## Metric System

## Length

 Mass
## Volume

Kilometer
Dekameter

Meter

Decimeter
Centimeter

Millimeter
Kilogram
Hectogram
Dekagram


Base
Decigram
Centigram
Milligram
Kiloliter
Hectoliter
Dekaliter
Base
Liter
Deciliter
Centiliter
Milliliter

## Matter

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

Matter is the Stuff Around You


## Atoms

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

solid

liquid

## Measuring Matter

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


# Metric System <br> <br> Science and most 

 <br> <br> 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.

Centi

## The prefixes are based on powers of 10.

## Kilo (k)

 Thousand 1,000 $10^{3}$

## Hecto (h)

Hundred 100 $10^{2}$

## Deca (da) Ten or 10



Deci (d)
Tenth or 0.1

## Centi (c) Hundredth <br> 0.01 <br> $10^{-2}$



## Milli (m) Thousandth 0.001 $10^{-3}$

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

1,000 meters $(\mathrm{m})=1$ kilometer $(\mathrm{km})$
100 meters $(\mathrm{m})=1$ hectometer $(\mathrm{hm})$
10 meters $(m)=1$ decameter (dam)
10 decimeters $(\mathrm{dm})=1$ meter $(\mathrm{m})$
100 centimeters $(\mathrm{cm})=1$ meter $(\mathrm{m})$
1,000 millimeters $(\mathrm{mm})=1$ meter $(\mathrm{m})$

## Measuring Mass

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.

## Measuring Mass The periodic table lists all the different types of atoms.



## Measuring Mass

Some atoms, like lead $(\mathrm{Pb})$, 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.

## Measuring Mass

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 $(\mathrm{g})$.

## Measuring Mass

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

## Examples

1,000 grams $(\mathrm{g})=1$ kilogram (kg)
100 grams ( g ) = 1 hectogram (hm)
10 grams ( g ) = 1 decagram (dag) 10 decigrams $(\mathrm{dg})=1$ gram ( g )
100 centigrams (cg) $=1$ gram (g)
1,000 milligrams $(\mathrm{mg})=1$ gram $(\mathrm{g})$

# Measuring Volume 

## 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 ( $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ or $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ ).


# $3 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2 \mathrm{~cm} \times 4 \mathrm{~cm}$ 

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24 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}
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# Measuring Volume 

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


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

Measuring Volume
When measuring the volume of
liquids, just add the prefix to the base word, liter (L). Examples
1,000 liters $(\mathrm{L})=1$ kiloliter (kL)
100 liters (L) = 1 hectoliter (hL)
10 liters $(\mathrm{L})=1$ decaliter (daL) 10 deciiters (dL) = 1 Liter (L)
100 centiliters (cL)= 1 Liter (L)
1,000 milliliters $(\mathrm{mL})=1$ Liter (L)

## The End



