# Si Units

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SI Units (*Système international d'unités*) the standard international system of units were created in the 1700's during the French Revolution.

This system uses predetermined prefixes that scale a measurement

Prefix	Scale factor (Scientific Notation)	Scale Factor
n: nano	x10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.00000001
μ: micro	x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.000001
m: milli	x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.001
c: centi	x10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.01
d: deci	x10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.1
da: deca	x10¹	10
h: hecta	x10 <sup>2</sup>	100
k: kilo	x10 <sup>3</sup> (	1000
M: mega	x10 <sup>6</sup>	1000000
G: giga	x10 <sup>9</sup>	100000000

### **Measuring Length**

Lengths are always measured in meters. We use a prefix to help scale the measurement.

$$34 \text{ km} = 34 (1000) \text{ m}$$

$$34,000 \text{ m}$$

$$34 \text{ km} = 540 (0.01) \text{ m}$$

$$5.4 \text{ m}$$

$$540 \text{ cm} = 540 (0.01) \text{ m}$$

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$$4678 \text{ mm} = 4679 (0.001) \text{ m}$$

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$$3 cm = 3 (0.01) m$$

$$0.03 m$$

$$k: 1000$$

$$0.56 km = 0.56 (1000) m$$

$$560 m$$

$$0.56 km \times 1000 m$$

$$1 km = 1000 m$$

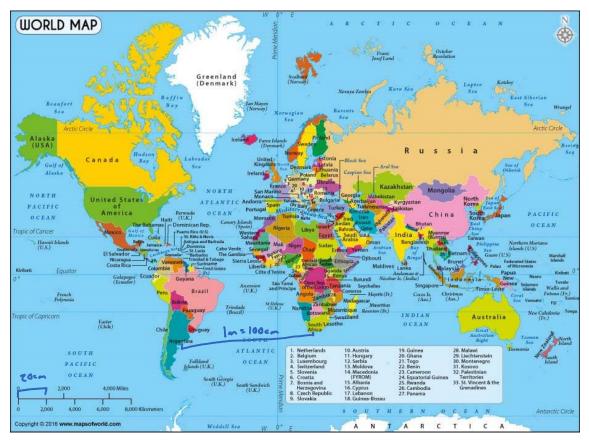
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## Mass in SI units is measured in grams

# **Equivalency Equations**

Yesterday you created your own equivalency Equations.



We can do the same with our different SI units.

1km = 1000m

1m = 100cm

1cm = 10mm

Etc.

We also use equivalency equations on maps

**<u>Referents:</u>** A referent is a personal measurement that you can use to make estimates.

The width of your pinky finger is approximately 1 cm What would be some other referents?

1 cm  $\simeq$  width of the pinky finger

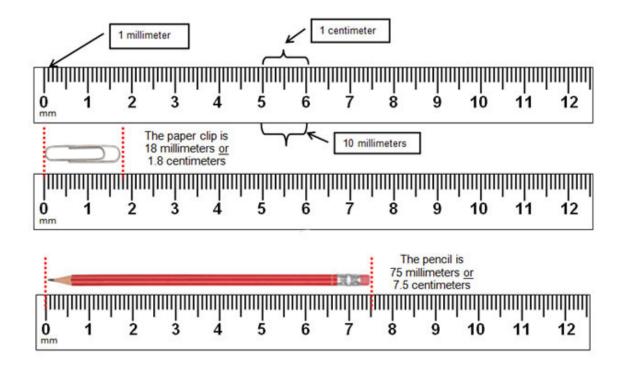
Using your referents: determine the following

The height of your text book (in cm) =  $\frac{70}{20}$ 

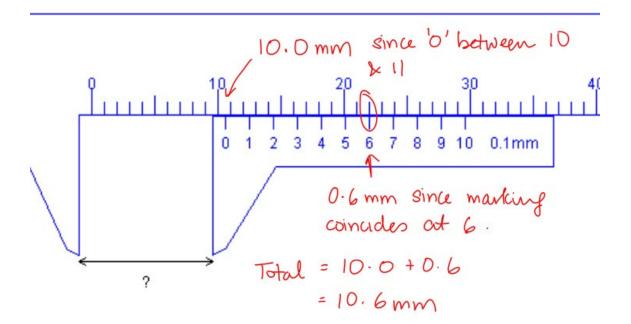
The perimeter of the classroom (in m)=  $34 \sim 42$ 

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### Reading a ruler



## **Reading a Caliper**



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