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Warm-Up

1. Solve the proportion

$$\frac{76}{x} = \frac{213}{423} \quad \frac{32,148}{213} = 150.92$$

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Measurement Conversion

ELG N.3 Use units to solve problems

Key Word: Conversion Factor

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Conversions Factors to know:

1 inch = 2.54 centimeters

1 gallon = 3.79 liters

1 hour = 60 minutes

1 ounce = 28.9 grams

1 yard = 0.926 meters

1 meter = 3.25 feet

1 mile = 5280 feet

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When dealing with unit conversions there are two ways to approach them.

One way is if you are converting units to the same units.

This is going to allow us to use a simple proportion to solve it.

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Practice

1. On Sunday you plan on studying for 893 minutes. How many hours is that?

$$\frac{893 \text{ min}}{x \text{ hrs}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

$$\frac{60x}{60} = \frac{893}{60}$$

$$x = 14.9 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\frac{893 \cancel{\text{min}}}{1} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \cancel{\text{min}}} = \frac{893 \text{ hr}}{60} = 14.9 \text{ hrs}$$

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Practice

2. I walked 5 meters today, how many feet is that?

$$\frac{5\text{m}}{1} \cdot \frac{3.25\text{ft}}{1\text{m}} =$$

$$1\text{m} = 3.25\text{ft}$$

$$\frac{1\text{m}}{3.25\text{ft}} = \frac{5\text{m}}{x\text{ft}}$$
$$5 \times 3.25 = 16.25\text{ft}$$

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Another way we convert units is using multiplication.

We use this method when we have to convert multiple units.

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Practice

3. I drove 45 miles/hour, how many ft/sec is that?

$$\frac{45\text{mi}}{1\text{hr}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\frac{45\cancel{\text{mi}}}{1\cancel{\text{hr}}} \cdot \frac{1\cancel{\text{hr}}}{60\cancel{\text{min}}} \cdot \frac{1\cancel{\text{min}}}{60\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{5280\text{ft}}{1\cancel{\text{mile}}} = \frac{237600\text{ft}}{3600\text{sec}} = \frac{66\text{ft}}{1\text{sec}}$$

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Practice

4. A horse can travel 44 miles per hour, how many centimeters per second is that?

$$\frac{44\cancel{\text{mi}}}{1\cancel{\text{hr}}} \cdot \frac{1\cancel{\text{hr}}}{60\cancel{\text{min}}} \cdot \frac{1\cancel{\text{min}}}{60\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{5280\cancel{\text{ft}}}{1\cancel{\text{mi}}} \cdot \frac{12\cancel{\text{in}}}{1\cancel{\text{ft}}} \cdot \frac{2.54\text{cm}}{1\cancel{\text{in}}}$$
$$\frac{708113.6\text{cm}}{3600\text{sec}} = \frac{1967\text{cm}}{1\text{sec}}$$

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1. 543790 seconds to days

2. 43 miles per hour to inches per minute

$$\frac{43 \text{ mile}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mile}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = 45,408 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{min}}$$

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1. 17 years to minutes

2. 6.54×10^8 meters to kilometers. (1000m = 1 km)

3.55×10^9 seconds to days

$$\frac{3.55 \times 10^9 \text{ sec}}{1} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hr}}$$

$$\frac{3550000000}{60 \cdot 60 \cdot 24} = \frac{3550000000}{86400}$$

$$\underline{41087.9 \text{ days}}$$
$$4.10879 \times 10^4$$