

Searching for the *Clue* in Metric Conversions

Overview

The students will use the metric system in order to understand the importance of unit conversions and the prefixes. Students and the instructor will be involved in large and small group discourse during the class periods using two different exercises. Part one of the lesson will involve an interactive note-taking strategy where students review metric units and unit conversions. Part two of the lesson will involve a "Clue" style activity developed through *clarkcreativeeducation* the where students will gather information through 10 different clues to solve the mystery.

Key Search Words

Physical Science, metric units, secondary science, unit conversions, whodunit, scientific notation

Learning Objectives

- Students will be able to identify the different units of measurement using the appropriate tools needed.
- Students will be able to calculate metric conversion using the appropriate tools.

Curriculum Alignment

NGSS Standards:

• HS-PS-1-7: Use Mathematical Representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.

NC Essential Standards

• PSc.2.1 Understand types, properties, and structure of matter.

Classroom time required

• One 90-Minute class period

Materials & Technology

- Cleartouch
- Lenovo Thinkpad Laptop
- Science Notebooks
- Pencils/Pens
- Rulers
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils
- Tape
- Dry Erase Markers
- Laminated Clue sheets

Safety

Students will be given plastic rulers instead of wooden ones. They will have no hazardous chemicals or other dangerous materials that might cause a disturbance.

Teacher Preparation for Activity

- Spread the whodunit clues around the classroom in different group locations for students to complete.
- Set up a friendly competition between students and include a small prize for the groups that finish in the top 3.
- All worksheets (notes included) need to be printed and stapled together for each group according to class periods.
- Have the clue signs laminated and arranged around the classroom in different locations.
- Have the room rearranged to accommodate the locations of all the different clues.

Student Preparation for Activity

• Students should each have a science journal and writing utensil.

Procedure

Part 1

• Disclaimer: The materials used in this lesson were created through third parties and will need permission to be utilized.

- Step one: Introduce the day's lesson by asking students what they already know about the metric units (Do you know how far a meter is?) Have sections on the floor taped off and have students mark it off on the floor how long they believe a meter is. As students are participating, a student will be passing out the guided notes. Students will then be shown how far a meter really is after pulling up the tape to reveal the mark made by the teacher.
- Step two: Transition from the opening activity to having students complete the guided notes on the metric unit. At the end of the guided notes there is a practice section where students will complete the second half of the practice questions within their small groups. The teacher walks around the class, hopping from group to group, checking for recognition and group participation.
- Step three: As students complete the practice questions on the guided notes, the teacher preps for the whodunit presentation and hands out the blank scoresheet for the whodunit.
- Step four: Review the guided practice questions and clear up any misconceptions.

Part 2

- Step five: Introduce the whodunit activity where students will have to use 10 clues to either rule out or discover who hurt one of the six contestants. The contestants are Dr. Alpha, Miss Beta, Mrs. Gamma, Professor Delta, Mr. Epsilon, and Coach Omega. The activity is created like the game clue where the students need to get the correct answer to either disprove or support the last known location, player, and the method of how the contestant was injured. The students will mark on their handouts as the clues are answered on who is and is not the criminal. As students are answering the clues, the teachers will roam the classroom to ensure the students are all participating and understanding the activity.
- Step six: After the students have answered all 10 clues and concluded with who they believe the criminal is, where the crime was done, and the method, the students must write between 1-2 sentences who they believe performed the crime, the location, and the weapon used in that crime. After all students have shared who they believe the criminal is, the teacher will reveal who the real criminal is.

Differentiation

English Language Learners (ELL)

• Go over the instructions for both the whodunit and the guided notes together in class and if needed will interpret for the Spanish speaking students. (Enable language translator on Canvas or another website)

Academically Gifted Students

- Provide some deeper thinking questions as providing some mathematical problems to incorporate into the metric unit(s). Students with learning disabilities
 - Work in small groups to allow for better teacher to student interaction and allow for peers to assist if needed.

