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## Units & Unit conversation

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## Imperial System versus SI?

- IB uses the "Systeme International":
  - **Distance** metres (m)
  - **Mass** Kilograms (kg)
  - **Time** seconds (s)
  - **Temperature** Kelvin (K)

- You must know the prefixes!

Factor	$10^9$	$10^6$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-9}$
Name	Giga	Mega	Kilo	Hecto	Deka	Deci	Centi	Mili	Micro	Nano
Symbol	G	M	k	h	da	d	c	m	$\mu$	n

$10^9$	$10^6$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$		$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-9}$
giga	mega	kilo	hecta	deca	metre SI unit	deci	centi	milli	micro	nano
Gm	Mm	Km	hm	dam	m	dm	cm	mm	$\mu\text{m}$	nm

$$1\text{ m} = 1000\text{ mm} \quad \leftarrow \quad 10^{-3}\text{ m} = 1\text{ mm}$$

$$10^6\text{ l} = 1\text{ ML}$$

$$10^{-6}\text{ m} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

Ratios of "1"

$$\frac{1\text{ m}}{1000\text{ mm}}$$

$$\frac{1000\text{ mm}}{1\text{ m}}$$

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

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

$$\frac{1000\text{ g}}{1\text{ kg}}$$

## Examples: Convert.....

- 123 m into mm

$$123 \cancel{\text{m}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{mm}}}{1 \cancel{\text{m}}} \Rightarrow 123000 \text{mm}$$

- 95 m into hm

$$95 \cancel{\text{m}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{hm}}}{100 \cancel{\text{m}}} \Rightarrow 0.95 \text{hm}$$

- 123456 mm into Mm

$$123456 \cancel{\text{mm}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{m}}}{1000 \cancel{\text{mm}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{Mm}}}{10^6 \cancel{\text{m}}} \Rightarrow 0.000123456 \text{Mm}$$

- $2.78 \times 10^4$  megalitres into litres

$$2.78 \times 10^4 \cancel{\text{ME}} \times \frac{10^6 \cancel{\text{l}}}{1 \cancel{\text{ME}}} \Rightarrow 2.78 \times 10^{10} \text{l}$$

## Examples of Converting in the Imperial system

6 feet and 2 inches into metre. knowing that 1 inch = 2.54 cm

First you need to convert, all into inches or feet.

$$\textcircled{1} 6 \cancel{\text{ft}} \times 12 \cancel{\text{in}} = 72 \text{in.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} 72 \cancel{\text{in}} \times \frac{2.54 \cancel{\text{cm}}}{1 \cancel{\text{in}}} = 182.88 \text{cm}$$

$$\textcircled{3} 182.88 \cancel{\text{cm}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{m}}}{100 \cancel{\text{cm}}} = 1.8288 \text{m}$$

136 ounces into Kg. Knowing 16 ounces = 1 pound and 1Kg=2.20pounds

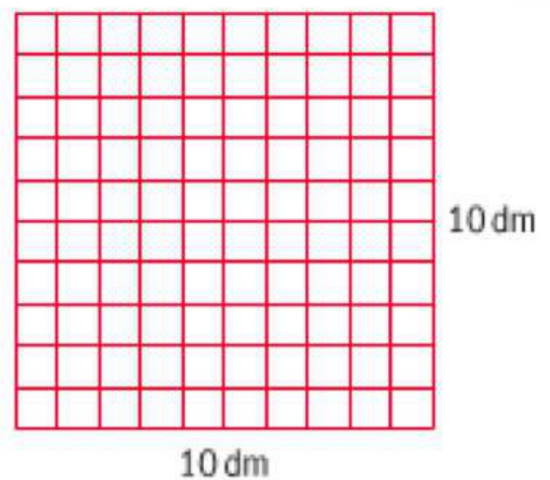
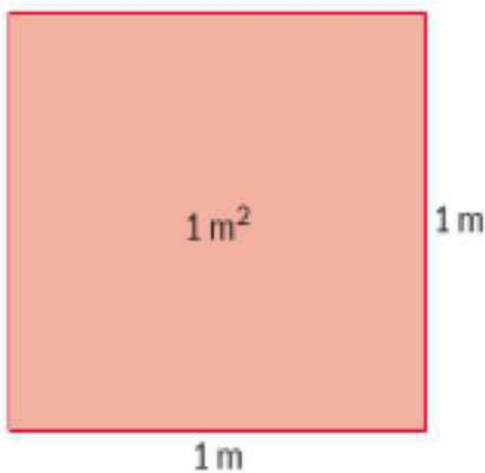
$$136 \cancel{\text{oz}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{pound}}}{16 \cancel{\text{oz}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{kg}}}{2.20 \cancel{\text{pounds}}} \Rightarrow 3.86 \text{kg}$$



