

# Customary Units

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## Unit (abbreviation)

## Conversion

### Weight

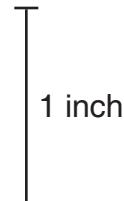
ounce (oz)  
pound (lb)  
ton

1 lb = 16 oz  
1 ton = 2,000 lb

### Length

inch (in)  
foot (ft)  
yard (yd)  
mile (mi)

1 ft = 12 in  
1 yd = 3 ft  
1 mi = 5,280 ft



### Volume

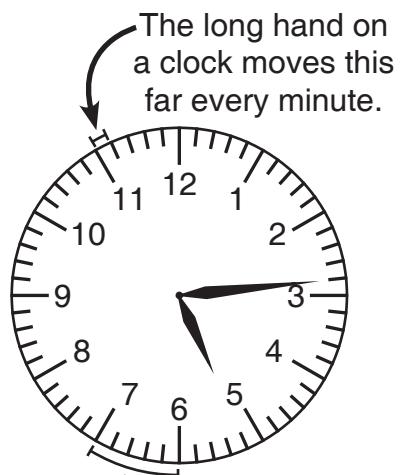
fluid ounce (fl oz)  
cup (c)  
pint (pt)  
quart (qt)  
gallon (gal)

1 c = 8 fl oz  
1 pt = 2 c  
1 qt = 2 pt  
1 gal = 4 qt

### Time

second (sec)  
minute (min)  
hour (hr)  
day  
week  
month  
decade  
century  
millennium

1 min = 60 sec  
1 hr = 60 min  
1 day = 24 hr  
1 week = 7 days  
1 month has 28-31 days  
1 decade = 10 years  
1 century = 100 years  
1 millennium = 1,000 years



### Temperature

degree Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )  
Water freezes:  $32^{\circ}\text{F}$   
Water boils:  $212^{\circ}\text{F}$

The short hand on a clock moves this far every hour.

# The Metric System

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The metric system uses prefixes.

**kilo** means  $\times 1,000$

For example, there are 1,000 meters in 1 **kilometer**.

**centi** means  $\div 100$

1 meter can be divided into 100 **centimeters**.

**milli** means  $\div 1,000$

1 liter can be divided into 1,000 **milliliters**.

## Common Units (abbreviation)

### Weight

gram (g)

kilogram (kg)

$1 \text{ kg} = 1,000 \text{ g}$

### Length

centimeter (cm)

$100 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ m}$

meter (m)

kilometer (km)

$1 \text{ km} = 1,000 \text{ m}$

### Volume

milliliter (mL)

$1,000 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ L}$

liter (L)

### Other Prefixes

kilo (k)

### Conversion

$\times 1,000$

hecto (h)

$\times 100$

deka (da)

$\times 10$

no prefix

$\div 10$

deci (d)

$\div 100$

centi (c)

$\div 1,000$

milli (m)

### Example

1 **kilometer** = 1,000 meters

1 **hectometer** = 100 meters

1 **dekameter** = 10 meters

1 meter = 1 meter

10 **decimeters** = 1 meter

100 **centimeters** = 1 meter

1,000 **millimeters** = 1 meter

↔ 1 millimeter

↔ 1 centimeter = 10 mm

↔ 1 decimeter = 10 cm = 100 mm ↔

### Temperature

degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Water freezes:  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$

Water boils:  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$