Assessment/Check for Understanding

- Summative (The whodunit)- Students are being challenged to figure out who the criminal is based on the clues.
- Informative (The Metric unit guided notes with practice questions)- Assessing students throughout the practice session as we roam the classroom checking for comprehension on the material.

Required resources

- Metric Unit Whodunit
- Scientific Notation Worksheet Whodunit
- Doodle Metric Unit (Teacher COPY)
- <u>Doodle Note (Student COPY)</u>

Author comments

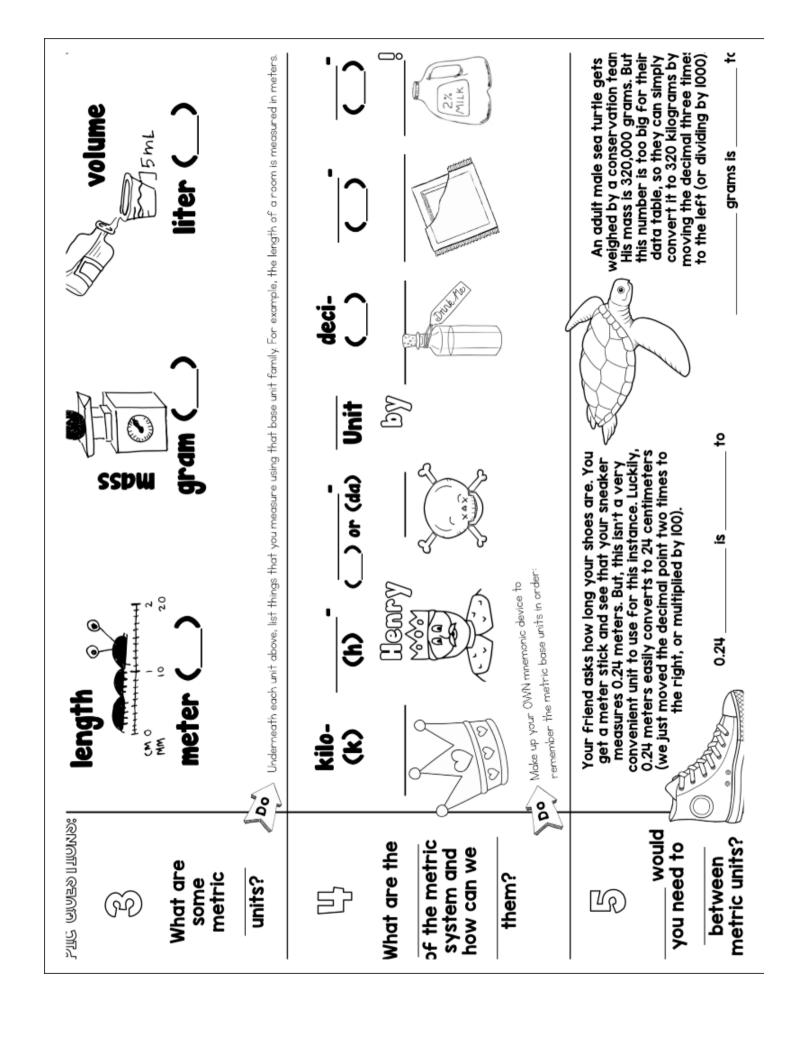
• This lesson provides a written response for the students, as at the end of the presentation there are a few practice problems. You can skip those and go straight into the whodunit activity, but it is highly recommended that the students complete the practice problems as it gives an opportunity for the teacher to gauge the students' understanding. This lesson is adapted from Clark Creative Education and Cornell Doodle Notes

