# Standards for Measurement 

Chapter 2

## Writing numbers

- In chemistry we will use scientific notation for writing large and small numbers.
- We will always write numbers to the correct number of significant figures.
- Rules for writing numbers correctly will be covered in the laboratory. These must be followed.


## Conversion Factors

- Anytime we have an equality, we can turn it into a conversion factor.
- Examples:

$$
-3 \mathrm{ft}=1 \mathrm{yd} \rightarrow \frac{3 f t}{1 y d}=\frac{1 y d}{3 f t}=1
$$

Remember to keep the units!

## Examples

- How many inches are in 6.27 yds?
- You have just won 2410 nickels in Las

Vegas. How many $\$ 3$ chips can you get to play with?

## Units of Measure


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TABLE 2.1 Units of Measurement

| Measurement | Metric | SI |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Length | meter $(\mathrm{m})$ | meter $(\mathrm{m})$ |
| Volume | liter $(\mathrm{L})$ | cubic meter $\left(\mathrm{m}^{3}\right)$ |
| Mass | gram $(\mathrm{g})$ | kilogram $(\mathrm{kg})$ |
| Temperature | degree Celsius $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | kelvin $(\mathrm{K})$ |
| Time | second $(\mathrm{s})$ | second $(\mathrm{s})$ |

## Metric prefixes

kilo $\quad \mathrm{k} \quad 10^{3}$ or 1000 base units
deci d $10^{-1}$ or 0.1 base units
centi c $\quad 10^{-2}$ or 0.01 base units
milli $\quad \mathrm{m} \quad 10^{-3}$ or 0.001 base units
micro
$\mu \quad 10^{-6}$ or 0.000001 base units
nano
n
$10^{-9}$ or 0.000000001 base units

## Metric prefixes again

| kilo | k | $1 \mathrm{k}_{\text {unit }=1000}$ unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| deci | d | $10 \mathrm{~d}_{\text {unit }}=1_{\text {unit }}$ |
| centi | c | 100 Cunit $=1_{\text {unit }}$ |
| milli | m | $1000 \mathrm{~m}_{\text {unit }}=1_{\text {unit }}$ |
| micro | $\mu$ | $1,000,000 \mu_{\text {unit }}=1_{\text {unit }}$ |
| nano | n | $1,000,000,000 \mathrm{n}_{\text {unit }}=1_{\text {unit }}$ |

- Convert 4.6 cm to nm.
- Convert 750 ml to L .
- A glass of orange juice contains 0.85 dL of juice. How many milliliters of orange juice is that?
- The recommended daily allowance of phosphorus for an adult male is 800 mg . How many grams of phosphorus are recommended?
- A student's height is 175 cm . How tall is the student in meters?
- A hummingbird has a mass of 0.0055 kg . What is the mass of the hummingbird in grams?

Some Common Equalities

| Quantity | U.S. | Metric (SI) | Metric-U.S. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Length | $1 \mathrm{ft}=12 \mathrm{in}$. | $1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}$ | $2.54 \mathrm{~cm}=1 \mathrm{in}$. (exact) |
|  | $1 \mathrm{yd}=3 \mathrm{ft}$ | $1 \mathrm{~m}=1000 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $1 \mathrm{~m}=39.37 \mathrm{in}$. |
|  | $1 \mathrm{mi}=5280 \mathrm{ft}$ | $1 \mathrm{~cm}=10 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $1 \mathrm{~km}=0.6214 \mathrm{mi}$ |
| Volume | $1 \mathrm{qt}=4 \mathrm{cups}$ | $1 \mathrm{~L}=1000 \mathrm{~mL}$ | $1 \mathrm{~L}=1.057 \mathrm{qt}$ |
|  | $1 \mathrm{qt}=2 \mathrm{pints}$ | $1 \mathrm{dL}=100 \mathrm{~mL}$ | $946.4 \mathrm{~mL}=1 \mathrm{qt}$ |
|  | $1 \mathrm{gal}=4 \mathrm{qt}$ | $1 \mathrm{~mL}=1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ |  |
| Mass | $1 \mathrm{lb}=16 \mathrm{oz}$ | $1 \mathrm{~kg}=1000 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1 \mathrm{~kg}=2.205 \mathrm{lb}$ |
|  |  | $1 \mathrm{~g}=1000 \mathrm{mg}$ | $453.6 \mathrm{~g}=1 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| Time |  | $1 \mathrm{~h}=60 \mathrm{~min}$ |  |
|  |  | $1 \mathrm{~min}=60 \mathrm{~s}$ |  |
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## Useful Conversion Factors

