

# SI Units



# Learning Objectives

- History of SI Units
- SI Base Units
- SI units prefix
- Frequent unit for length, mass, and volume
- Basic unit conversion

# History of SI Units

- The International System of Units, universally abbreviated SI (from the French *Le Système International d'Unités*), is the modern metric system of measurement.
- The SI was established in 1960 by the 11th General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM, *Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures*)

# SI Base Units

- The **SI base units** are the standard **units** of measurement defined by the International System of **Units (SI)**

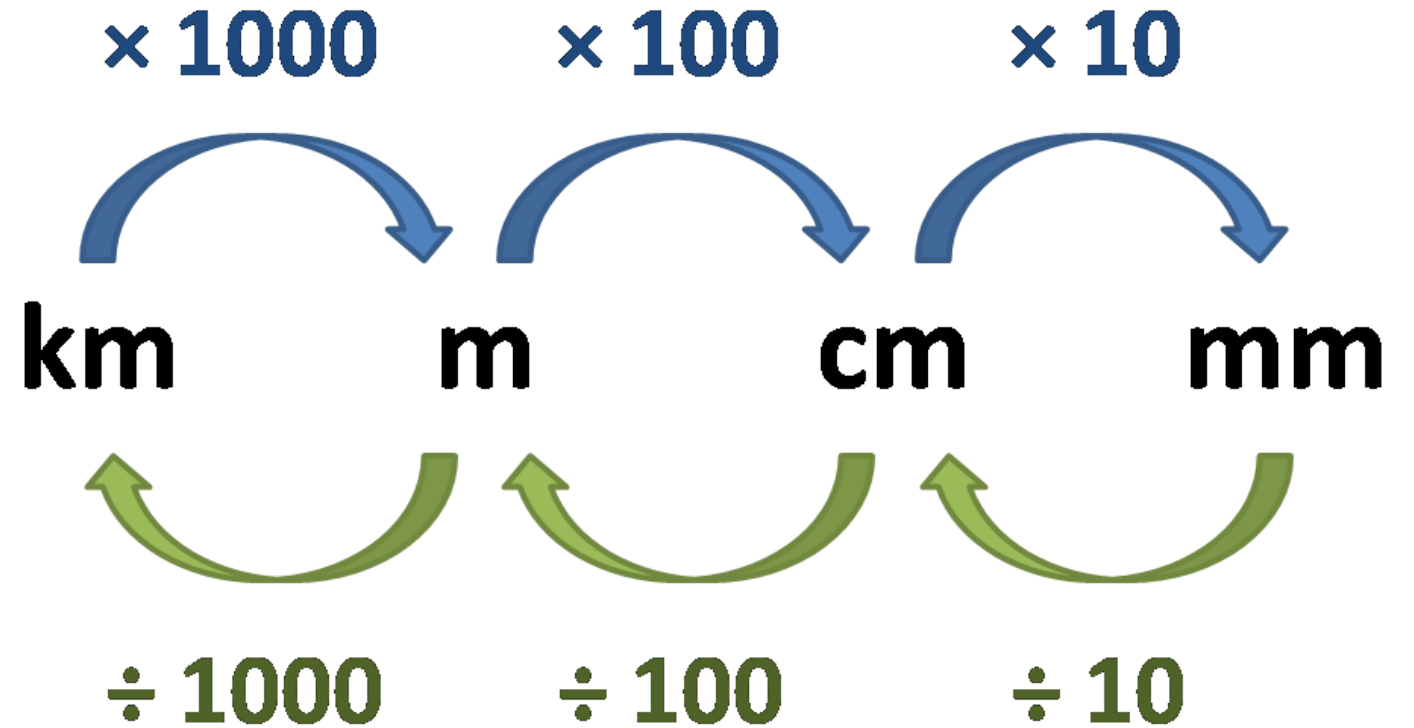
Base Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Length	meter	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
Amount of substance	mole	mol
Luminous intensity	candela	cd

