# Introducing... The Metric System! 

Chapter 1

EQ: Why do most countries use the metric system?

## What is the Metric System?

- "The metric system is an international decimalized system of measurement, first adopted by France in 1791, that is the common system of measuring units used by most of the world."
- Based around the idea of increments of 10


## Who invented the Metric System?

- French Commander Napoleon locked away all scientists and mathematicians and wouldn't let them out until they developed a simple form of measurement that could be used everywhere in Europe.


## Do We Use the Metric System?

- We do in science!
- Not in the USA in everyday life



## Metric Measurements!

- Length ~ Meters
- Volume ~ Liters
- Mass ~ Grams
- Time ~ Seconds
- Temperature ~ Degrees Celsius


## Definitions!



- Length ~ The measurement of an object from end to end.
- In order to measure length, we use a tool called a Meter Stick



## Definitions Continued!



- Volume ~ The amount of space an object takes up.
- In order to measure volume we use a tool called a Graduated Cylinder.



## Definitions Galore!



- Mass ~ The amount of matter, or "stuff" in an object.
- In order to measure mass, we use a tool called a Triple Beam Balance.



## More Definitions!



- Time ~ A period or interval.
- In order to measure time, we use a tool called a stopwatch.



## The End of Definitions!



- Temperature ~ A measure of how warm or cold an object is.
- In order to measure temperature, we use a tool called a thermometer.



## Temperature Conversions

Converting Fahrenheit to Celsius

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F=9 / 5 C+32
$$

Converting Celsius to Fahrenheit

$$
C=5 / 9(F-32)
$$



## Conversions



- According to Dictionary.com...
- Conversion (n) : 7. the act of obtaining equivalent value, as of money or units of measurement, in an exchange or calculation.


# 8.7 - Temperature and Conversions between 

 the U. S. and the Metric Systems
## Conversions

Convert $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to Fahrenheit.

$$
\begin{aligned}
F & =\frac{9}{5} C+32 \\
F & =\frac{9}{5}(60)+32 \\
F & =9 \cdot 12+32 \\
F & =108+32 \\
F & =140^{\text {皿 }}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Conversions

Convert $68^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to Celsius.

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\begin{gathered}
C=\frac{5}{9}(F-32) \\
C=\frac{5}{9}(68-32) \\
C=\frac{5}{9}(36) \\
C=5 \cdot 4 \\
C=20 \square
\end{gathered}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
C=\frac{5}{9}(F-32) \quad C= & \frac{5}{9}(102.8-32) \\
C & =\frac{5}{9}(70.8) \\
C & =\frac{354}{9} \\
C & =39.33 \\
C & =39.3{ }^{\text {国 }}
\end{aligned}
$$

## King Henry Conversions

- Kilometer
- Hectometer
- Decameter
- meter
- decimeter
- centimeter
- millimeter

Km
Hm
Dkm m dm
cm
mm


## King Henry Conversions!

King
Henry
Doesn't
usually

drink
chocolate
milk

## Let's Practice!



- Convert the following:
$1.0 \mathrm{Km}=\mathrm{m}_{100}^{1000} \mathrm{~m}$
$.1 .0 \mathrm{~m}=1 \mathrm{~cm}$
- $1.0 \mathrm{~cm}=\xrightarrow{{ }^{10}} \mathrm{~mm}$



## Tougher Ones!

- Convert the following:
- $2,500 \mathrm{Km}=$ m
- $6.3 \mathrm{~cm}=\ldots \quad \mathrm{mm}$

- $53.6 \mathrm{dm}=\ldots \quad \mathrm{cm}$

