

U1D1-T Metric and Imperial Conversions

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U1D1 MAP 4CI Metric and Imperial Conversions

Note: To convert multiply by an appropriate ratio so the old units divide out.

$$\text{value in old units} \times \frac{\text{conversion in new units}}{\text{conversion in old units}}$$

1) Convert each measure

a) 8 feet to inches

$$(8 \text{ ft}) \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} = 96 \text{ inches}$$

b) 5400 m to km

$$5400 \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} = 5.4 \text{ km}$$

c) 124 inches to yards

$$124 \text{ inches} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{1 \text{ yd}}{3 \text{ ft}} = 124 \div 12 \div 3 = 3.4 \text{ yd}$$

2) Converting Imperial to metric

- a) 5 gallons to Litres * use UK gallons

$$5 \cancel{\text{gal}} \times \frac{4.54 \text{ L}}{1 \cancel{\text{gal}}}$$

$$= 22.7 \text{ L}$$

- b) 8.9 km to miles

$$8.9 \text{ km} \times \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{1.609 \text{ km}}$$

$$\approx 5.5 \text{ miles}$$

- c) 25 mL to fluid ounces

$$25 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ fl oz}}{28.413 \text{ mL}}$$

$$0.879 \\ \approx 0.88 \text{ fl. oz.}$$

d) 3 in to mm

$$3 \text{ in} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \times \frac{304.8 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ ft}}$$

$$= 3 \div 12 \times 304.8$$

$$= 76.2 \text{ mm}$$

e) 15 ounces to kg

$$15 \text{ oz} \times \frac{28.35 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ oz}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}}$$

$$= 15 \times 28.35 \div 1000$$

$$= 0.43 \text{ kg}$$

f) 4 kg to pounds and ounces

$$4 \text{ kg} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ lbs}}{453.6 \text{ g}}$$

$$= 8.816 \text{ pounds}$$

$$\rightarrow 8 \text{ lbs} \quad 0.816 \text{ lbs} = \underline{\quad} \text{ oz}$$

$$0.816 \text{ lbs} \times \frac{16 \text{ oz}}{1 \text{ lbs}}$$

$$= 13 \text{ oz.}$$

$$\therefore 4 \text{ kg} = 8 \text{ lbs, } 13 \text{ oz.}$$

3) Converting Areas

“It is not the same as converting distances. Here is a different method you can use to convert areas in different units of measurement if you already know the appropriate conversions for lengths.:

3a) Convert 16 miles² to km².

Consider 1 mile². Convert the side lengths to km first – then calculate the area using these new measures.



$$1 \text{ mi} \times \frac{1.609 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 1.609 \text{ km}$$

3b) Convert 5500 cm³ to Litres

$$1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$5500 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}}$$

$$= 5.5 \text{ L}$$

$$16 \text{ mi}^2 \times \frac{(1.609 \text{ km})^2}{(1 \text{ mi})^2} = 16 \text{ mi}^2 \times \frac{1.609^2 \text{ km}^2}{1 \text{ mi}^2}$$

$$= 2.59 \text{ km}^2$$

3c) Convert 10 ft^2 to m^2

$$\begin{aligned} & 10 \text{ ft}^2 \times \frac{304.8^2 \text{ mm}^2}{1 \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{1000^2 \text{ mm}^2} \\ &= 10 \times 304.8^2 \div 1000^2 \\ &= 0.92903\dots \\ &\doteq 0.93 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

3d) Convert 0.29 m^3 to ft^3

$$\begin{aligned} & 0.29 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{1000^3 \text{ mm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}^3}{304.8^3 \text{ mm}^3} \\ &= 0.29 \times 1000^3 \div 304.8^3 \\ &= 10.241\dots \\ &\doteq 10.24 \text{ ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

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