# SI Unit Prefix

<b>Common Prefixes used with SI Units</b>			
Prefix	Symbol	Meaning	Order of Magnitude
<i>giga-</i>	G	1 000 000 000	$10^9$
<i>mega-</i>	M	1 000 000	$10^6$
<i>kilo-</i>	k	1 000	$10^3$
<i>hecto-</i>	h	100	$10^2$
<i>deka-</i>	da	10	$10^1$
	base unit	1	$10^0$
<i>deci-</i>	d	0.1	$10^{-1}$
<i>centi-</i>	c	0.01	$10^{-2}$
<i>milli-</i>	m	0.001	$10^{-3}$
<i>micro-</i>	$\mu$	0.000 001	$10^{-6}$
<i>nano-</i>	n	0.000 000 001	$10^{-9}$

# Useful Units (Length)

- Length is a measurement of distance or dimension
- km = kilometer
- m = meter
- cm = centimeter
- mm = millimeter



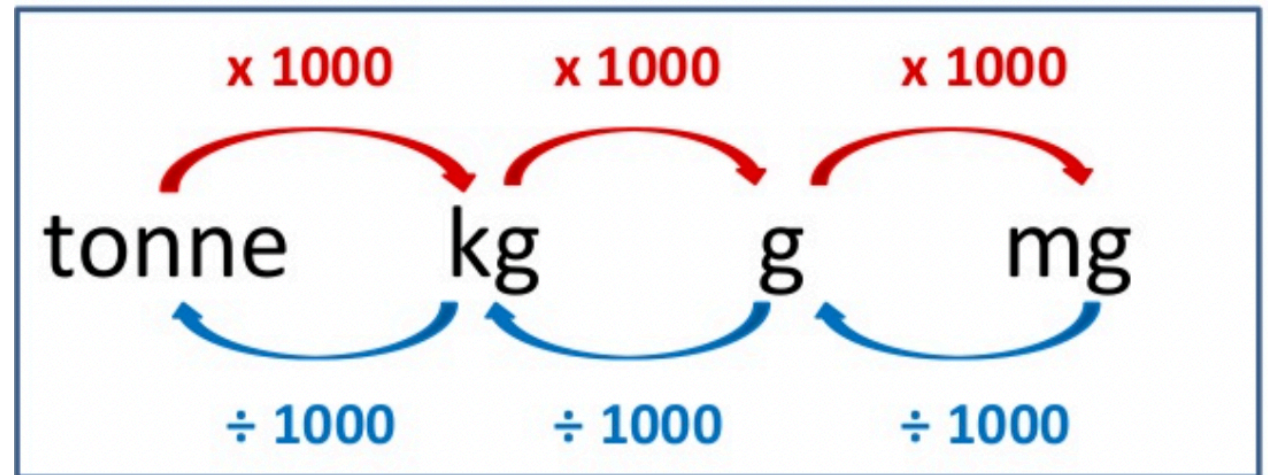
# Useful Unit for Volume

- Volume is the amount of space an object takes up
- Liter (L), milliliters (mL)
- $1\text{L} = 1 \text{ cubic decimeter} = 1000 \text{ mL} = 1000 \text{ cubic centimeter}$



# Useful Unit for Mass

- Tonne, kg, g, mg
- 1 tonne = 1000 kg
- 1kg =1000g
- 1g = 1000mg
- Mass is a measure of the amount of matter in an object.





## Useful Unit for Temperature

- Temperature measures how hot or cold an object is.
- Kelvin to Celsius
- Fahrenheit to Celsius

$$T_K = T_C + 273.15$$

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$$F = \frac{9}{5} C + 32$$

Celsius to Fahrenheit Formula

# Unit Conversion

- 1 m = 39.3701 inches
- 1 m = 3.28094 feet
- 1 kg = 2.204 lbs
- 1 liter = 0.264 gallons