# Perimeter, Area, and Volume

- Perimeter: It is a distance so the official unit is m, but you will see often km, cm
- Area:  $m^2$
- Volume  $m^3$

## Area

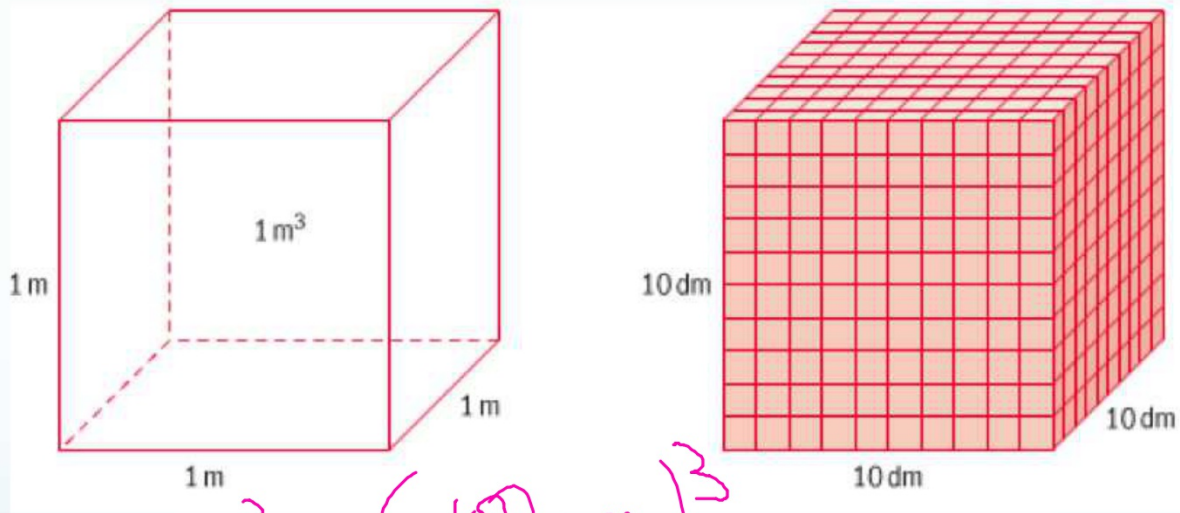


$$1m^2 \times \left( \frac{10dm}{1m} \right)^2 = 100dm^2$$

Handwritten conversion showing the relationship between square meters and square decimeters. The calculation is  $1m^2 \times \left( \frac{10dm}{1m} \right)^2 = 100dm^2$ . The units  $m^2$  and  $m^2$  are crossed out, and the final result is  $100dm^2$ .

# Volume

Convert into  $\text{cm}^3$



$$1 \text{ m}^3 \times \left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3$$
$$1 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3} = 1\,000\,000 \text{ cm}^3$$

Classroom width = 550 cm

length = 620 cm

Calculate the area in  $\text{m}^2$

1<sup>st</sup> step width  $\Rightarrow 550 \text{ cm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}}$

$\Rightarrow 5.50 \text{ m}$

length  $\Rightarrow 620 \text{ cm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}}$

$\Rightarrow 6.20 \text{ m}$

2<sup>nd</sup> step

$$A = w \times l$$

$$= 5.50 \times 6.20$$

$$= 34.1 \text{ m}^2$$

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# 1.a)