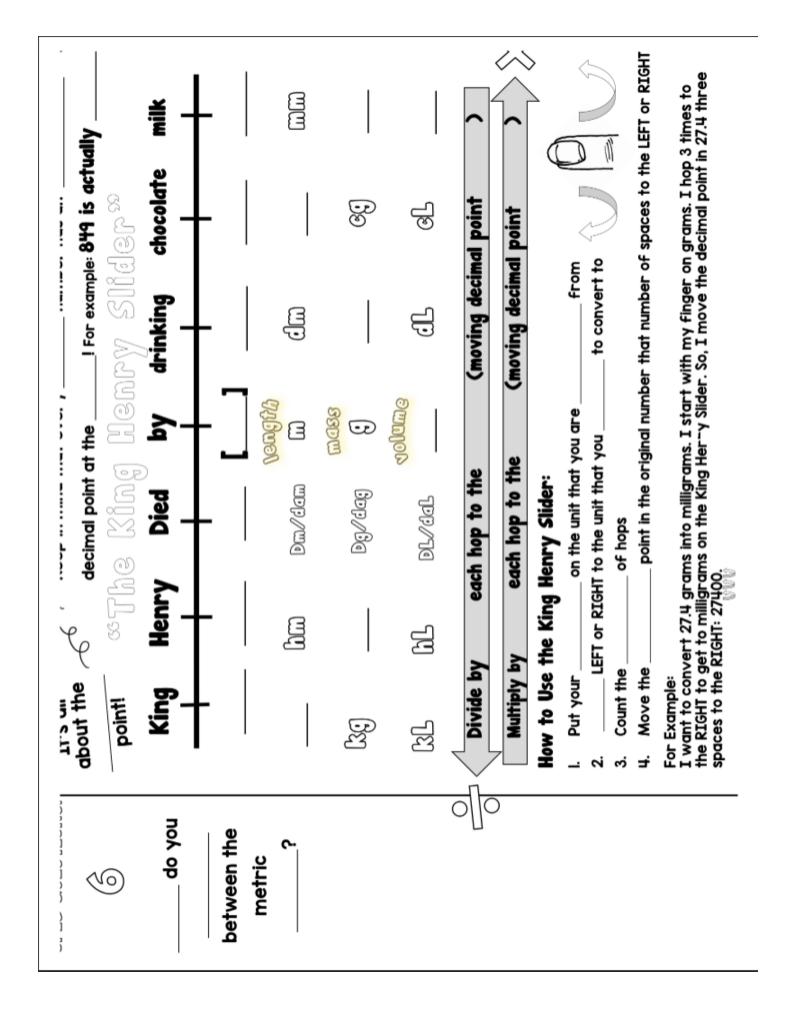
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Appendices

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Write the base unit that you would use in each of these cases of measurement:

- 1) Julianna is measuring the volume of liquid Tylenol to take for her fever:
- 2) Luke is measuring the length of the field that he threw his baseball:
- Kevin is measuring the mass of his backpack before his flight:

Try these conversions!

Example: 137 meters equals how many kilometers?

Going from meters (the base unit) to kilometers, hop three times to the LEFT. So, move the decimal point three places to the LEFT (this is the same as dividing by 137. gives 0.137 km

- 124.5 kilometers equals how many meters? 12)
- 456 milligrams equals how many grams? 13)
- 56.72 centiliters equals how many dekaliters? 1

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Write the correct abbreviation for each metric unit.

HINT: convert one of the sides then compare! Compare the two quantities by writing less than, greater than or equal to on the line.

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19) 8 mm =

How are you feeling about

the basics of the Metric



Name:

What is the metric system and how is it used

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Date

Class:

TOPIC QUESTIONS:

Why is there the Metric a need for **System?**

ESSENTIVAL QUESTITON:

to measure length, mass, and volume?

The Metric System is used internationally in the fields of math and science because it is standardized and easy to use, unlike Imperial units.

