- Key Concept and Vocabulary -

Length

1 in. \approx 3 cm $1 \text{ m} \approx 3 \text{ ft}$

$$1 \text{ in.} \approx 3 \text{ cm}$$
 $1 \text{ qt} \approx 1 \text{ L}$
 $1 \text{ m} \approx 3 \text{ ft}$ $1 \text{ gal} \approx 4 \text{ L}$
 $1 \text{ mi} \approx 2 \text{ km}$ $1 \text{ c} \approx 200 \text{ mL}$

Weight (Mass)
$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \text{ gal} \approx 4000 \text{ cm}^3 \\ 1 \text{ m}^3 \approx 300 \text{ gal} \end{array}$$

$$1 \text{ kg} \approx 2 \text{ lb}$$

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$$1 \text{ oz} \approx 30 \text{ g}$$



Visual Model

1 in.
$$\approx$$
 3 cm

Skill Examples

1.
$$7 \text{ m} \approx 7 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ m}} = 21 \text{ ft}$$

2.
$$20 L \approx 20 \cancel{L} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ gal}}{4 \cancel{L}} = 5 \text{ gal}$$

3.
$$8 \text{ oz} \approx 8 \text{ oz} \cdot \frac{30 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ oz}} = 240 \text{ g}$$

4.
$$2 c \approx 2 \cancel{c} \cdot \frac{200 \text{ mL}}{1 \cancel{c}} = 400 \text{ mL}$$

Application Example

5. A person is 63 inches tall. How many centimeters is that?

63 in.
$$\approx$$
 63 in. $\cdot \frac{3 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}}$
= 189 cm

The height of the person is about 189 centimeters.

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Complete the unit conversion.

7.
$$150 \, \mathrm{g} \approx$$
_____ oz

9.
$$70 \text{ lb} \approx$$
_____kg

10.
$$12 \text{ ft} \approx \underline{\hspace{1cm}} m$$

12.
$$36 \text{ cm} \approx$$
_____ in.

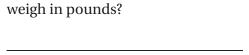
14. 9 qt
$$\approx$$
 _____ L

15.
$$800 \text{ mL} \approx \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{c}$$
 16. $5 \text{ gal} \approx \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{cm}^3$

16. 5 gal
$$\approx$$
 cm³

17.
$$12 \text{ m}^3 \approx \text{gal}$$

18. WEIGHT How much does the wolf weigh in pounds?





Weight: 33 kg

19. SPEED A hummingbird flies at a speed of 33 feet per second. What is the speed of the hummingbird in meters per second?