2.36 m<sup>2</sup> into cm<sup>2</sup>

1st

$$\left(\frac{1\text{m}}{100\text{cm}}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1\text{m}^2}{10000\text{cm}^2}$$

2nd

$$2.36\text{m}^2 \times \frac{10000\text{cm}^2}{1\text{m}^2}$$

$$23600\text{cm}^2$$

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4a)

$$1\text{l} = 1\text{dm}^3$$

$$\left(\frac{10\text{cm}}{1\text{dm}}\right)^3 = \frac{1000\text{cm}^3}{1\text{dm}^3}$$

500 l into cm<sup>3</sup>

$$500\text{dm}^3 \times \frac{1000\text{cm}^3}{1\text{dm}^3}$$

$$500000\text{cm}^3$$

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$$a) V = 1.5 \times 1.5 \times 1.5 \left( \text{or } (1.5)^3 \right)$$

=

$$b) 1.5 \text{ m} \rightarrow 15 \text{ dm}$$

$$V = 15 \times 15 \times 15 \\ = 3375 \text{ dm}^3$$

## How do you convert between Units

- 134 cm into millimeters.

$$134 \text{ cm} \times \frac{10 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ cm}} \Rightarrow \boxed{1340 \text{ mm}}$$

- Tricky: 12345 cm<sup>2</sup> into m<sup>2</sup>  $\left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{10^4 \text{ cm}^2}$

$$12345 \text{ cm}^2 \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{10^4 \text{ cm}^2} \Rightarrow 1.2345 \text{ m}^2 \\ \uparrow \text{exact} \\ 1.23 \text{ m}^2 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

- 0.234 m<sup>3</sup> into cm<sup>3</sup>

$$\left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3}$$

$$0.234 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3} \Rightarrow \boxed{234000 \text{ cm}^3}$$



# Time: SI unit is "s" for second, but ...

Example:

It took Prof. Plum 93 hours to write his doctoral thesis. Can you calculate how many seconds it took him?

Name	Symbol	Equivalent
Microsecond	$\mu s$	
Nanosecond	$ns$	
Minute	$m$	$60s$
Hour	$h$	$3600s$
Day	Day	
? week	week	
? year	year	
decade		

two ways

$$93 \text{ hours} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hour}} \Rightarrow \therefore 93 \text{ hours} = 334800 \text{ s}$$

$$\textcircled{2} 93 \text{ hours} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hour}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = \therefore 93 \text{ h} = 334800 \text{ s}$$

# Temperature: Kelvin (K)

- Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}F$ )
- Celsius ( $^{\circ}C$ )
- Kelvin (K)

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$$t_C = t_K - 273.15$$

Water:	$^{\circ}C$	$^{\circ}F$	K
Freezing pt.	0	32	273.15
Boiling Pt.	100	212	373.15

Examples:

1. How many  $F^{\circ}$  are  $25 C^{\circ}$ ?

$$F = \frac{9}{5}(25) + 32$$

$$F = 77^{\circ}$$

2. How many  $C^{\circ}$  are  $45 F^{\circ}$ ?

$$45 = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$$45 - 32 = \frac{9}{5}C$$

$$13 = \frac{9}{5}C$$

$$C = 7.22^{\circ}$$



get the formula for Celsius in terms of F

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$$F - 32 = \frac{9}{5}C$$

$$5(F - 32) = 9C$$

$$\frac{5(F - 32)}{9} = C$$



Speed Formula:

$$S = \frac{d}{t}$$

Units: SI:  $\frac{m}{s}$  ( $m s^{-1}$ )

But we often see  $\frac{km}{h}$  ( $km h^{-1}$ )

38780  $m s^{-1}$  into  $km h^{-1}$

I do it in 2 steps - but it's your choice

$$38780 \frac{m}{s} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000m} \times \frac{3600s}{1 \text{ hour}} \Rightarrow 139608 \frac{km}{h}$$

or simply multiply by 3.6

## Speed and Density



Density Formula:

$$D = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$

Units: SI:  $\frac{kg}{m^3}$  ( $kg m^{-3}$ )

But we often see: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_)

## Example of Speed

- Paula runs 15km in 2.5h. Find Paula's average speed in  $\text{ms}^{-1}$

Since the answer has to be in  $\text{ms}^{-1}$ , you should first convert the givens and then calculate the speed.