Units for... Imperial

Mass

one ton

one pound Sugar

weights and measures originated in Britain in The Imperial units of the early 1800s.

one ounce



1760



one yard

one mile

one inch



one cup

one pint

one quart

one gallon

2% MLK

tablespoon

things like the length of the King's foot and the size of the Imperial System units are based on antiquated a barleycorn. The relationships between units are

10. Put a square around the factors that are less than conversion factors that Circle the conversion are greater than 10.

one peck one bushel

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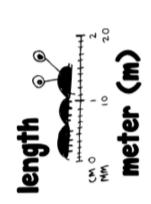


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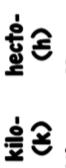




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What are the how can we prefixes of system and remember the metric them?





Underneath each unit above, list things that you measure using that base unit family. For example, the length of a room is measured in meters.















remember the metric base units in order Make up your OWN mnemonic device to 8

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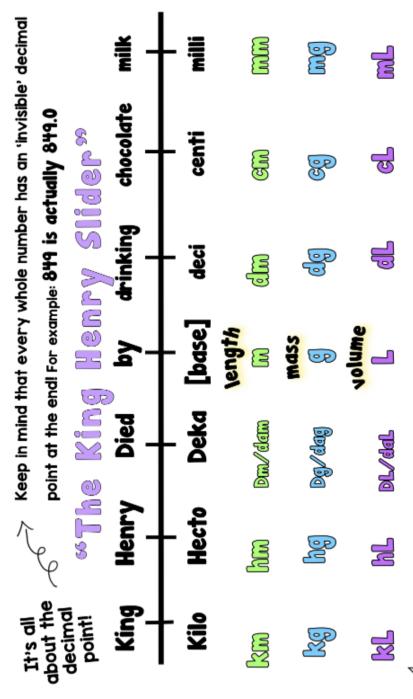
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TOPIC QUESTIONS:



metric units? between the How do you convert



Divide by 10 each hop to the left (moving decimal point left)

Multiply by 10 each hop to the right (moving decimal point right)





Count the number of hops ひです

Move the decimal point in the original number that number of spaces to the LEFT or RIGHT

For Example:

I want to convert 27.4 grams into milligrams. I start with my finger on grams. I hop 3 times to the RIGHT to get to milligrams on the King Henry Sildar. So, I move the decimal point in 27.4 three spaces to the RIGHT: 27400.

This is the same as MULTIPLYING 27.4 by 10 \times 10 \times 10 [or 1000]. So 27.4 g is the same as 27400 mg.

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SUM IT UP!

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20) 5L = **5,000**L

15) $2000 \text{ mg} = \frac{2}{3}$ 20) 5 L

20) 5 L = _____

16) 104 km = ______ m

17) 480 cm = 4.8

22) 75 mL = _____

18) 5.6 kg = _____ **56**_____ hg

23) 50 cm = _____ Dm

24) 0.85 hg = _____

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Write the correct abbreviation for each metric unit.

4) kilogram = _____

8) kilometer = ______
 9) millimeter = _____

5) decimeter = dm

10) hectoliter = ____

II) milligram 🖺

Compare the two quantities by writing less than, greater than or equal to on the line.

HINT: convert one of the sides then compare!

124,500 cm

0.456 g

25) 63 cm is less than 6 m

26) 5 g is _____ greater than 508 mg

0.05672 daL

27) 1500 mL is equal to 151

28) 536 cm is equal to 53.6 dm

29) 43 mg is _____5g

30) 3.6 m is ____greater than_____36 cm

How are you feeling about is the basics of the Metric the System? Circle one:



19) 8 mm =

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Whodunnit?



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	Who is the "Crimin	18] "?
(The three boxes left uncheck	red will reveal the crime. If you	cannot figure it out, you may be next.)
The Players	The Last Known Whereabouts	The Method
Dr. Alpha	Atrium	Chemical Poisoning
Miss Beta	Gym	Cougar Attack
Mrs. Gamma	Kitchen	Electrocution
Professor Delta	Library	Fallen Object
Mr. Epsilon	Movie Theater	Stubbed Toe
Coach Omega	Pool	Venomous Bite

Clue #1

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Write in standard form: 5.34×10^4

534	A cougar did not attack the victim.
5,340	Mr. Epsilon was preparing a snack in the kitchen.
53,400	Miss Beta was relaxing by the pool.
534,000	A venomous snake did not bite the victim.

