# Helping With Math usas 

## Conversion of Like Units (Measures of Distance)

## Suitable for students aged 8-10

This pack is
suitable for learners aged 8-10 years old or 4th to 5th graders (USA). The content covers fact files and relevant basic and
advanced activities involving conversion of like units (measures of distance).

Distance measures the length of one object or place to another.

For example, just what like the icons portray, it will measure the length of the road from the car to the Capitol.

Trivia: The word distance came from the Latin word "distantia" which means separate, distance, or difference.

## DISTANCE IN METRIC MEASUREMENT

## METRIC MEASUREMENT OF DISTANCE

| kilometer | km | $1 \mathrm{~km}=1,000 \mathrm{~m}$ or <br> $10,000 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| meter | m | $1 \mathrm{~m}=100 \mathrm{~cm}$ or <br> 0.001 km |
| centimeter | cm | $1 \mathrm{~cm}=0.01 \mathrm{~m}$ or <br> 0.0001 km |

## Examples: <br> Try these:

> 1. $36 \mathrm{~km}=3,600,000 \mathrm{~cm}$
> 2. $26 \mathrm{~m}=2,600 \mathrm{~cm}$
> $3.24 \mathrm{~cm}=0.00024 \mathrm{~km}$
> $4.56 \mathrm{~cm}=0.56 \mathrm{~m}$
> $5.29 \mathrm{~km}=29,000 \mathrm{~m}$

1. $12 \mathrm{~cm}=$ m
2. $35 \mathrm{~cm}=$ $\qquad$ km
3. $55 \mathrm{~m}=$ $\qquad$ cm
4. $46 \mathrm{~km}=$ $\qquad$ m
$5.98 \mathrm{~km}=$ $\qquad$ cm

In New York, USA, the Statue of Liberty is 10 km away from the Times Square. What is the distance measurement in meters?
$10 \mathrm{~km} \times 1,000 \mathrm{~m}$
$=\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0} \mathbf{~ m}$

Now, convert 10,000 m to cm .

## DISTANCE IN ENGLISH MEASUREMENT

## ENGLISH MEASUREMENT OF DISTANCE

| nautical mile | nmi | $1 \mathrm{nmi}=6.076 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{or}$ <br> 1.151 mi |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mile | mi | $1 \mathrm{mi}=5,280 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{or}$ <br> $1,760 \mathrm{yd}$ or 320 rd |
| furlong | fur | 1 fur $=660 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{or} 220$ <br> $\mathrm{yd} \mathrm{or} 1 / 8 \mathrm{mi}$ |
| rod | rd | $1 \mathrm{rd}=5.50 \mathrm{yd}$ or <br> 16.5 ft |
| fathom | fth | $1 \mathrm{fth}=6 \mathrm{ft}$ or 72 in |
| yard | yd | $1 \mathrm{yd}=3 \mathrm{ft}$ or 36 in |
| foot | ft | $1 \mathrm{ft}=12 \mathrm{in} \mathrm{or} 0.333$ |
| yd |  |  |$|$| inch |
| :---: |

## Examples:

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    1. 28 nmi = 32 mi
2. }49\textrm{yd}=0.02\textrm{nmi
3. }41\textrm{ft}=0.01\textrm{mi
4.55 in = 5 ft
5.62 yd = 2,232 in
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## ENGLISH MEASUREMENT EXERCISES



Two of the most popular landmarks, the Merlion and the Eiffel Tower, is 1,501 miles away. What is the distance in nautical miles?

$$
\begin{gathered}
1,501 \mathrm{mi} \div 1.151 \mathrm{nmi} \\
=\mathbf{1 , 3 0 4} \mathbf{~ n m i}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Convert $1,304 \mathrm{nmi}$ to ft .

Convert $1,304 \mathrm{nmi}$ to yd .

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## FACTS AROUND THE WORLD

Identify if the statements are correct or not. Encircle True if the statement is right. Otherwise, choose False and underline the word/number that is incorrect then show how you get your answer.

1) The distance between the Tower Bridge and the Petronas Twin Towers is 3 km . If it is converted to meters, it will to 300.

## True or False

2) The Stonehenge and the Mayan Pyramids are 500 miles apart. When the measurement is converted into yards, it will be 808,000.

## True or False

3) Louvre and Eiffel Tower are 4000 meters away. It is believed to be $40,000 \mathrm{~cm}$ when converted.

## True or False

## MATH AND PLACES

Have you been to these landmarks? Win a free tour by converting the following english measurement of distance.


Make sure to convert the following metric measurement of distance and appreciate the beauty of some historical places.

