Metric System

Length

Mass

Volume

Kilometer

Hectometer

Dekameter

Meter

Base

Decimeter

Centimeter

Millimeter

Kilogram

Hectogram

Dekagram

Gram

Decigram

Centigram

Milligram

Kiloliter

Hectoliter

Dekaliter

Liter

Base

Deciliter

Centiliter

Milliliter

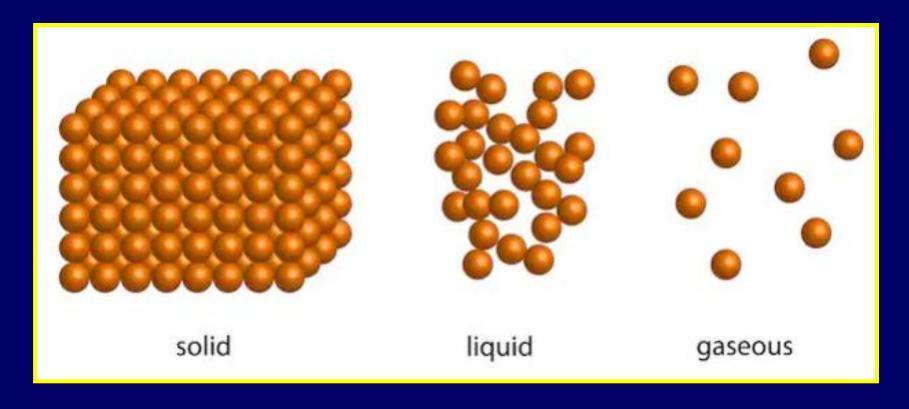
Matter

Matter refers to anything that has mass and takes up space.



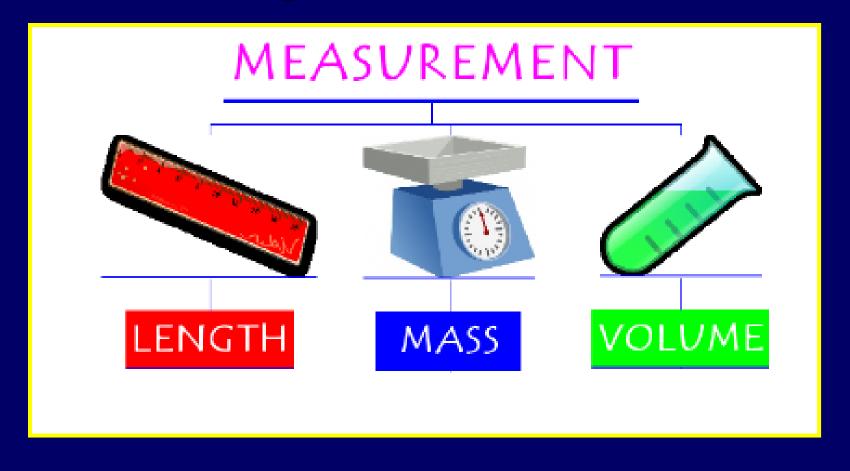
Atoms

All matter is made up of atoms and can exist as a solid, liquid, or gas.



Measuring Matter

We can measure matter according to its length, mass, or volume.



Metric System



Science and most countries use the Metric System when making measurements.



Prefixes

The metric systems add prefixes to the base units of meter, grams, and liter.

Kilo

Hecto

Deca

Centi

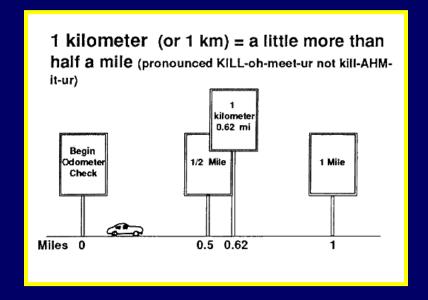
Deci

Milli

The prefixes are based on powers of 10.

Kilo (k)

Thousand 1,000 10³





Hecto (h)

Hundred 100 10²

Deca (da) Ten or 10



50's



60's



70's



80's

Deci (d)

Tenth or 0.1

Centi (c)

Hundredth 0.01 10⁻²





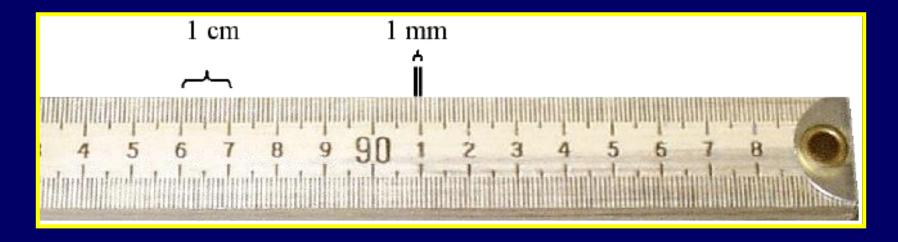


Milli (m)

Thousandth 0.001

Measuring Length

The common tool for measuring length, in the metric system, is the meter stick.



