

Dimensional Analysis

1. How many seconds are there in 5 minutes?

$$5 \cancel{\text{min}} \times \frac{60 \cancel{\text{sec}}}{1 \cancel{\text{min}}} = 300 \text{ sec}$$

2. How many grams are in 3 kilograms?

$$3 \cancel{\text{kg}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{g}}}{1 \cancel{\text{kg}}} = 3000 \text{ g}$$

3. How many metres are there in 12 kilometres?

$$12 \cancel{\text{km}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{m}}}{1 \cancel{\text{km}}} = 12000 \text{ m}$$

4. How many milligrams are there in 22 kilograms?

$$22 \cancel{\text{kg}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{g}}}{1 \cancel{\text{kg}}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{mg}}}{1 \cancel{\text{g}}} = 22000000 \text{ mg}$$

5. How many centimetres are there in 6 kilometres?

$$6 \cancel{\text{km}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{m}}}{1 \cancel{\text{km}}} \times \frac{100 \cancel{\text{cm}}}{1 \cancel{\text{m}}} = 600000 \text{ cm}$$

6. How many millilitres are there in 4 litres?

$$4 \cancel{\text{L}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{mL}}}{1 \cancel{\text{L}}} = 4000 \text{ mL}$$

7. How many minutes are there in a year?

$$1 \cancel{\text{year}} \times \frac{365.25 \cancel{\text{days}}}{1 \cancel{\text{year}}} \times \frac{24 \cancel{\text{hours}}}{1 \cancel{\text{day}}} \times \frac{60 \cancel{\text{min}}}{1 \cancel{\text{hour}}} = 525960 \text{ min}$$

8. There are 0.45kg in one pound. If a student has a mass of 120 lb, what is his mass in milligrams?

$$120 \cancel{\text{lb}} \times \frac{0.45 \cancel{\text{kg}}}{1 \cancel{\text{lb}}} \times \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{mg}}}{1 \cancel{\text{kg}}} = 54000 \text{ mg}$$

9. There are 12 inches in a foot and there are 3.28 feet in one metre. Alex is 6ft, 2 inches tall. What is his height in metres?

$$6\text{ft} + 2\text{inches} = 6 + \frac{2}{12} = 6.1666\text{ft}$$

$$6.1666 \cancel{\text{ft}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{m}}}{3.28 \cancel{\text{ft}}} = 1.88 \text{ m}$$

10. Has one mole (6.02×10^{23}) of seconds gone by since the Bing Bang occurred 13.8 bya?

$$13.8 \cancel{\text{by}} \times \frac{10^9 \cancel{\text{year}}}{1 \cancel{\text{by}}} \times \frac{365.25 \cancel{\text{day}}}{1 \cancel{\text{year}}} \times \frac{24 \cancel{\text{h}}}{1 \cancel{\text{day}}} \times \frac{60 \cancel{\text{min}}}{1 \cancel{\text{h}}} \times \frac{60 \cancel{\text{sec}}}{1 \cancel{\text{min}}}$$

$$= 4.355 \times 10^{17} \text{ sec} \Rightarrow \text{no, } 1 \text{ mole} = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

$$4.355 \times 10^{17} < 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$