW

Basics of Metric System

Also called SI (Systeme Internationale)
Base-10 system (easier to convert)
Used in every country except:

USA
Liberia
Myanmar (Burma)

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Metric System (SI) Units

Length Basic unit: meter (m) Tool: Meter stick or metric ruler Mass (amount of matter in an object) Basic unit: gram (g) Tool: Triple-beam balance Volume (amount of space an object takes up) Basic unit: Liter (L) Tool: Graduated cylinder for liquid volume/irregular objects; Ruler (LxWxH) for regular shapes

Units, Continued

Temperature Basic unit: Celsius (°C) Tool: thermometer Time Basic unit: Second (s) Tool: A watch or clock Weight (measure of the force of gravity on an object) Basic unit: Newton (N) Tool: Newton spring scale



How Do I Convert Metric Units?

kilo	hecto	deka	BASE UNIT	deci	centi	milli	
k	h	da	gram (g)	d	С	m	
1000	100	10	meter (m) liter (L)	0.1	0.01	0.001	

- 1. Find the unit you're starting with on the chart
- 2. Count the number of "jumps" to your ending point.
- Move the decimal the same number of spaces in the same direction

Practice Problems

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Using the chart, convert these:

- 35 ml = ? dl
- 2000 mm = ? km
- 0.752 hg = ? cg