

Mass Matters

Estimate, convert, add, and subtract grams and kilograms.

GRADE 5 • 5.MG.1.b.ii

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GRAMS AND KILOGRAMS

Use kilograms for heavier objects and grams for lighter objects. Remember that $1 \text{ kg} = 1,000 \text{ g}$, so change kilograms to grams when needed, then regroup 1,000 g as 1 kg.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A library cart holds 9 kg 375 g of books. Another box holds 3 kg 125 g. What is their total mass?

1. Add the kilograms: $9 \text{ kg} + 3 \text{ kg} = 12 \text{ kg}$.
2. Add the grams: $375 \text{ g} + 125 \text{ g} = 500 \text{ g}$.
3. Combine the amounts: 12 kg 500 g.

Answer: 12 kg 500 g

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** A full water bottle has a mass closer to 1 g or 1 kg?

ANSWER _____

- 2** Change 8 kg to grams.

ANSWER _____

- 3** Change 6,240 g to kilograms and grams.

ANSWER _____

- 4** A bag of pet food has a mass of 5 kg 650 g. A second bag has a mass of 800 g. What is the total mass?

ANSWER _____

- 5** A box has a mass of 8 kg 200 g. After 950 g is removed, what is the mass of the box and what is left inside?

ANSWER _____

- 6** Each of 4 snack bags has a mass of 275 g. Estimate the total mass, then find the exact total mass.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** For a robotics project, Maya has a battery pack with a mass of 4 kg 650 g and a parts case with a mass of 1 kg 775 g. Round each mass to the nearest kilogram to estimate the total. Then find the exact total mass.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A sports equipment cart has a mass of 7 kg 200 g. After a student takes out 2 kg 850 g of equipment, what is the mass of the cart and equipment left? Estimate first by rounding each mass to the nearest kilogram.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

The art club has 4 packs of clay, each with a mass of 750 g. A storage tub has a mass of 1 kg 300 g. What is the total mass? Explain how you regrouped grams into kilograms.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	A full water bottle has a mass closer to 1 g or 1 kg?	1 kg
2	Change 8 kg to grams.	8,000 g
3	Change 6,240 g to kilograms and grams.	6 kg 240 g
4	A bag of pet food has a mass of 5 kg 650 g. A second bag has a mass of 800 g. What is the total mass?	6 kg 450 g
5	A box has a mass of 8 kg 200 g. After 950 g is removed, what is the mass of the box and what is left inside?	7 kg 250 g
6	Each of 4 snack bags has a mass of 275 g. Estimate the total mass, then find the exact total mass.	About 1 kg; exact mass: 1 kg 100 g

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **Estimate: 7 kg. Exact mass: 6 kg 425 g.** Round 4 kg 650 g to 5 kg and 1 kg 775 g to 2 kg for an estimate of 7 kg. Add the measured masses to get 6 kg 425 g.
2. **Estimate: 4 kg. Exact mass: 4 kg 350 g.** Round 7 kg 200 g to 7 kg and 2 kg 850 g to 3 kg, so the estimate is 4 kg. Regroup 7 kg 200 g as 6 kg 1,200 g, then subtract 2 kg 850 g.

CHALLENGE

4 kg 300 g. The 4 clay packs have a mass of 3,000 g, or 3 kg. Then $3 \text{ kg} + 1 \text{ kg } 300 \text{ g} = 4 \text{ kg } 300 \text{ g}$.

Accept equivalent mass forms when they are correct, such as 6,450 g for 6 kg 450 g. For estimates, accept reasonable answers only when the student follows the rounding direction given in the problem.