1) $43 \mathrm{~m}=$ cm
2) $8 \mathrm{~km}=$ $\qquad$ m
3) $95 \mathrm{~cm}=\ldots \mathrm{m}$
4) $19 \mathrm{~cm}=$ $\qquad$
5) $29 \mathrm{~m}=$ $\qquad$ cm
6) $59 \mathrm{~m}=$ $\qquad$ km
7) $44 \mathrm{~m}=\ldots \mathrm{cm}$
8) $10 \mathrm{~m}=$ $\qquad$ km
9) $18 \mathrm{~m}=\ldots \mathrm{cm}$
10) $79 \mathrm{~cm}=$
km

Solution:

## COLORFUL TOWERS

Be amazed of these colorful towers and temple as you complete the crossword puzzle below.


Solution:

Use your understanding of distance to help the Sloan family on their travel. Write your answer on the space provided.

The Sloan family is travelling to China. One of their bucket list is to visit the Great Wall of China, which is 3,460 kilometers long. As part of their tradition to learn while travelling, convert the kilometers to centimeters and meters.

## 1) $3,460 \mathrm{~km}=$ cm

Solution:


## WHEELS ON TOP

Experience how to be on top by answering the following questions below about measurement.

1) Which of the following units is a unit for distance?
a. kg
b. km
c. mL
d. g

## Explanation:

2) Which is not an English unit of measurement for distance?
a. nmi
b. m
c. mi
d. ft

## Explanation:

3. $1 \mathrm{in}=\ldots \mathrm{yd}$
4. $1 \mathrm{ft}=$ yd
5. $1 \mathrm{rd}=$ $\qquad$ ft 8. $1 \mathrm{nmi}=$ $\qquad$ m
6. 1 fur $=$ $\qquad$ yd
7. $1 \mathrm{mi}=$ $\qquad$ rd
8. $1 \mathrm{yd}=\ldots$ in
9. $1 \mathrm{fth}=$ $\qquad$ ft

## TRAVEL AND MEASURE

Refer to the problems below. Make sure to take note of the following on your next travel.

1) The Petronas Towers and Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia are 45 km away from each other. What is the equivalent of 45 km in m ?
2) The Eiffel Tower and Big Ben Clock Tower has a distance of 213 miles from each other. How many yards are there in 213 miles?
3) If a certain french restaurant is 6160 yd away from the Statue of Liberty, how many miles are there in 6160 yd?

## FROM A DISTANCE

Assume that the distance of these palaces from each others are in scaled measurement. Using your ruler, measure the distance in cm and convert it to km.


| Luxor Temple to Tower of London | cm | km |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Colosseum to Machu Picchu | cm | km |
| Arch de Triumphe to Luxor Temple | cm | $\qquad$ km |
| Machu Picchu to Tower of London | cm |  |

## POST-TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

You just came from a long travel. You visited some landmarks and monuments. This time, do some measuring at home.

## MEASURING DISTANCE

## Tasks

Inches
Feet

| Perform the Standing |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Long Jump then |  |
| measure | your |
| distance from the |  |
| starting point. |  |

Measure the distance of your dining table with sofa.
Measure the
distance of your
study table from your
bed.
Measure the
distance of your
carpet from the main
door.

## ALL ABOUT MEASUREMENTS

As we travel to different places, it is important to know the distance of each place that we will be heading to. Now, answer these essay questions.

1. Why do you think distance is being measured in the real-world setting?
2. What do you think will happen if we miscalculate distance?
3. Into which common life scenarios you find conversion of measurement in distance useful?
4. Share a personal experience about the application of conversion of measurements in distance in your life.

## ANSWER GUIDE

## Activity 1

1. False: 3,000
2. False: 880,000
3. False: 400,000

## Activity 3

| 1. | 4,300 | 6. | 8,000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | 0.95 | 7. | 0.00019 |
| 3. | 2,900 | 8. | 0.059 |
| 4. | 4,400 | 9. | 0.01 |
| 5. | 1,800 | 10. | 0.00079 |

Activity 5

1. $346,000,000$
2. $3,460,000$

## Activity 7

1. 45,000
2. 374,880
3. 3.5

Activities 9-10

Answers may vary.

## Activity 2

1. 196,461
2. 1,020
3. 1.61
4. 332,640

## Activity 4

1. 2.302
2. 5,280
3. 0.667
4. 60
5. 132

## Activity 6

| 1. | B | 6. | 36 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | B | 7. | 0.333 |
| 3. | 0.028 | 8. | 1.151 |
| 4. | 16.5 | 9. | 320 |
| 5. | 220 | 10. | 6 |

Activity 8

1. $34,0.00034$
2. $46,0.00046$
3. $11,0.00011$
4. $24,0.00024$

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