

Year – 11 Conversion Questions #3

1. 1 mile per hour = 1.609 kilometres per hour. How fast is 100 mph in kph?
2. 1 mile per hour = 0.869 knots. Give 33 knots in mph.
3. 1 gallon = 3.785 litres. What is a 50 litre petrol tank in gallons?
4. 1 yard = 914.4 mm. If a table is 2.5 yards long, how far is that in mm?
5. 1 acre = 0.004047 km². What is a farm of 200 acres in km²?
6. 1 pound = 0.4536 kilograms. How heavy in kg is a 240 pound linebacker?
7. Crude oil is sold in barrels. One barrel is 159 litres. How many litres is 2.5 million barrels?
8. 1 foot is 0.3048 metres. How many metres is 20 feet?
9. 1 New Zealand Dollar equals 0.47 Great British Pounds on 24 February 2016. What would 2,300 NZ\$ be worth in GB£ at that time?
10. 1 New Zealand Dollar equals 1.42 Fiji Dollars on 24 February 2016. What would 300 FJ\$ be worth in NZ\$ at that time?
11. 1 Euro buys 1.662 NZ\$. How many NZ\$ do I need to buy a book costing 24.50 Euros?
12. 1 troy ounce = 31.1 grams. Gold costs \$1200US per ounce. How much does the 9 grams of gold in a ring cost?
13. A light year is 9.46×10^{12} km. The distance to the nearest star is 4.22 light years. How many kilometres is that?
14. 250.00 USD = 227.136 EUR on 24 February 2016. What was the exchange rate?
15. If I run 100 metres in 13.2 seconds, what is my speed in kilometres per hour?

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The exact methods used can differ, so the following are only suggested calculations

1. Need more in kph $\Rightarrow 100 \text{ mph} = 100 \times 1.609 = \mathbf{160.9 \text{ kph}}$.
2. Need more in mph $\Rightarrow 33 \text{ mph} = 33 \div 0.869 = \mathbf{38 \text{ mph}}$.
3. Need smaller number gallons $\Rightarrow 50 \text{ gallons} = 50 \div 3.785 = \mathbf{13.21 \text{ gallons}}$.
4. Need more in mm $\Rightarrow 2.5 \text{ yards} = 2.5 \times 914.4 = \mathbf{2286 \text{ mm}}$.
5. Need smaller number of km^2 $\Rightarrow 200 \text{ acres} = 200 \times 0.004047 = \mathbf{0.8094 \text{ km}^2}$.
6. Need smaller number of kg $\Rightarrow 240 \times 0.4536 = \mathbf{108.86 \text{ kg}}$.
7. Need more litres $\Rightarrow 2.5 \text{ m} \times 159 = \mathbf{397.5 \text{ million litres}}$.
8. Need less metres $\Rightarrow 20 \text{ ft} = 20 \times 0.3048 = \mathbf{6.096 \text{ m}}$.
9. Less GB than NZ $\Rightarrow 2300\$ = 2300 \times 0.47 = \mathbf{\pounds 1,081 \text{ GB}}$.
10. Less NZ than FJ $\Rightarrow 300\$ = 300 \div 1.42 = \mathbf{\$211.27 \text{ NZ}}$.
11. More NZ than EUR $\Rightarrow \text{\pounds}24.50 = 24.5 \times 1.662 = \mathbf{\$40.72 \text{ NZ}}$.
12. Troy ounce is smaller number $\Rightarrow 9 \text{ grams} = 9 \div 31.1 = 0.2894 \text{ troy ounces}$.
Cost is bigger number than weight $\Rightarrow 0.2894 \text{ troy oz.} = 0.2894 \times 1200 = \mathbf{\$347 \text{ US}}$.
13. More km than light years $\Rightarrow 4.22 \text{ light years} = 4.22 \times 9.46 \times 10^{12} \text{ km} = \mathbf{3.99 \times 10^{13} \text{ km}}$.
14. $250.00 \text{ USD} = 227.136 \text{ EUR}$ so the rate is $1 : 250/227.136 = \mathbf{1 \text{ USD} = 1.1.00 \text{ EUR}}$ or the other way round as $250/227.136 : 1$ which is $\mathbf{1 \text{ EUR} = 0.9085 \text{ USD}}$.
15. $100\text{m in } 13.2 \text{ seconds} = 100 \div 13.2 = 7.575 \text{ m per second} = 7.575 \times 60 = 454.5 \text{ metres per minute} = 454.5 \times 60 = 27,272 \text{ metres per hour} = \mathbf{27.3 \text{ km per hour}}$.