- $1 \mathrm{in}=2.54 \mathrm{~cm}$
- $1 \mathrm{lb}=454 \mathrm{~g}$
or $\quad 1 \mathrm{~kg}=2.20 \mathrm{lb}$
- 1 qt $=946 \mathrm{ml}$
or $\quad 1 \mathrm{~L}=1.06 \mathrm{qt}$
- A person is 60.0 in tall. What is this height in cm ?
- If someone weighs 80.7 kg , how much is this in pounds?
- The daily dose of ampicillin for the treatment of an ear infection is $115 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ body weight. What is the daily dose for a $34-\mathrm{lb}$ toddler?
- A person on a diet has been losing weight at the rate of 3.5 lb . per week. If the person has been on the diet for 6 weeks, how many kilograms were lost?
- A plastics manufacturing plant uses 3.3 tons of oil per week. If oil costs $\$ 4.65 / \mathrm{kg}$, how much will 1 years worth of oil cost the plastics manufacturer?
- Mercury has a density of 13.6 g per mL. What is the density of mercury in lbs. per gallon?


## mass

density $=\frac{\text { mass }}{\text { volume }}$


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- Ebony is a dark hard wood. A rectangular piece of ebony has a mass of 522 g and a volume of $435 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$. Find the density of ebony.
- Gasoline has a density of $0.68 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$. What is the mass of 90.5 mL of gasoline?
- A bottle containing 325 g of cleaning solution has fallen and broken on the floor. If the solution in the bottle has a density of $0.850 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$, what volume of solution needs to be cleaned up?
- A fish tank holds 30.0 gal of water. Using a density of $1.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ for water, determine the number of pounds of water in the fish tank.


## Percentage

## MassPart <br> Mass\% $=\frac{\text { MassPart }}{\text { MassWhole }} \times 100 \%$ <br> MassWhole

- A sample of sugar weighing 2.47 g contains 0.988 g of carbon. What is the mass \% carbon in sugar?


## Percentage (cont.)

- Dr. Willard's Chem115 class began with 127 students. Of the original enrollment, 11.2\% received a final grade A. How many students earned an A?
- Water is composed of $11.2 \% \mathrm{H}$ and $88.8 \% \mathrm{O}$. What is the mass of water contains 15.0 g of O?
- Jodi, a sculptor, has prepared a mold for casting a bronze figure. The figure has a volume of 325 mL . If bronze has a density of $7.8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ and Jodi likes to use $90.0 \%$ of the bronze melted (she sometimes spills), how many ounces of bronze does Jodi need to melt in the preparation of the bronze figure.


## Squared units

- A poster has an area of $2 \mathrm{yd}^{2}$. What is the area of the poster in $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ ?



## Temperature Conversions

- $\mathrm{T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)=1.8 \mathrm{~T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)+32$
- $\mathrm{T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)=\left[\mathrm{T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)-32\right] / 1.8$
- $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{K})=\mathrm{T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)+273.16$
- If I set my thermostat at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, what will the temperature be in Celsius?
- A young woman recovered from extreme hypothermia, during which her temperature had dropped to $20.6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
- What was her temperature on
- the Fahrenheit scale
- the Kelvin scale
- A 4-year-old child has a temperature of $38.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Since high fevers cause convulsions in children, it is recommended that Phenobarbital be given if the temperature exceeds $101.0^{\circ}$. Should Phenobarbital be given now?

