

Measurement Unit Conversions Using Conversion Factors

1. One kilogram is approximately 2.2 pounds. A man weighs 150 pounds. How many kilograms does he weigh?

Conversion Factor:  $1 \text{ kg} = 2.2 \text{ lb}$   

$$\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lb}} = 1 = \frac{2.2 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}}$$

Solution:  $150 \cancel{\text{ lb}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \cancel{\text{ lb}}}$   
 $= \frac{150}{2.2} \text{ kg}$   
 $= 68.18 \text{ kg}$

The man weighs 68.18 kg.

2. There are 12 inches in a foot. A man is 5 and a half feet tall. How many inches tall is he?

Conversion Factor:  $1 \text{ ft} = 12 \text{ in}$   

$$\frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} = 1 = \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}}$$

Solution:  $5.5 \cancel{\text{ ft}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \cancel{\text{ ft}}}$   
 $= 5.5 \times 12 \text{ in}$   
 $= 66 \text{ in}$

The man is 66 inches tall.

3. A pint is 2 cups. 1 gallon is 16 cups. A pint is 16 fluid ounces. How many fluid ounces are in 6 gallons?

Conversion Factor:  $\frac{1 \text{ pt}}{2 \text{ cups}} = 1 = \frac{2 \text{ cups}}{1 \text{ pt}}$      $\frac{1 \text{ gal}}{16 \text{ cups}} = 1 = \frac{16 \text{ cups}}{1 \text{ gal}}$      $\frac{1 \text{ pt}}{16 \text{ fl.oz.}} = 1 = \frac{16 \text{ fl.oz.}}{1 \text{ pt}}$

Solution:  $6 \cancel{\text{ gal}} \times \frac{16 \cancel{\text{ cups}}}{1 \cancel{\text{ gal}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{ pt}}}{2 \cancel{\text{ cups}}} \times \frac{16 \text{ fl.oz.}}{1 \cancel{\text{ pt}}}$   
 $= \frac{6 \times 16 \times 16}{2}$   
 $= 768 \text{ fl. oz.}$

There are 768 fl.oz. in 6 gallons.

4. Convert the following measurements. Round to the nearest tenth if needed.

(a) 68 cups = ? gallons

(b) 3 qt = ? fl.oz.

(c) 5000 g = ? metric ton (1 ton = 1000 kg)

(d) 12 oz. = ? kg (1000 kg = 2204 lb)

(e) 2 miles/h = ? km/h (1 mile = 1.61 km)

(f) 10 km = ? miles

5. Convert temperatures using the following formulas. Round to nearest tenth if needed.

$$F^{\circ} = 1.8 \times C^{\circ} + 32$$

$$C^{\circ} = (F^{\circ} - 32) \times 5.5$$

(a) 37  $C^{\circ}$  = ?  $F^{\circ}$

(b) 100  $F^{\circ}$  = ?  $C^{\circ}$