

Algebra/Geometry Institute Summer 2009

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School: H. W. SOLOMON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade Level: 8TH PRE-ALGEBRA



1 Teaching objective(s)

Solve real-world application problems that include length, area, perimeter, and circumference using standard and metric measurements.

2 Instructional Activities

The students will be given a **BELL RINGER ACTIVITY**

The students will be led in a discussion about measurement. Can we define what measurement means? What are the different categories, types, and usages of measurement?

The students will be given Activity 1 that asks them to give the appropriate measure for the given item in customary or metric.

The students will then be led in a discussion of Activity 1. Once all misconceptions have been cleared, the students will be introduced to Activity 2, applying dimensional analysis to convert measures from one or two units to an equivalent measurement.

The students will then be led in a discussion of Activity 2. Once all problems have been worked, the students will be asked to come to the board and explain how they got their answers.

3 Materials and Resources

Textbook : Prentice Hall Pre-Algebra: Tools for a Changing World,
1997

Workbook: Prentice Hall Middle Grade Math: Tools for Success,
2002

Manipulatives (meter sticks)

4 Assessment

The Assessment will be given with problems that are close to examples given in class.

BELL RINGER

1. A mosquito can fly at 0.6 mi/h. How many yd/h is this?

2. How many inches per second is this?

ANSWER KEY
BELL RINGER

1. A mosquito can fly at 0.6 mi/h. How many yd/h is this?

$$\frac{0.6 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ h}} * \frac{1760 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 1056 \text{ yd/h}$$

2. How many inches per second is this?

$$\frac{0.6 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ h}} * \frac{1760 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ mi}} * \frac{36 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ yd}} * \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ sec}} = 10.56 \text{ in/s}$$

NAME _____

Activity 1

WHAT CUSTOMARY UNIT WOULD YOU USE FOR EACH MEASURE?

1. length of a stapler _____

2. weight of a cookie _____

3. capacity of a teakettle _____

4. height of a door _____

5. distance to the moon _____

6. weight of a jet aircraft _____

WHAT METRIC UNIT WOULD YOU USE FOR EACH MEASURE?

1. mass of a cat _____

2. length of a playground _____

3. capacity of a test tube _____

4. length of an insect _____

5. capacity of a bathtub _____

6. mass of a coin _____

ANSWER KEY

NAME _____

WHAT CUSTOMARY UNIT WOULD YOU USE FOR EACH MEASURE?1. length of a stapler _____ **inches** _____2. weight of a cookie _____ **ounces** _____3. capacity of a teakettle _____ **fluid ounces** _____4. height of a door _____ **feet** _____5. distance to the moon _____ **miles** _____6. weight of a jet aircraft _____ **tons** _____**WHAT METRIC UNIT WOULD YOU USE FOR EACH MEASURE?**1. mass of a cat _____ **grams** _____2. length of a playground _____ **kilometers** _____3. capacity of a test tube _____ **milliliters** _____4. length of an insect _____ **millimeters** _____5. capacity of a bathtub _____ **liters** _____6. mass of a coin _____ **grams** _____

NAME _____

**USE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS TO CONVERT EACH MEASURE.
ROUND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH WHERE
NECESSARY.**

1. 56 in. = ____ ft

2. 240 d = ____ h

3. 4 gal = ____ pt

4. 0.75 d = ____ h

5. 2.25 T = ____ lb

6. 84 ft = ____ yd

7. 0.25 d = ____ min

8. 0.01 T = ____ oz

9. At one time, trains were not permitted to go faster than 12 mi/h. How many yards per minute is this?

10. A sneeze can travel up to 100 mi/h. How many feet per seconds is this

ANSWER KEY

NAME _____

ACTIVITY 2

**USE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS TO CONVERT EACH MEASURE.
ROUND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH WHERE
NECESSARY.**

1. 56 in. = $4\frac{2}{3}$ ft

2. 240 d = 5760 h

Or 4 ft 8 in

3. 4 gal = 8 pt

4. 0.75 d = 18 h

5. 2.25 T = 4500 lb

6. 84 ft = 28 yd

7. 0.25 d = 360 min

8. 0.01 T = 320 oz

9. At one time, trains were not permitted to go faster than 12 mi/h. How many yards per minute is this?

$$\frac{12 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ h}} * \frac{1760 \text{ yd}}{1 \text{ mi}} * \frac{1 \text{ h}}{60 \text{ min}} = 352 \text{ yd} / \text{min}$$

10. A sneeze can travel up to 100 mi/h. How many feet per seconds is this

$$\frac{100 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ h}} * \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} * \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ sec}} = 146\frac{2}{3} \text{ ft} / \text{sec}$$

ATTACHMENT 4

ASSESSMENT

AN APPROPRIATE METRIC UNIT OF MEASURE IS ?

1. mass of a banana _____

2. depth of Lake Michigan _____

3. length of a small calculator _____

4. quantity of water in a spoon _____

AN APPROPRIATE CUSTOMARY UNIT OF MEASURE IS ?

5. distance to Australia _____

6. volume of a cooking pot _____

7. length of a sports field _____

8. weight of a medium-sized fish _____

**USE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS TO CONVERT EACH MEASURE.
ROUND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH WHERE
NECESSARY.**

9. 1,000 lb = _____ T

10. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi = _____ ft

ANSWER KEY

ASSESSMENT

AN APPROPRIATE METRIC UNIT OF MEASURE IS

1. mass of a banana _____ **grams** _____

2. depth of Lake Michigan _____ **kilometers** _____

3. length of a small calculator _____ **centimeters** _____

4. quantity of water in a spoon _____ **milliliters** _____

AN APPROPRIATE CUSTOMARY UNIT OF MEASURE IS

5. distance to Australia _____ **miles** _____

6. volume of a cooking pot _____ **quarts** _____

7. length of a sports field _____ **yards** _____

8. weight of a medium-sized fish _____ **pounds** _____

**USE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS TO CONVERT EACH MEASURE.
ROUND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH WHERE
NECESSARY.**

9. 1,000 lb = _____ **0.5T** _____

$$\frac{1000lb}{1} * \frac{1T}{2000lb} = 0.5T$$

10. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi = _____ **2640 ft** _____

$$\frac{0.5mi}{1} * \frac{5280ft}{1mi} = 2640ft$$