

① FIND THE ROOTS OF THIS QUADRATIC EQUATION

$$9x^2 + 3x = 2$$

② SOLVE FOR X.

$$R = Bw(1+x)$$

③ FIND THE MASS OF POTASSIUM AND OXYGEN IN 106.4g OF K_2O ?

$$K = 39$$

$$O = 16$$

④ SOLVE BY COMPLETING THE SQUARE.

$$x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x + 8 = 0$$

Ch.17 - UNIT MULTIPLIERS & METRIC CONVERSION

ORIGINAL VALUE \times UNIT
MULTIPLIER = ANSWER IN NEW UNITS

① HOW MANY INCHES ARE IN 2.8 ft?

② HOW MANY FEET ARE IN 108 inches?

③ HOW MANY OUNCES ARE 3 lb?

④ HOW MANY POUNDS IN 72 oz?

⑤ 4 gallons = _____ cups

⑥ $19,500 \text{ m}^2$ = _____ km^2

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⑦ METRIC \longleftrightarrow IMPERIAL

$$1 \text{ L} = 1.06 \text{ Qts}$$

$$5 \text{ L} = \text{_____ Qts.}$$

$$5 \text{ Qts.} = \text{_____ L}$$

⑧ CHANGE $34 \text{ in} \rightarrow \text{_____ cm}$ $34 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{_____ in}$

Square Unit Multipliers

How many square inches in one square foot? Or how many in² in 1 ft²? 1 square foot = 1 ft x 1 ft = 1 ft².

1 square inch = 1 in x 1 in = 1 in².

$$\frac{1 \text{ ft}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{1} \times \frac{?}{?} \times \frac{?}{?} = \frac{? \text{ in}^2}{1}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}}{1} \times \frac{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}}{1} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} = \frac{144 \text{ in}^2}{1}$$

Change 2 (cubic) ft³ to in³

$$\frac{\cancel{2 \text{ ft}}}{1} \times \frac{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}}{1} \times \frac{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}}{1} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} = \frac{3,456 \text{ in}^3}{1}$$

Sometimes you need to use more than one unit multiplier in the same problem. In the following examples, watch as 1 mile is changed to inches and 1 gallon is changed to cups.

$$\frac{\cancel{1 \text{ mi}}}{1} \times \frac{5,280 \cancel{\text{ ft}}}{1 \cancel{\text{ mi}}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\cancel{1 \text{ ft}}} = \frac{63,360 \text{ in}}{1}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{1 \text{ gal}}}{1} \times \frac{4 \text{ quarts}}{\cancel{1 \text{ gal}}} \times \frac{2 \text{ pints}}{\cancel{1 \text{ quart}}} \times \frac{2 \text{ cups}}{\cancel{1 \text{ pint}}} = \frac{16 \text{ cups}}{1}$$

Practice Problems

- 1) Change 40 ft² into square inches.
- 2) Change 8 yd² into square feet.
- 3) Change 370 cm³ into cubic meters.
- 4) Change 9500 m² into km².
- 5) Change 11 ft³ into cubic inches.
- 6) Change 16 m³ into cubic centimeters.

Metric Conversions

There are many metric conversions available for use when converting from metric to English measure and vice versa. I've listed the ones I feel are most important in the following table. The conversions below are approximate and have been rounded for ease in calculations. Because they have been rounded, you may get slightly different answers depending on whether you choose the table on the left or the one on the right for your calculations. The easiest way to do these is to make the denominator in the unit multiplier "1" instead of a decimal. This way you multiply, instead of divide, a decimal. Notice Examples 1 and 2 to see this illustrated.

English to Metric

1 inch = 2.5 centimeters
1 yard = .9 meters
1 mile = 1.6 kilometers
1 ounce = 28 grams
1 pound = .45 kilograms
1 quart = .95 liters

Metric to English

1 centimeter = .4 inches
1 meter = 1.1 yards
1 kilometer = .62 miles
1 gram = .035 ounces
1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds
1 liter = 1.06 quarts

Using what we've learned about unit multipliers, let's work some conversions in the following examples.

Example 1

$$\text{Change 5 liters to quarts.} \quad \frac{5 \text{ liters}}{1} \times \frac{1.06 \text{ quart}}{1 \text{ liters}} = \frac{5.3 \text{ quarts}}{1}$$

Example 2

$$\text{Change 5 liters to quarts.} \quad \frac{5 \text{ liters}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ quart}}{.95 \text{ liters}} = \frac{5.26 \text{ quarts}}{1}$$

It seems easier to multiply by 1.06 than to divide by .95. Notice slightly different answer.

Example 3

$$\text{Change 34 inches to centimeters.} \quad \frac{34 \text{ in.}}{1} \times \frac{2.5 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}} = \frac{85 \text{ cm}}{1}$$

Practice Problems

- 1) Change 8 kilometers to miles.
- 2) Change 27 ounces to grams.
- 3) Change 8 kilograms to pounds.
- 4) Change 5 yards to meters.
- 5) Change 12 quarts to liters.
- 6) Change 250 grams to ounces.

For problems 1-6, use the functions $f(x) = 4x$ and $g(x) = -10x$.

1. $f(2) =$

2. $f(0) =$

3. $g(1) =$

4. $g(-3) =$

5. $f(-4) =$

6. $g(0) =$

For problems 7-12, use the functions $f(x) = -2x + 10$ and $g(x) = 5x - 7$.

7. $g(6) =$

8. $f(2) =$

9. $f(1) =$

10. $g(0) =$

11. $g(-3) =$

12. $f(-3) =$

For problems 13-14, use the function $h(x) = -4\sqrt{x} + 1$.

13. $h(9) =$

14. $h(49) =$

