

Introduction to Conversions

Target: Today I will be able to convert between quantities of time. I will also be able to use scientific notation correctly.

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Before we begin...

Bags of Reactions lab redo's due **Friday**. Take this opportunity to earn points back.

Pease do corrections in a different color pen

Science in Social media project update (**Pg. 91**)

Cross out “~~5~~-sources”, write “3”

Cross out “~~2-5~~ pages”, write “2-3”

Review of Scientific Notation



- In **scientific notation**, numbers are written in the form $M \times 10^n$, where the factor M is a number greater than or equal to 1 but less than 10 and n is a whole number.
- It's a way of writing very large numbers and very small numbers without all the extra places.

Scientific Notation in a Calculator



- How would you type 1.2×10^3 into a calculator?
 - Many students type: $1.2 * 10^3$ or $1.2 * 10^3$
 - This is incorrect! The calculator multiplies before it applies the exponent.
- Write: $1.2E3$
 - This way, the calculator applies the exponent before it multiplies.
- “Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally”

Let's Practice:

- **Questions 1-25** on “*Scientific Notation and Unit Prefixes.*” **Pg. 108**
- Individual work, please.
- For this class, please round to TWO decimal places, no more.

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- a.k.a. “Unit analysis”
- a.k.a. “Dimensional Analysis”
- What are units?
 - A measurement is made up of a quantity AND a unit.
 - Ex: 5.5 **feet**
 - Without the unit, the number means nothing.

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- Units of measurement allow us to compare what is measured to a previously determined standard.
- Units allow us to communicate information about the world around us.
- Units are chosen based on the quantity being measured, and what is appropriate.
 - Ex: You wouldn't measure your height in millimeters. But you might choose meters or feet instead.

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- Why convert?
 - We may wish to report a quantity in another, related unit.
 - Ex. Babies age reported in months.
- Converting is all about changing something into understandable units.

The most important thing in this unit:

- Converting units only changes the standard of measurement....



THE VALUE DOESN'T CHANGE!!!!

Ex: I'm 5 foot 4 inches. In meters that's 1.63 meters.
My height, however remains the same. ☹

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- How old are you in seconds?
 - (Round to the nearest year)
 - Answer in scientific notation
- 15 years = 4.73×10^8 seconds
- 16 years = 5.05×10^8 seconds
- 17 years = 5.36×10^8 seconds
- 18 years = 5.68×10^8 seconds



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- How much money is a dozen pennies?



Homework



- In your notebook, answer the following question:
 - “How much money is one hundred dozen pennies?”
 - **Pg.110**
 - **Due block day**
- Begin work on rough draft of Science in Social Media Project (see instructions in part 5 of assignment)
 - **Rough draft due via email or Google drive by Friday, 1/31**

