Si Units

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 | $\times 10^{-9}$ | 0.000000001 |  |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\mu}:$ micro | $\times 10^{-6}$ | 0.000001 |  |  |
| m: milli | $\times 10^{-3}$ | 0.001 |  |  |
| c: cent | $\times 10^{-2}$ | 0.01 |  |  |
| d: deci | $\times 10^{-1}$ | 0.1 |  |  |
| da: ceca | $\times 10^{1}$ | 10 |  |  |
| h: hecta | $\times 10^{2}$ | 100 |  |  |
| k: kilo | $\times 10^{3}$ | 1000 |  |  |
| M: mega | $\times 10^{6}$ | 1000000 |  |  |
| G: giza | $\times 10^{9}$ | 1000000000 |  |  |

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

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\begin{array}{ll}
34 \mathrm{~km}= & 34(1000) \mathrm{m} \\
& 34,000 \mathrm{~m}
\end{array} \quad 1 \quad 1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}
$$

$$
4678 \mathrm{~mm}=4678(0.001) \mathrm{m}
$$

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4.678 \mathrm{~m}
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4678 \mathrm{~mm} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~m}}{1000 \mathrm{~mm}}=4.678 \mathrm{~m}
$$


$k: 1000$
$0.56 \mathrm{~km}=0.56(1000) \mathrm{m}$
560 m

$1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}$
0.56 km


## Mass in SI units is measured in grams

## Equivalency Equations

Yesterday you created your own equivalency Equations.


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We can do the same with our different SI units.
$1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}$
$1 \mathrm{~m}=100 \mathrm{~cm}$
$1 \mathrm{~cm}=10 \mathrm{~mm}$

Etc.

We also use equivalency equations on maps

Referents: 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?
$1 \mathrm{~mm} \simeq$ Thickness of a finger nail

1 cm ~ width of the pinky finger
$1 \mathrm{~m} \sim$ large Step
$1 \mathrm{~km} \simeq 3$ city blocks

Using your referents: determine the following
The height of your text book $($ in cm$)=20 \sim 26 \mathrm{~cm}$


The perimeter of the classroom (in m)=34~42m

## Reading a ruler



## Reading a Caliper



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