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L2.14_M

Conversion between metric and imperial units of capacity



Aims and outcomes

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- understand and use relationships between metric units of capacity.

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Metric units

We will start with revising metric units of capacity before moving on to conversions between metric and imperial measures.

In metric units, litres (l) are the key measure and we have smaller units, centilitres (cl) and millilitres (ml). They are related by:

1 centilitre = 10 millilitres

1 litre = 100 centilitres

and

1 litre = 1000 millilitres



Metric units conversions

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Example: What is 27 ml in cl?

Solution: 27 ml = 2.7 cl (divide by 10)

Example: What is 350 cl in litres?

Solution: 350 cl = 3.50 (divide by 100)

Example: What is 450 ml in litres?

Solution: 450 ml = 0.45 litres (divide by 1000)

Example: What is 2.5 litres in cl?

Solution: 2.5 litres = 250 cl (multiply by 100)

Example: What is 2.5 cl in ml?

Solution: 2.5 cl = 25 ml (multiply by 10)

Conversion of metric units: activity

Complete this table of entries by adding in the missing values in each row.

Millilitres (ml)	Centilitres (cl)	Litres (l)
450	45	0.45
3250	325	3.25
855	85.5	0.855
3275	327.5	3.275

Imperial units

The **imperial units** for capacity are gallons, pints and fluid ounces
They are related by:

1 gallon = 8 pints

1 pint = 20 fluid ounces

and

1 gallon = 160 fluid ounces



Imperial units with conversions

1 gallon = 8 pints

1 pint = 20 fluid ounces

Example: Convert 2.5 pints to fluid ounces

Solution: To convert pints to fluid ounces, we multiply by 20 to give
 $2.5 \times 20 = 50$ fluid ounces.

Example: Convert 36 pints to gallons

Solution: To convert pints to gallons, we divide by 8 to give:
 $36 \div 8 = 4.5$ gallons

Example: Convert 3.24 gallons to pints

Solution: To convert gallons to pints, we multiply by 8 to give:
 $3.24 \times 8 = 25.92$ pints

Example: Convert 68 fluid ounces to pints

Solution: To convert fluid ounces to pints, we divide by 20 to give:
 $68 \div 20 = 3.4$ pints

Imperial units with conversions: activities

Complete this table of capacities by adding in the missing values in each row.

Fluid ounces	pints	gallons
380	19	2.375
400	20	2.5
1920	96	12
5280	264	33

Conversion between metric and imperial units

We can now convert between metric and imperial units
using these approximations

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Example: Convert 37 cl to fluid ounces.

Solution: 1 cl is approximately 0.352 fluid ounces so:
 $37 \text{ cl} \approx 37 \times 0.352 \text{ fluid ounces} = 13.024 \text{ fluid ounces}$

Example: Convert 12 litres to pints.

Solution: 1 litre is approximately 1.76 pints so:
 $12 \text{ litres} \approx 12 \times 1.76 \text{ pints} = 21.12 \text{ pints}$

Example: Convert 3.5 gallons to litres.

Solution: 1 gallon is approximately 4.546 litres so:
 $3.5 \text{ gallons} \approx 3.5 \times 4.546 \text{ litres} = 15.911 \text{ litres}$

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Complete these conversion tables, using the approximations above.

cl	fluid ounces
480	168.96
340.92	120
250	88

litres	pints
24	42.24
22.72	40
150	264

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Congratulations!

You've completed this module on '**Conversion between metric and imperial units of capacity**'.

Now practise your skills with the Activities and test your progress with our Knowledge Check.

