Metric vs. U.S. American Measurements

Many international students get confused with U.S. American measurement systems. The following are conversion formulas and tables that will help you make easy conversions from the metric system to the U.S. American measurement system, and vice versa.



Temperature

To get the Celsius (°C) temperature, you need to do the following calculations on the Fahrenheit (°F) temperature:

 $^{\circ}C = (^{\circ}F - 32) \times (5 / 9)$

For example: **86°F** = $(86 - 32) \times (5 / 9) =$ **30°C**.

To get the Fahrenheit (°F) temperature, you need to do the following calculations on the Celsius (°C) temperature: ° $F = (°C \times 9 / 5) + 32$

°Celsius	°Fahrenheit
40	104
30	86
20	68
10	50
5	41
0	32
-15	5
-18	0



Weight

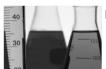
To calculate the weight of something in kilograms (kg), you need to do the following calculations on the weight in pounds (lb.): $\mathbf{Kg} = (\mathbf{lb.}) \times (\mathbf{5})$

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For example: **154 lb.** = $(154) \times (5/11) =$ **70 kg**.

To calculate the weight of something in pounds (lb.), you need to do the following calculations on the weight in kilograms (kg): Lb. = $(kg) \times (11 / 5)$

Metric	U.S.				
1 gram (gm.)	0.04 ounces (oz.)				
1/ 2 kg	1.1 lb.				
1 kg	2.2 lb.				
0.56 kg.	1 lb.				
29 gm.	1 oz.				



Liquid

Metric	U.S.
1 liter	1.06 quart
0.94 liter	1 quart
3.79 liter	1 gallon



Metric	U.S.					
1 cm.	0.4 inch (in.)					
1 meter	39 in.					
1 km.	0.62 mile					
2.54 cm	1 in.					
91.4 cm	1 yard (yd.)					
1,609.3 meters	1 mile					
30.48 cm	1 foot					

Clothing Size Conversions

Women's Dresses, Coats, and Skirts Swea							aters	nters and Blouses		
American	6	8	10	12	14		10	12	14	16
European	36/38	38/40	40/42	42/44	44/46		38	40	42	44
British	8	10	12	14	16		32	34	36	38
	Women's Shoes									
American	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
European	35	36	37	38	39	40	41			
British	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5			

Men's Suits, Overcoats, and Sweaters										
American and B	ritish	34	36	38	40	4	2	44	46	48
European		44	46	48	50	5	2	54	56	58
Men's Shirts (this neck size plus sleeve size, 32-36)										
American and B	ritish	14.5	15	15.5	16	6 16.5		17	17.5	18
European		37	38	39	41	42		43	44	45
Men's Shoes										
American	7	8	9	10	11					
European	39.5	41	42	43	44.	5				
British	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	9.5	5				

Children's Clothing								
Age	Weight (pounds)	American	European/British					
3-6 months	10-16	3-6 months	60					
6-12 months	14-21	9-12 months	70					
12-18 months	20-28	18 months	80					
18-24 months	26-33	2, 2T, 3	90					
3 years	31-38	3T, 4, 4T	100					
4-5 years	37-48	4,5	110					
5-6 years	45-56	5, 6, 6X	120					
6-8 years	52-64	7, 8	130					
8-10 years	62-80	9,10	140					
10-12 years	75-95	11,12	150					