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Lesson 1.4: The Imperial System



Practice – V

1. Convert 77 yd 2 ft to feet.

$$77 \text{ yd} \cdot \frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} = 231 \text{ ft}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 77 \text{ yd } 2 \text{ ft} &= 231 \text{ ft} + 2 \text{ ft} \\ &= 233 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$

2. Convert 50 oz to pounds. Leave your final answer as a mixed fraction.

$$\begin{aligned} 50 \cancel{\text{oz}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \cancel{\text{oz}}} &= \frac{50}{16} \text{ lbs} \\ &= 3 \frac{2}{16} \text{ lbs} \\ &= 3 \frac{1}{8} \text{ lbs} \end{aligned}$$

Please complete *Lesson 1.4 Explore Your Understanding Assignment* located in *Workbook 1.4* before proceeding to *Lesson 1.5*.

Lesson 1.5: Conversions Between the SI and Imperial System



Practice – VI

1. Why are there two conversion ratios listed for each pair of measurements listed in the conversion table in *Lesson 1.5*?

When one of the values in a conversion ratio is 1, the conversion simplifies to a straightforward multiplication or division. By carefully selecting the most helpful of the two conversion ratios, you can always use multiplication.

2. Complete the following conversions.

a. 10 m to yd

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{10 \text{ m}} &= \frac{1.094 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ m}} \\ \frac{x}{\cancel{10 \text{ m}}} \cdot \cancel{10 \text{ m}} &= \frac{1.094 \text{ yd}}{1 \cancel{\text{m}}} \cdot 10 \cancel{\text{m}} \\ x &= 10.94 \text{ yd}\end{aligned}$$

b. 159 lbs to kg

$$159 \cancel{\text{ lbs}} \cdot \frac{0.454 \text{ kg}}{1 \cancel{\text{ lb}}} = 72.186 \text{ kg}$$

c. 34 miles per hour to kilometres per hour

$$\frac{34 \cancel{\text{ mi}}}{1 \text{ h}} \times \frac{1.609 \text{ km}}{1 \cancel{\text{ mi}}} = 54.706 \text{ km/h}$$

3. The diagram shows a thermometer with both Celsius and Fahrenheit scales.
- a. Describe how a thermometer with both scales can be used to convert between $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $^{\circ}\text{F}$.

The corresponding measurements line up, so you can simply look across from the measure of interest to find its corresponding value in the other system.

- b. Use your strategy to convert

- i. 50°C to $^{\circ}\text{F}$

122°F

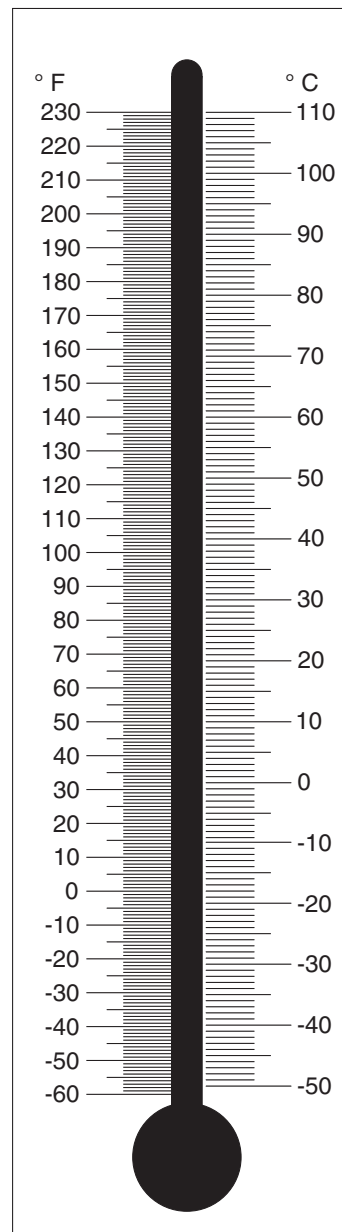
- ii. -10°F to $^{\circ}\text{C}$

-23°C

- c. So far in this *Unit* you have always been able to use a proportion to convert between units. Explain why you cannot use the same strategy to convert between Celsius and Fahrenheit.
(Hint: Zero will be important to your explanation.)

For all the unit conversions completed so far, the value 0 has been the same on both scales (when you have 0 of one unit, you also have 0 of another). This means the two units are directly proportional – that is, if you double one value the other will also double, etc. This direct proportionality allowed you to set up and solve a proportion to convert between units.

The 0 for Fahrenheit does not correspond to the 0 for Celsius, and vice versa. You cannot use a proportion on its own to convert between the two values because the units are not directly proportional.



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4. You are considering purchasing one of two used vehicles. Online, you have found that one vehicle has a fuel economy of 36 mi/gal and the other has a fuel economy of 7.2 L/100 km. Assuming imperial gallons were used, which of the two vehicles is more fuel efficient? Be sure to explain your reasoning.

The rate 36 mi/gal can also be written as $\frac{1 \text{ gal}}{36 \text{ mi}}$ and can be converted to litres per kilometre as follows.

$$\frac{1 \text{ gal}}{36 \text{ mi}} \cdot \frac{4.546 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ gal}} \cdot \frac{0.621 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ km}} = \frac{0.0784 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ km}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{0.0784 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ km}} &= \frac{x}{100 \text{ km}} \\ \frac{0.0784 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ km}} \cdot 100 \text{ km} &= \frac{x}{100 \text{ km}} \cdot 100 \text{ km} \\ 7.84 \text{ L} &= x \end{aligned}$$

The fuel rate is approximately 7.84 L/100 km for the first vehicle. The second vehicle uses less fuel at 7.2 L/100 km.

Please complete *Lesson 1.5 Explore Your Understanding Assignment*, located in *Workbook 1.5*.