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Clue #2

Write in standard form:

 8.1×10^{-2}

.081	Professor Delta was watching a French documentary in the theater.
.81	The victim did not have a venomous bite.
8.1	Mrs. Gamma was using an elliptical machine in the gym.
81	The murder was not done with a fallen object.

Clue #3

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Write in standard form: 3.1478×10^3

31.478	Coach Omega was tanning by the pool.
314.78	Professor Delta was adjusting the equipment in the gym.
3,147.8	Chemical poisoning was not the cause of the injury.
31,478	A cougar did not maul the victim.

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Clue #4

Write in standard form: -4.0698×10^5

-406.98	Dr. Alpha was sipping tea by the pool.
-4,069.8	The victim did not stub a toe.
-40,698	Miss Beta was watching a movie in the theater.
-406,980	A cougar did not attack the victim.

Clue #5

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Write the number with scientific notation: 980,000

9.8×10^{2}	Chemical poisoning is not the cause of the injury.
9.8×10^{3}	Mrs. Gamma was exercising in the gym.
9.8×10^{4}	A cougar did not injure the victim.
9.8×10^{5}	Coach Omega was making lunch in the kitchen.

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Clue #6

Write the number with scientific notation: 7,436,100

$.74361 \times 10^{7}$	Professor Delta was researching in the library.
74.361×10^5	The victim did not have a venomous bite.
7.4361×10^6	The injury was not from a fallen object.
7.4361×10^5	Mr. Epsilon was watering plants in the atrium.

Clue #7

veodonnoo?

Write the number with scientific notation: .000000083

 83×10^{-10} Dr. Alpha was on the treadmill in the gym.

 8.3×10^{-10} The victim was not electrocuted.

 8.3×10^{-9} The victim did not stub a toe.

 83×10^{-9} Miss Beta was reading in the kitchen.

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Clue #8

Write the number with scientific notation: -20,081

 -2.081×10^4 The victim was not electrocuted.

 -2.0081×10^4 Mr. Epsilon was exercising in the gym.

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Clue #9

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Write the number with scientific notation: 283×10^5

28.3×10^{6}	Dr. Alpha was reading in the library.
2.83×10^{7}	The injury was not electrocution.
2.83×10^{8}	The injury did not have a venomous bite.
.283 × 10 ⁸	Mrs. Gamma was playing a game on her iPad in the atrium.

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Clue #10

Write the number with scientific notation:

$$-.07 \times 10^{-8}$$

7×10^{-8}	The injury was not because of a venomous bite.
-7.0×10^{-10}	Mrs. Gamma was reshelving books in the library.
-7.0×10^{-11}	Dr. Alpha was napping on a couch in the atrium.
-7.0×10^{-12}	The victim did not stub a toe.

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(#/) In this document, you will find 10 Cuts that you must crack. Be sure to show all necessary work in the space provided. You can take a photo of your work and insert it if you prefer to do that.

(#1) Each correct answer will rule out either a PLAYETZ and a LAST KNOWN WHETZEABOUTS OR a METHOD.
When you get this clue, you need to mark it off on the "WHO IS THE CIZIMINAL?" page (Slide 3).

(#3) After you collect all 10 clues. There will only be one possibility remaining. This reveals the crime. Write a sentence that includes the "criminal", location of the crime, and the method used to cause the injury on the "WHAT HAPPENED?" page (Slide 14).

WHO IS THE "CIZIMINAL"?



(The three boxes left unchecked will reveal the crime. If you cannot figure it out, you may be next.)

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WHAT HAPPENED?



Write a sentence that includes the "criminal", the location of the crime, and the type of injury.

TEXT