1st Step  $15 \text{ km} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} = 15000 \text{ m}$

2. 5 hours  $\Rightarrow$  2 hours  $\times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} = 7200 \text{ s}$  } time = 9000 s  
 30 min  $\Rightarrow$  30 min  $\times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1800 \text{ s}$  }

2nd Step  $S = \frac{D}{t}$   
 $S = \frac{15000 \text{ m}}{9000 \text{ s}} = 1.66 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

- A race track is 5000 m long, Fernando Alonso drives at an average speed of 220 km/h, how long would it take him to race, when he must cover 10 laps?

Since the speed is given at km/h, and the length is given in m, you know you must convert at least one of them. I choose to convert 5000 m into km first. Then I will apply the formula of speed to solve for time.

1st Step  $5000 \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} = 5 \text{ km}$  and he does 10 laps = 50 km

2nd Step  $S = \frac{D}{t} \Rightarrow t = \frac{D}{S}$

$t = \frac{50 \text{ km}}{220 \text{ km/h}} = 0.227 \text{ hours}$

or 13.6 minutes

## Examples to Try (based on prior learning)

**HINT** Don't forget to give answers w/ units

A rectangular swimming pool is 12 m wide and 35 m long.

- Calculate the perimeter of the pool in metres.
- Calculate the area of the pool in square metres
- Calculate the area of the pool in square centimetres
- The pool is 75 cm deep.

Calculate the volume of the pool in cubic metres.

a)  $P = (2)(12) + (2)(35)$   
 $P = 94 \text{ m}$

b)  $A = 12 \times 35$   
 $A = 420 \text{ m}^2$

c) 1st step change the dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \text{ m} &\rightarrow 1200 \text{ cm} \\ 35 \text{ m} &\rightarrow 3500 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1200 \times 3500 \\ &= 4200000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ or } 4.2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

d)  $75 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 0.75 \text{ m}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= 12 \times 35 \times 0.75 \\ V &= 315 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

## Example to try on your own

365.25 days

6. A light-year is a unit of distance. It is the distance that light can travel in one year. Light moves at a velocity of about 300,000 km/s.

Note: This question is a "show that", which means it is all about the steps.

Show that one light year is  $9.46 \times 10^{12}$  km.

1st  $365.25 \text{ days} \times \frac{24 \text{ hours}}{1 \text{ day}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} = 31557600 \text{ s}$

2nd

$$S = \frac{D}{t} \therefore D = (S)(t)$$

$$D = (300000)(31557600)$$

$$D = 9467280000000$$

$$D = 9.47 \times 10^{12} \text{ km/s}$$

Note: I am not getting the same answer as the question 6. This is probably, because the examiner took a year as exactly 365 days instead of 365.25 days.

Repeat the question using 365 days instead



# Example to try on your own

a A rocket travels in space at  $4 \times 10^5$  km/h. How far does it travel in:

i 30 days

ii 20 years?

b A satellite travels  $5 \times 10^3$  km in  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  hours. Find its average speed in kilometres per hour.

There are 365.25 days in a year.



Question a) is about knowing how to transfer days & years into hours, because this is what you do first.

$$30 \text{ days} \times \frac{24 \text{ (hours)}}{1 \text{ day}} = 720 \text{ hours}$$
$$S = \frac{D}{t} \Rightarrow \therefore D = (S)(t)$$
$$D = (4 \times 10^5)(720)$$
$$D = 2.88 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$$

$$20 \text{ years} \times \frac{365.25 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ year}} \times \frac{24 \text{ (hours)}}{1 \text{ day}} = 175\,320 \text{ hours}$$
$$D = (S)(t)$$
$$= (4 \times 10^5)(175\,320)$$

Question b) is about knowing how to enter scientific notation in your GDC!!!!

$$S = \frac{D}{t}$$
$$S = \frac{5 \times 10^3}{2 \times 10^{-5}} = 2.5 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$