## Can I convert between metric measures?

| Units of Length | Units of Mass | Units of capacity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $10 \mathrm{~mm}=1 \mathrm{~cm}$ | $1000 \mathrm{~g}=1 \mathrm{~kg}$ | $1000 \mathrm{ml}=1 \mathrm{l}$ (litre) |
| $100 \mathrm{~cm}=1 \mathrm{~m}$ |  |  |
| $1000 \mathrm{~m}=1 \mathrm{~km}$ |  |  |

Conversion diagrams:


## Step 1

Write out the measurements you need, using the conversion diagrams above to help you decide how to convert one to another (remember to follow the arrows).

For example:

## Convert 1.23 kg into grams

Write down 1.23kg then look at the conversion diagram for mass. You can see that the arrow that points from kg to g tells you to $\times 1000$.

## Step 2

Do the calculation:
$1.23 \times 1000=1230$
You can draw a place value chart to help you divide and multiply by 10,100 and 1000 if you need to!

| thousands | hundreds | tens | ones | . | $1 / 10$ | $1 / 100$ | $1 / 1000$ |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | . | 2 | 3 |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |

## Step 3

Give your answer separately from your working out and remember to include units (your answer will be incorrect if you forget these!!):
$1.23 \mathrm{~kg}=1230 \mathrm{~g}$

## Another example

What is 3708 cm in m ? Look at the conversion diagram - the arrow from cm to m tells you to $\div 100$

Complete the following:
Three challenge questions at the end.

| Question | Answer |
| :---: | :---: |
| What is 3 lin ml ? |  |
| What is 4500 g in kg? |  |
| What is 3.4 km in m ? |  |
| What is 67 cm in mm ? |  |
| What is 380 ml in l ? |  |
| What is 2.78 kg in g ? |  |
| What is 14 min cm ? |  |
| What is 7 mm in cm ? |  |
| What is 15.61 in ml ? |  |
| What is 837 g in kg ? |  |
| What is $1.2 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{in} \mathrm{mm?}$ |  |
| What is $63,000 \mathrm{~cm}$ in km ? |  |
| What is 2 g in kg ? |  |

## Answers

| Question | Answer |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What is 3 l in ml? | $3 \times 1000=3000$ | $3 \mathrm{l}=3000 \mathrm{ml}$ |
| What is 4500 g in kg ? | $4500 \div 1000=4.5$ | $4500 \mathrm{~g}=4.5 \mathrm{~kg}$ |
| What is 3.4 km in m ? | $3.4 \times 1000=3400$ | $3.4 \mathrm{~km}=3400 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| What is 67 cm in mm ? | $67 \div 10=6.7$ | $67 \mathrm{~mm}=6.7 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| What is 380 ml in l ? | $380 \div 1000=0.38$ | $380 \mathrm{ml}=0.38 \mathrm{l}$ |
| What is 2.78 kg in g ? | $2.78 \times 1000=2780$ | $2.78 \mathrm{~kg}=2780 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| What is 14 m in cm ? | $14 \times 100=1400$ | $14 \mathrm{~m}=1400 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| What is 7mm in cm ? | $7 \div 10=0.7$ | $7 \mathrm{~mm}=0.7 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| What is 15.6 l in ml ? | $15.6 \times 1000=15600$ | $15.61=15600 \mathrm{ml}$ |
| What is 837 g in kg ? | $837 \div 100=0.837$ | $837 \mathrm{~g}=0.837 \mathrm{~kg}$ |
| What is 1.2 m in mm ? | $1.2 \times 100=120 \times 10=1200$ | $1.2 \mathrm{~m}=1200 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| What is $63,000 \mathrm{~cm}$ in km? | $\begin{aligned} & 63000 \div 100=630 \div 1000= \\ & 0.63 \end{aligned}$ | $63,000 \mathrm{~cm}=0.63 \mathrm{~km}$ |
| What is 2 g in kg ? | $2 \div 1000=0.002$ | $2 \mathrm{~g}=0.002 \mathrm{~kg}$ |

