



**Use conversion factors and ratio reasoning to convert measurement units,
Practice Set C**

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b. 2.5 tons (US) 2,200 kilograms

c. 192 teaspoons 1 quart

d. 3.5 miles 5,500 meters

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Show and explain your reasoning.

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** reflects 1 week*

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Answer Key

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Note that metric to US conversion factor are rounded, and therefore answers may vary slightly depending on which factors/operations students use.

1. Compare each pair of measurements using <, >, or =. Clearly show your work and/or explain your reasoning.

a. 2 quarts < 1,900 milliliters

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ quart}} & \times 2 & = \underline{2 \text{ quarts}} \\ 4 \text{ cups} & \times 2 & \mathbf{8 \text{ cups}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ cup}} & \times 8 & = \underline{8 \text{ cups}} \\ 236.6 \text{ ml} & \times 8 & \mathbf{1892.8 \text{ ml}} \end{array}$$

b. 2.5 tons (US) > 2,200 kilograms

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ ton}} & \times 2.5 & = \underline{2.5 \text{ tons}} \\ 2000 \text{ lbs} & \times 2.5 & \mathbf{5000 \text{ lbs}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ lb}} & \times 5000 & = \underline{5000 \text{ lbs}} \\ .45 \text{ kg} & \times 5000 & \mathbf{2250 \text{ kg}} \end{array}$$

c. 192 teaspoons = 1 quart **1 quart = 2 pints**

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ pint}} & \times 2 & = \underline{2 \text{ pints}} \\ 2 \text{ cups} & \times 2 & \mathbf{4 \text{ cups}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ cup}} & \times 4 & = \underline{4 \text{ cups}} \\ 16 \text{ Tbs} & \times 4 & \mathbf{64 \text{ Tbs}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ Tbs}} & \times 64 & = \underline{64 \text{ Tbs}} \\ 3 \text{ tsp} & \times 64 & \mathbf{192 \text{ tsp}} \end{array}$$

d. 3.5 miles > 5,500 meters

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ mile}} & \times 3.5 & = \underline{3.5 \text{ miles}} \\ 5280 \text{ ft} & \times 3.5 & \mathbf{18,480 \text{ ft}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ foot}} & \times 18,480 & = \underline{3.5 \text{ miles}} \\ 12 \text{ inches} & \times 18,480 & \mathbf{221,760 \text{ in}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \underline{1 \text{ in}} & \times 221,760 & = \underline{221,760 \text{ in}} \\ 2.54 \text{ cm} & \times 221,760 & \mathbf{563,270 \text{ cm}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ meter} = 100 \text{ cm, so} \\ 563,270 \div 100 = \mathbf{5,632.7 \text{ m}} \end{array}$$

2. Find the conversion factor that gives you a ratio between liters and fluid ounces. Show and explain your reasoning.

$$\text{1 liter} = 1.06 \text{ quarts}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{1 quart} & \times 1.06 & = \text{1.06 quarts} \\ 4 \text{ cups} & \times 1.06 & = \text{4.24 cups} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{1 cup} & \times 4.24 & = \text{4.24 cups} \\ 8 \text{ fl oz} & \times 4.24 & = \text{33.92 fl oz} \end{array}$$

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Answers will vary depending upon the conversions students choose to make. Example:

Darin drank the most (800 fl oz), then Isabella (768 fl oz), then Andrew (678 fl oz).

I converted all units to ounces in order to compare.

Darin: **800 fluid ounces**

Andrew: **678 fluid ounces**

(using my unit conversion factor from #2)

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{1 liter} & \times 20 & = \text{20 liters} \\ 33.9 \text{ fl oz} & \times 20 & = \text{678 fl oz} \end{array}$$

Isabella: **768 fluid ounces**

In order to make a comparison I will assume that if Isabella drank 3 gallons in 1 week, she will drink about 6 gallons in 2 weeks. (This is assuming the week she

recorded reflects a typical amount of water that she drinks.)

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \underline{1 \text{ gal}} & \times 6 & = & \underline{6 \text{ gal}} & \underline{1 \text{ quart}} & \times 24 & = & \underline{24 \text{ quarts}} \\ 4 \text{ qts} & \times 6 & & \mathbf{24 \text{ quarts}} & 4 \text{ cups} & \times 24 & & \mathbf{96 \text{ cups}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \underline{1 \text{ cup}} & \times 96 & = & \underline{96 \text{ cups}} \\ 8 \text{ fl oz} & \times 96 & & \mathbf{768 \text{ fl oz}} \end{array}$$