

Metric Mission

Choose units, convert measures, and solve real problems.

GRADE 5 • 5.MG.1

5.MG.1 "The student will reason mathematically to solve problems, including those in context, that involve length, mass, and liquid volume using metric units..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

METRIC MEASURE MOVES

Choose a unit that fits the size of what you are measuring. Use metric facts such as 10 millimeters = 1 centimeter, 100 centimeters = 1 meter, 1,000 meters = 1 kilometer, 1,000 grams = 1 kilogram, and 1,000 milliliters = 1 liter. Change measurements to the same unit before you add or subtract.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A science tank holds 8 L. How many milliliters does it hold?

- 1 L = 1,000 mL.
- 8 groups of 1,000 mL = 8,000 mL.
- The tank holds 8,000 mL.

Answer: 8,000 mL

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** The thickness of a coin is about 2 ____.
Choose the best unit: millimeters, centimeters, meters, or kilometers.

ANSWER _____

- 2** Choose the best unit to measure the distance between two towns: millimeters, centimeters, meters, or kilometers.

ANSWER _____

- 3** A wire is 4,500 mm long. How many centimeters long is it?

ANSWER _____

- 4** A sack of potatoes has a mass of 6 kg. How many grams is that?

ANSWER _____

- 5** A package has a mass of 4,750 g. Write its mass in kilograms and grams.

ANSWER _____

- 6** A dispenser holds 3 L 625 mL of juice. How many milliliters is that?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** At basketball practice, a cooler holds 5 L of water. Seven players each fill a 650 mL bottle from the cooler. How much water is left in the cooler?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** For a friendship-bracelet project, Mia has 2 m 70 cm of cord. She cuts it into 3 equal pieces. How long is each piece in centimeters?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

A garden club collects 4 L 275 mL of rainwater on Monday and 2 L 950 mL on Tuesday. The club uses 3,725 mL to water plants. How much rainwater is left? Explain your reasoning.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	The thickness of a coin is about 2 _____. Choose the best unit: millimeters, centimeters, meters, or kilometers.	millimeters
2	Choose the best unit to measure the distance between two towns: millimeters, centimeters, meters, or kilometers.	kilometers
3	A wire is 4,500 mm long. How many centimeters long is it?	450 cm
4	A sack of potatoes has a mass of 6 kg. How many grams is that?	6,000 g
5	A package has a mass of 4,750 g. Write its mass in kilograms and grams.	4 kg 750 g
6	A dispenser holds 3 L 625 mL of juice. How many milliliters is that?	3,625 mL

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **450 mL** Change 5 L to 5,000 mL. The players use 7 groups of 650 mL, or 4,550 mL, so 450 mL remains.
2. **90 cm** Change 2 m 70 cm to 270 cm. Divide 270 cm by 3 to get 90 cm.

CHALLENGE

3 L 500 mL. Change the collected amounts to 4,275 mL and 2,950 mL, then add to get 7,225 mL. Subtract 3,725 mL to get 3,500 mL, which is 3 L 500 mL.

Accept equivalent metric forms when the requested unit allows them. For the challenge, accept 3,500 mL as equivalent to 3 L 500 mL.