

L02 - Linear Unit Conversions

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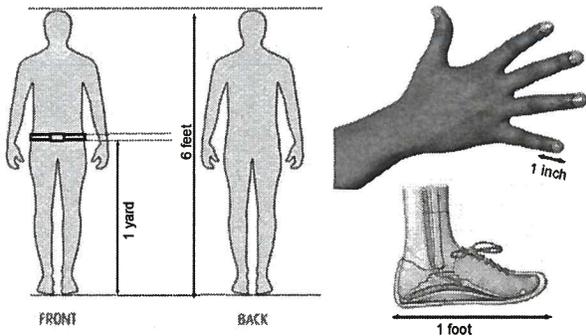
Imperial to Imperial		Exact?
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1 ft.	12 in.	✓

Imperial to S.I.		Exact?
1 mi.	1.609 km	x
1 yd.	0.9144 m	x
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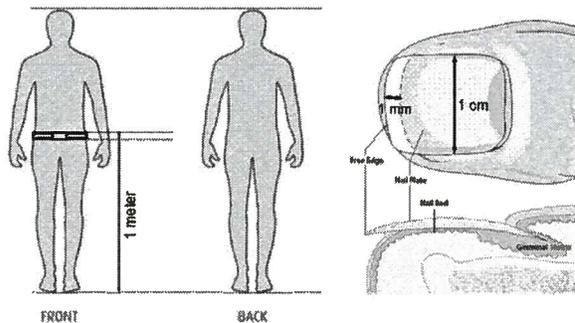
Part 1 - Measurement Referents

A referent is a reference for a specific measurement. For example, the outside length of Mr. Bayer's Size 10 running shoe is approximately "1 foot" in length.

Mr. Bayer's Imperial Referents



Mr. Bayer's S.I. Referents



Part 2 - S.I. to S.I. Conversions (Proportional Reasoning)

Q1: Convert 2.4km to meters.

Q2: Convert 346cm to meters.

$$\frac{2.4 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ km}} = \frac{x}{1000 \text{ m}}$$

$$x = 2400 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{x}{1 \text{ m}} = \frac{346 \text{ cm}}{100 \text{ cm}}$$

$$x = 3.46 \text{ m}$$

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Step 2: Line up given into above. Solve for x.

Part 3 - S.I. to S.I. Conversions (Unit Analysis)

Q3: Convert 2.4km to meters.

Q4: Convert 346cm to meters.

$$\frac{2.4 \text{ km}}{1} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} = \frac{2400 \text{ m}}{1}$$

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Conversion Factor

$$\frac{2400 \text{ m}}{1}$$

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Part 4 – Imperial to Imperial Conversions (Proportional Reasoning)

Q5: Convert 2000 yards to miles.

Q6: Convert 7.8 yards to feet.

$$\frac{x}{1 \text{ mi}} = \frac{2000 \text{ yd}}{1760 \text{ yd}}$$

$$\frac{7.8 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ yd}} = \frac{x}{3 \text{ ft}}$$

$$x = 1.136 \text{ mi}$$

$$x = 23.4 \text{ ft}$$

Part 5 – Imperial to Imperial Conversions (Unit Analysis)

Q7: Convert 2000 yards to miles.

Q8: Convert 7.8 yards to feet.

$$\frac{2000 \text{ yd}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{1760 \text{ yd}} = \frac{2000 \text{ mi}}{1760}$$

Conversion Factor

$$\Downarrow$$

$$1.136 \text{ mi}$$

$$\frac{7.8 \text{ yd}}{1} \times \frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} = \frac{23.4 \text{ ft}}{1}$$

Conversion Factor

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$$23.4 \text{ ft}$$

Part 6 – Imperial to S.I. Conversions (Proportional Reasoning)

Q9: Convert 2.5 miles to kilometers.

Q10: Convert 1000 cm to inches.

$$\frac{2.5 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ mi}} = \frac{x}{1.609 \text{ km}}$$

$$\frac{x}{1 \text{ in}} = \frac{1000 \text{ cm}}{2.54 \text{ cm}}$$

$$x = 4.0225 \text{ km}$$

$$x = 393.7 \text{ in}$$

Part 7 – Imperial to S.I. Conversions (Unit Analysis Reasoning)

Q11: Convert 2.5 miles to kilometers.

Q12: Convert 1000 cm to inches.

$$\frac{2.5 \text{ mi}}{1} \times \frac{1.609 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mi}} = \frac{4.0225 \text{ km}}{1}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$4.0225 \text{ km}$$

$$\frac{1000 \text{ cm}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ in}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1000 \text{ in}}{2.54}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

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Part 8 – Multi-Step Conversions (Proportional Reasoning)

Q13: Convert 0.50 miles to meters.

Plan: miles \rightarrow km \rightarrow m

$$\frac{0.5 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ mi}} = \frac{x}{1.609 \text{ km}}$$

$$x = 0.8045 \text{ km}$$

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$$x = 804.5 \text{ m}$$

Q14: Convert 10,000 inches to meters.

Plan: inches \rightarrow cm \rightarrow m

$$\frac{10,000 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ in}} = \frac{x}{2.54 \text{ cm}}$$

$$x = 25,400 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{x}{1 \text{ m}} = \frac{25,400 \text{ cm}}{100 \text{ cm}}$$

$$x = 254 \text{ m}$$

Part 9 – Multi-Step Conversions (Unit Analysis)

Q15: Convert 0.50 miles to meters.

Plan: miles \rightarrow km \rightarrow m

$$\frac{0.50 \cancel{\text{ mi}}}{1} \times \frac{1.609 \cancel{\text{ km}}}{1 \cancel{\text{ mi}}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \cancel{\text{ km}}} = \frac{804.5 \text{ m}}{1}$$

$$804.5 \text{ m}$$

Q16: Convert 10,000 inches to meters.

Plan: inches \rightarrow cm \rightarrow m

$$\frac{10,000 \cancel{\text{ in}}}{1} \times \frac{2.54 \cancel{\text{ cm}}}{1 \cancel{\text{ in}}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \cancel{\text{ cm}}} = \frac{25,400 \text{ m}}{100}$$

$$254 \text{ m}$$

Part 10 – Velocity Conversions (Unit Analysis)

Q17: Convert 100 km/h to m/s.

$$\frac{100 \cancel{\text{km}}}{\cancel{\text{h}}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \cancel{\text{km}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{h}}}{3600 \text{ s}} = \frac{100,000 \text{ m}}{3600 \text{ s}} = \boxed{27.7 \text{ m/s}}$$

Q18: Convert 50 cm/s to km/h.

$$\frac{50 \cancel{\text{cm}}}{\cancel{\text{s}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{m}}}{100 \cancel{\text{cm}}} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \cancel{\text{m}}} \times \frac{3600 \cancel{\text{s}}}{1 \text{ h}} = \frac{180,000 \text{ km}}{100,000 \text{ h}} = \boxed{1.8 \text{ km/h}}$$