

**WKS**  
**Units, Density & Scientific Notation**

NAME Answer Key  
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**I. Units**

- List the SI units of measurement for length, mass, time, and temperature.  
meter, kilogram, second, kelvin
- What is the only base unit that has a prefix, and why is that unit used rather than the bare unit?  
Kilogram; it is used instead of the gram because it is larger and easier to standardize.
- What is the difference between a base unit and a derived unit?  
Base unit definitions are based on a physical object or process. Derived units use a combination of base units.
- What are some examples of derived units? What quantity do they measure?  
m/s (speed); g/cm<sup>3</sup> (density); cm<sup>3</sup> (volume); m<sup>2</sup> (area); etc.
- Which of these samples have the same density? Show all calculations and be sure all numbers have units!

Density Data		
Sample	Mass	Volume
A	80 g	20 mL
B	12 g	4 cm <sup>3</sup>
C	33 g	11 mL

B & C both have the same density

$$Density_A = \frac{80 \text{ g}}{20 \text{ mL}} = 4 \text{ g/mL}$$

$$Density_B = \frac{12 \text{ g}}{4 \text{ cm}^3} = 3 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 3 \text{ g/mL}$$

$$Density_C = \frac{33 \text{ g}}{11 \text{ mL}} = 3 \text{ g/mL}$$

- Density is an intensive property, meaning that it can be used to identify a material. From the table at right, determine the identity of an unknown metal if a sample with mass = 47.4 g increases the volume of water in a graduated cylinder from 8.50 mL to 13.85 mL. (Don't forget you can convert mL to cm<sup>3</sup> for the metal's density.)

$$V = 13.85 \text{ mL} - 8.50 \text{ mL} = 5.35 \text{ mL}$$

$$D = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{47.4 \text{ g}}{5.35 \text{ cm}^3} = 8.86 \text{ g/cm}^3 \Rightarrow \text{Nickel}$$

Name	Density, g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Aluminum	2.701
Iron	7.86
Nickel	8.90
Zinc	7.13
Lead	11.35

- What is the mass of an aluminum sample with a volume of 25.9 cm<sup>3</sup>? (see density above)

$$D = \frac{M}{V} \Rightarrow M = D \times V = 2.701 \text{ g/cm}^3 \times 25.9 \text{ cm}^3 = 69.96 \text{ g}$$

- What is the volume of a sample of lead with a mass of 194.8 g? (see density above)

$$D = \frac{M}{V} \Rightarrow V = \frac{M}{D} = \frac{194.8 \text{ g}}{11.35 \text{ g/cm}^3} = 17.16 \text{ cm}^3$$

## II. Scientific Notation

A. Express in scientific notation:

9. 186,000 mi/s	$1.86 \times 10^5$ mi/s	10. 0.043 s	$4.3 \times 10^{-2}$ s
11. 3,000,000 km	$3 \times 10^6$ km	12. 0.0000307 L	$3.07 \times 10^{-5}$ L
13. 19,850 yr	$1.985 \times 10^4$ yr	14. 0.000000482 m	$4.82 \times 10^{-7}$ m
15. 174,000,000 hr	$1.74 \times 10^8$ hr	16. 0.00204 mg	$2.04 \times 10^{-3}$ mg
17. -350,000 mm	$-3.5 \times 10^5$ mm	18. -0.00009 kg	$-9 \times 10^{-5}$ kg

B. Express in common decimal form:

19. $7.3 \times 10^2$ ms	730 ms	20. $5.83 \times 10^{-4}$ L	0.000583 L
21. $2.41 \times 10^4$ J	24,100 J	22. $-9.23 \times 10^{-3}$ mol	-0.00923 mol
23. $7 \times 10^{-3}$ kg	0.007 kg	24. $-9.23 \times 10^3$ cm	-9,230 cm
25. $6.37 \times 10^{-5}$ kPa	0.0000637 kPa	26. $8.003 \times 10^4$ MW	80,030 MW
27. $-3.4 \times 10^6$ km	-3,400,000 km	28. $-8.003 \times 10^{-4}$ s	-0.0008003 s

C. Evaluate the following expressions *using your calculator*; write your answer in scientific notation.

Remember to use your calculator's **EE** or **EXP** key or **2nd** **EE** function. Do NOT use “ $\times 10^{\wedge}$ ” and do not use the “ $\times$ ” key *except* to multiply two numbers. Write your answer using proper scientific notation. **Double-check your answers!**

29. $2 \times 10^{-4} \times 3 \times 10^7$	$6 \times 10^3$	30. $3.5 \times 10^2 \times 2 \times 10^4$	$7 \times 10^6$
31. $8.1 \times 10^4 \times 3 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.43 \times 10^3$	32. $4.3 \times 10^{-4} \times 2 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-10}$
33. $3.4 \times 10^{-8} \div 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	34. $8.5 \times 10^4 \div 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.4 \times 10^{15}$
35. $\frac{5 \times 10^2 \times 8 \times 10^{-4}}{2 \times 10^7}$	$2 \times 10^{-8}$	36. $\frac{3 \times 10^4 \times 2 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10^{10}}$	$3 \times 10^2$
37. $\frac{8 \times 10^{-1} \times 1.5 \times 10^2}{2 \times 10^{-1} \times 7.5 \times 10^1}$	$8 \times 10^0$	38. $\frac{2.5 \times 10^7 \times 4.9 \times 10^{-8} \times 3.2 \times 10^{-1}}{7 \times 10^1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3}}$	$3.5 \times 10^0$

Note: you must put the *entire* denominator into parentheses if performing a multiplication, addition or subtraction within it.