The metric base unit for length is the meter (m).

Measuring Length

When measuring length, just add the prefix to the base word, meter (m).

Examples

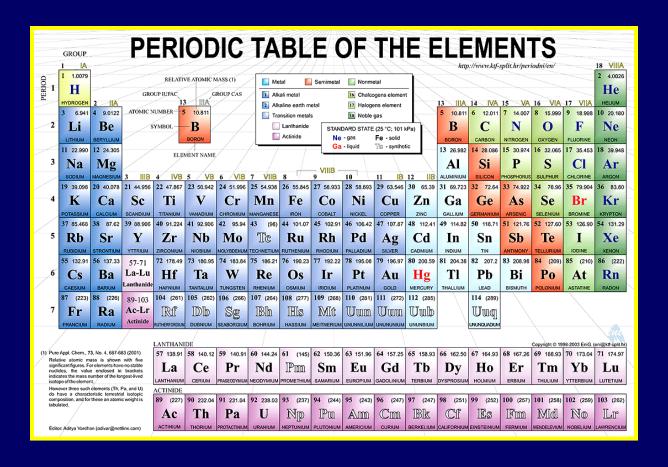
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1,000 meters (m) = 1 kilometer (km)
100 meters (m) = 1 hectometer (hm)
10 meters (m) = 1 decameter (dam)
10 decimeters (dm) = 1 meter (m)
100 centimeters (cm) = 1 meter (m)
1,000 millimeters (mm) = 1 meter (m)
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Mass refers to the amount of matter there is in a substance or object.



Matter is made up of atoms, but atoms come in all different sizes, sort of like a bag of marbles.

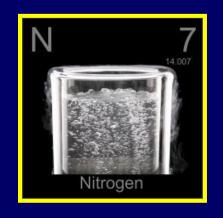
The periodic table lists all the different types of atoms.



Some atoms, like lead (Pb), are very large and very heavy.









Other atoms like nitrogen (N), are very small and very light.

Nitrogen makes up 78% of our air.

When measuring mass, we are measuring the amount of atoms present, as well as how heavy or light the atoms are in a substance.

Mass Vs. Weight

Mass and weight are two different measurements.



Weight includes the effect of gravity pulling down on a substance or object and varies with changes in gravity.

When we measure mass, we use a triple beam balance that is calibrated to ignore the effect of gravity.



The metric base unit for measuring mass is the gram (g).

When measuring mass, just add the prefix to the base word, grams (g).

Examples

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1,000 grams (g) = 1 kilogram (kg)

100 grams (g) = 1 hectogram (hm)

10 grams (g) = 1 decagram (dag)

10 decigrams (dg) = 1 gram (g)

100 centigrams (cg) = 1 gram (g)

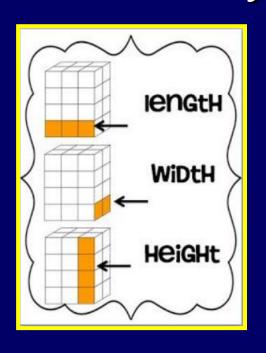
1,000 milligrams (mg) = 1 gram (g)
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Volume refers to the amount of space that an object occupies.



A marble takes up a lot less space than Earth, so a marble has a lot less volume.

To find the volume for rectangular solids, we multiply the Length X Width X Height and the unit is always cubed (m³ or cm³).



3 cm X 2 cm X 4 cm 24 cm³

When measuring the volume of liquids, we use graduated cylinders.



The metric base unit for measuring liquid volumes is the liter (L).

When measuring the volume of liquids, just add the prefix to the base word, liter (L).

Examples

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1,000 liters (L) = 1 kiloliter (kL)
100 liters (L) = 1 hectoliter (hL)
10 liters (L) = 1 decaliter (daL)
10 deciiters (dL) = 1 Liter (L)
100 centiliters (cL)= 1 Liter (L)
1,000 milliliters (mL) = 1 Liter (L)
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The End

