

## Wizards of Wright

## Lesson: Measurement

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Background Info for Wizards: } & \begin{array}{l}\text { This lesson is a review of middle school measurement skills. During } \\ \text { this lesson, students will be reviewing measurement tools, metric } \\ \text { conversion, and finding area. }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { Materials: } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Measurement Tools poster } \\ \text { 1 set of Measurement Tools game cards } \\ \text { Metric Conversion lab worksheets (1 per student) } \\ \text { Metric Conversion Booklets (1 per group) }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { plastic cube toys (1 per group) } \\ \text { rulers (1per group) } \\ \text { Finding Area worksheets (1 per student) }\end{array}\right\}$

|  | Guide students to think about tools that measure length and weight． <br> If needed，ask about time and temperature． <br> If needed，make suggestions like distance，volume，and mass． <br> If needed，ask about measurements when cooking and measurements when drawing angles in math class． <br> Show the students the Measurement Tools poster． <br> Ask students：Which ones did we miss？ <br> Read each item and clarify what each one measures． <br> Be careful to emphasize that the digital scale measures in ounces （weight）and a triple beam scale measures in grams（mass）． <br> －The poster can stay up during the activity． |
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| Student Activity \＃1： 15 minutes | （Students will need to be split into 2 teams．Ask the teacher if the teams have already been created．If not，wait while he or she does this．） <br> Divide the class into 2 teams and have each group stand in lines facing you． <br> Explain the rules of the game： <br> －The 2 students in the front of the line will compete against each other． <br> －They will be shown a picture of an object that needs to be measured． <br> －The students will＂race＂to give the correct answer first． <br> －The student that says the name of the measurement tool first goes to the back of the line． <br> －The other student will go sit down at their desk． <br> －There will be no yelling out answers if you are not one of the 2 students playing． <br> After all pictures are played，the group with the most students left wins the game． <br> The correct answers are on the back of the picture cards． <br> Please note that there are a few items that could be measured with multiple tools．Let the students know the other ways to measure the item each time．For example：There are items that can be measured by a triple beam scale，ruler，or graduated cylinder．It just depends on your need to find length，volume，or mass． |



| Guided Lesson \#2: <br> 5 minutes | Write the words meter, liter, and gram on the board. <br> Ask students: What do these words have in common? <br> - measurement units <br> - parts of the metric system <br> Write gallon, pound, and yard next to the other 3 words. <br> Ask students: What do these words have in common? <br> measurement units <br> parts of the standard system (also called the US customary <br> system) <br> Ask students: Who can match the standard unit to the metric unit? <br> - meter and yard <br> - liter and gallon <br> - gram and pound <br> In science the metric system, or International System of Units (SI) is always used. It is a universal system. That means that all scientists around the world can look at a unit of measurement and know exactly what they are looking at even if they speak a different language. The metric system also uses units of 10 . Each time you use a smaller or larger unit of measure, you just add or subtract 10 . |
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| Student Activity \#2: <br> 15 minutes | (Students will be working in small groups for this activity. Groups should be just 2-3 students. Ask the teacher if the groups have already been created. If not, wait while he or she does this.) <br> Pass out 1 Metric Conversion worksheet to each student, and 1 Metric Conversion booklet to each group. <br> Say to the students: Look at the top of your worksheet. Tell me some things that you notice about the chart with the prefixes. <br> - The prefixes listed go in front of your metric unit of measurement. <br> - Think about the unit gram. <br> - Picture the word gram in the center box. <br> Ask students: What would a gram converted to the hundreds be called? <br> - Right, a hectogram. <br> - Move your finger from the center box to the left twice. <br> Ask students: What about the unit of measure for 1 tenths of a gram? |

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-\quad \text { With this conversion you are moving to a smaller unit．} \\
\text { Say to the students：When you convert from one unit to the next，} \\
\text { you may move the decimal or multiply or divide．}\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}\text { Ask students：If I had to convert } 100.5 \text { centimeters to meters which } \\
\text { way would I move on the chart，and how many places would I move } \\
\text { my decimal point？} \\
\text { from the right to the left } \\
-\quad 2 \text { places } \\
\text { So，how many meters equals 100．5 centimeters？} \\
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Say to the students：For the second part of your worksheet，you will <br>
be converting metric units to standard units．Using the clues in your <br>
conversion booklet，you will work as a group to figure out your <br>
conversions．I will be walking around the room to answer any <br>

questions．\end{array}\right\}\)| Give the groups 5－10 minutes to finish their worksheet，then go |
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| through the answers listed on the answer key． |


|  | Review the questions on the worksheet. <br> Triangle: $\mathrm{A}=1 / 2(\mathrm{BxH})$ <br> Rectangle and square: $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{LxW}$ <br> Say to the students: On the sheet, be sure to record your answers in square units. <br> Give the groups 10 minutes to finish their worksheet. Go over the answers with them when they are finished. <br> Collect puzzle cube toys and rulers before moving on to the conclusion. |
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| Conclusion: <br> 5 minutes | Ensure understanding by asking the following questions: What is measurement? <br> - Name a measurement tool? <br> - Why is understanding measurement important? <br> - What is an example of a metric unit? <br> - What is an example of a standard unit? <br> - What is the difference between a 2D and 3D object? <br> - What is the formula for the area of a triangle? |

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