

Practice Problems for Scientific Method and Measurement **Answers**

1. An average adult has 5.5 quarts of blood. What is this volume in mL?

$$5.5 \text{ qt} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1.05 \text{ qt}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{1} = 5.2 \times 10^3 \text{ mL}$$

2. Classify each statement as law, theory, hypothesis, belief or fact:

- The laws of physics are the same throughout the universe.  
belief; cannot get everywhere in the universe to verify it is true
- Sodium is a soft, silvery metal. Fact; specific, observable
- The volume of any gas at a set temperature and pressure depends on its mass. law; generalized statement with no explanation for relationship
- The shape of a molecule is determined by electron pairs since electron pairs repel and will orient themselves to minimize repulsions.  
theory; generalized statement with an explanation for observations

3. How many cg are in 2.52 kg?

$$2.52 \text{ kg} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cg}}{1 \text{ g}} = 2.52 \times 10^5 \text{ cg}$$

4. Determine the number of significant figures in the following numbers:

0.250	<b>3</b>	2500.	<b>4</b>	3,000,000	<b>1</b>
6502	<b>4</b>	0.000309	<b>3</b>		

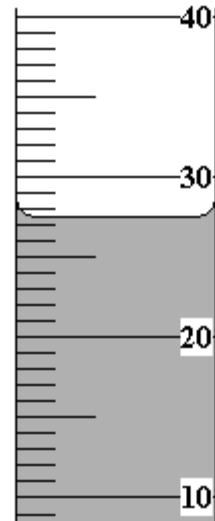
5. How many minutes does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth if light travels at  $3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ? The distance from the Earth to the Sun is 93 million miles. (1.61 km = 1 mi)

$$93 \times 10^6 \text{ mi} \times \frac{1.61 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mi}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ s}}{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 8.3 \text{ min}$$

6. Gold is a chemically unreactive, precious metal. A gold ingot with a mass of 301grams has a volume of  $15.6 \text{ cm}^3$ . Calculate the density of the ingot.

$$D = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{301 \text{ g}}{15.6 \text{ cm}^3} = 19.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

7. Determine the volume in the graduated cylinder shown on the board. Be sure to consider significant figures.  
27.4 or 27.5 mL



8. A drug company makes a medication with a concentration of 200. mg/L. If the normal dose is 0.15 mg/kg of body mass, how many mL should a 150. lb person receive?

$$150 \text{ lb} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg body}}{2.205 \text{ lb}} \times \frac{0.15 \text{ mg med}}{1 \text{ kg body}} \times \frac{1 \text{ L med}}{200. \text{ mg med}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mL med}}{1 \text{ L med}} = 51 \text{ mL med}$$