

Unit 1 Reading Assignment

Learning Objectives in this Unit:

- *Recognize Uncertainty in measurements, use significant figures in dimensional analysis problem solving, and understand the difference between accuracy and precision*
- *Units and Dimensional Analysis*

Read more about this topic: [Section 1.4](#), [Section 1.5](#), and [Section 1.6](#)

1. Select the types of information that can be found in every measurement: Magnitude, direction, time, standard of comparison, indication of uncertainty.
2. Match the property to the base unit

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| Length | kilogram (kg) |
| Mass | kelvin (K) |
| Time | mole (mol) |
| Temperature | meter (m) |
| Electric Current | candela (cd) |
| Amount of Substance | ampere (A) |
| Luminous Intensity | second (s) |

3. A measurement is reported as 270.5 m. Which statement is true about this measurement?
 - a. The length is 270.50 m
 - b. All of the digits are certain
 - c. The 2 and the 7 are certain, but the 0 and the 5 are estimated
 - d. The digits 2, 7 and 0 are certain, but the 5 is an estimate
4. Match the rule for rounding to the correct number of significant figures with the operation where it should be used

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| Addition and Subtraction | Round to the same number of digits as the number with the least number of significant figures |
| Multiplication or Division | Round to the same number of decimal places as the number with the least number of decimal places |

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5. For each of the following numbers, indicate whether the number should be rounded up or down to round to three digits
- 4.352
 - 6.785
 - 3.776
 - 7.355
6. The density of a piece of metal is 0.891 g/cm^3 . Which of the following sets of measurements is both accurate and precise
- $0.891 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.899 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.883 \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - $0.891 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.890 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.892 \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - $0.881 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.882 \text{ g/cm}^3, 0.880 \text{ g/cm}^3$
7. Fill in the Blank.
_____ values agree with each other, _____ values agree with a true value
8. Identify all of the values that are conversion factors
- 0.878 g/mL
 - 2.54 cm/1 inch
 - 6.12 lbs
 - 8.9 m^2