

or Factor Label method

DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS PROBLEMS

Conversions Factors

1 hr = 60 min	1 min = 60 sec	1 ton = 2000 lbs	7 days = 1 week
24 hrs = 1 day	1 kg = 2.2 lbs	1 gal = 3.79 L	264.2 gal = 1 cubic meter
1 mi = 5,280 ft	1 kg = 1000 g	1 lb = 16 oz	20 drops = 1 mL
365 days = 1 yr	52 weeks = 1 yr	2.54 cm = 1 in	1 L = 1000 mL
0.621 mi = 1.00 km	1 yd = 36 inches	1 cc is 1 cm ³	1 mL = 1 cm ³

DIRECTIONS: Solve each problem using dimensional analysis. Every number must have a unit. Work must be shown. Conversion factors are given below

- 1.) How many miles will a person run during a 10 kilometer race?

$$10 \text{ km} \times \frac{0.621 \text{ mi}}{1.00 \text{ km}} = 6.21 \text{ km}$$

- 2.) The moon is 250,000 miles away. How many feet is it from earth?

$$2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ mi} \times \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 1.32 \times 10^9 \text{ ft}$$

- 3.) A family pool holds 10,000 gallons of water. How many cubic meters is this?

$$1 \times 10^5 \text{ gal} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^3}{264.2 \text{ gal}} = 38.9 \text{ m}^3$$

- 4.) The average American student is in class 330 minutes/day. How many hours/day is this?

$$\frac{330 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{5.5 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ d}}$$

How many seconds is this?

$$5.5 \text{ h} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ h}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1.98 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$$

- 5.) How many seconds are there in 1 year?

$$1 \text{ yr} \times \frac{365 \text{ d}}{1 \text{ yr}} \times \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ h}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$$

- 6.) Lake Michigan holds 1.3×10^{15} gallons of water. How many liters is this?

$$1.3 \times 10^{15} \text{ gal} \times \frac{3.79 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ gal}} = 4.927 \times 10^{15} \text{ L}$$

yes use scientific notation

7) Pepsi puts 355 ml of pop in a can. How many drops is this?

$$355 \text{ mL} \times \frac{20 \text{ d}}{1 \text{ mL}} = 7100 \text{ drops}$$

How many cubic meters is this?

$$355 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} = 3.55 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

8) Chicago uses 1.2×10^9 gallons of water /day. How many gallons per second must be pumped from the lake every second to supply the city?

$$\frac{1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ gal}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{1 \text{ d}}{24 \text{ h}} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 1.39 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{s}}$$

9) Sixty miles/ hour is how many ft/sec?

$$\frac{60 \text{ mi}}{\text{h}} \times \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 88 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

10) Lake Michigan holds 1.3×10^{15} gallons of water. If just Chicago removed water from the lake and it never rained again, how many days would the water last? Chicago uses 1.2×10^9 gallons of water /day

$$1.3 \times 10^{15} \text{ gal} \times \frac{1 \text{ d}}{1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ gal}} = 1.08 \times 10^6 \text{ d}$$

11). How many minutes are in 180.0 days?

$$180.0 \text{ d} \times \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ h}} = 2.59 \times 10^5 \text{ min}$$

12). If a person weighs 125 lbs, 8 oz., how many mg does s/he weigh?

$$125 \text{ lbs} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lbs}} \times \frac{1000000 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 5.68 \times 10^7 \text{ mg}$$

$$8 \text{ oz} \times \frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ oz}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lbs}} \times \frac{10^6 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 2.27 \times 10^5 \text{ mg}$$

5.7 × 10⁷ mg total

13). The distance from Santa Maria to Los Alamos is 16.25 mi. What is the distance in cm?

$$16.25 \text{ mi} \times \frac{1.00 \text{ km}}{0.621 \text{ mi}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} = 2616747 \text{ cm}$$

14). Santa Maria has an elevation of 6.30×10^5 mm. How many km is this elevation?

$$6.30 \times 10^5 \text{ mm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1000 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} = 6.3 \times 10^{-1} \text{ km}$$

in m next year!

15). If a projectile travels 3.00×10^3 feet in one second, how far will it travel in 18 minutes?

$$\frac{3.00 \times 10^3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ s}} \times 18 \text{ min} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 3.24 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}$$

16). A small herd of cattle consumes fourteen bales of hay in two weeks. How many bales will this herd consume in a year?

$$\frac{14 \text{ bales}}{2 \text{ wk}} \times 1 \text{ yr} \times \frac{52 \text{ wk}}{1 \text{ yr}} = 364 \text{ bales}$$

17). During the previous year, Zach's weather station measured 0.8 yards of rain. Express this amount in cm.

$$\frac{0.8 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ yr}} \times \frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in}} = 73.2 \text{ cm}$$

18). If a swimmer swims 85.4 yards in five minutes, how many meters will s/he swim in 70.0 seconds? = 18.2 m

$$\frac{85.4 \text{ yd}}{5 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 70.0 \text{ s} \times \frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}}$$

19). Saffron costs \$368.00 per ounce. Determine how many grams you can purchase for \$15.00.

~~$$\frac{\$368.00}{1 \text{ oz}} \times \$15 \times \frac{1 \text{ oz}}{\$368.00} \times \frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ oz}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lbs}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 1.16 \text{ g}$$~~

↑ started this way & realized it wasn't going to factor out.

1 ton = 2000 lbs 1 tonne = 1000 kg

as opposed to METRIC TONNES

20). How many grams are equivalent to 1.80×10^{-4} tons? (English tons)

$$1.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ tons} \times \frac{2000 \text{ lbs}}{1 \text{ ton}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lbs}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 164 \text{ g}$$

21). A gas station is charging \$1.299 per gallon of gas. What would be the price for a liter of gas? = \$0.34

$$\frac{\$1.299}{1 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{264.2 \text{ gal}}{1 \text{ m}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ L}}$$

22). Determine the number of years in 8.35×10^6 minutes.

$$8.35 \times 10^6 \text{ min} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ d}}{24 \text{ h}} \times \frac{1 \text{ yr}}{365 \text{ d}} = 1.59 \times 10^{-1} \text{ yr}$$

15.9 yr

23). A quart of a liquid has a mass of 2.70 kilograms. How many quarts will take to weigh 100.0 pounds?

$$\frac{1 \text{ qt}}{2.70 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lbs}} \times 100.0 \text{ lbs} = 16.8 \text{ qt}$$

24). Sixty-two months is equivalent to how many seconds?

$$62 \text{ mo} \times \frac{30 \text{ d}}{1 \text{ mo}} \times \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ h}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1.61 \times 10^8 \text{ s}$$

25). A car consumes 25.00 gallons of fuel when driving a distance of 400.0 km. How many gallons will it consume when driving 250.0 miles?

$$\frac{25.00 \text{ gal}}{400.0 \text{ km}} \times 250.0 \text{ mi} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{0.621 \text{ mi}} = 25.2 \text{ gal}$$

26). 0.0054 weeks is equivalent to how many minutes?

$$0.0054 \text{ wk} \times \frac{7 \text{ d}}{1 \text{ wk}} \times \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ h}} = 54.4 \text{ min}$$

27). How many feet per second is a wave going if it travels a distance of one mile in 7.35 seconds?

$$\frac{1 \text{ mi}}{7.35 \text{ s}} \times \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 718 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$