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$>$ To compare and convert customary units of length, you need to know the relationship between different units and how to use factors of multiplication or division to scale them up or down.

$>$ The customary system is a system of measurement that uses the different units such as the inches, foot, yard and the mile.

## Customary units of length:

$\square$ In the metric system, the SI unit of length is a meter which is defined as follows:

- Inches (in)
- Foot (ft)
- Yard (yd)
- Mile (mi)

Converting Larger Units to Smaller Units:

1 foot = 12 inches
$\square 1$ yard = 3 feet
$\square 1$ mile $=5280$ feet

1 mile = 1760 yards
Converting Smaller Units to Larger Units:
$\square 1$ inch $=\frac{1}{12}$ foot
$\square 1$ feet $=\frac{1}{3}$ yard
$\square 1$ feet $=\frac{1}{5280}$ mile
$\square 1$ yard $=\frac{1}{1760}$ mile

## Customary units conversion



Pustomary units of length conversion formula:


To convert 10 feet to inches.

## Solution:

To convert a larger unit to a smaller unit, we need to multiply.

## Example: 2

To convert 33 yards to feet.

## Solution:



To convert a larger unit to a smaller unit, we need to multiply.

$$
1 \text { yard }=3 \text { feet }
$$

$$
33 \text { yards = ? }
$$

$$
33 \times 3=99 \text { feet }
$$

So, there are 99 feet in 33 yards.

So, there are 120 inches in 10 feet.

## 1 foot = 12 inches

10 feet = ?

## $10 \times 12=120$ inches

Example: 3
To convert 2 miles to feet.

## Solution:

To convert a larger unit to a smaller unit, we need to multiply.

|  | 1 mile $=5280$ feet |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 miles = ? |
|  | $\mathrm{x} 5280=10560$ feet |

So, there are 10560 feet in 2 miles.

Example: 4
To convert 5 miles to yards.

## Solution:



To convert a larger unit to a smaller unit, we need to multiply.
1 mile $=1760$ yards

$$
5 \text { miles }=?
$$

$5 \times 1760=8800$ yards
So, there are 8800 yards in 5 miles.

To convert 48 inches to feet.

## Solution:

To convert a smaller unit to a larger unit, we need to divide.


$$
1 \text { inch }=\frac{1}{12} \text { foot }
$$

48 inches = ?

$$
48 \div 12=4 \text { feet }
$$

So, there are 4 feet in 48 inches.

Example: 6
To convert 81 feet to yards.

## Solution:

To convert a smaller unit to a larger unit, we need to divide.


So, there are 27 yards in 81 feet.

## Example: 7

To convert 10560 feet to miles.

## Solution:

To convert a smaller unit to a larger unit, we need to divide.


$$
1 \text { feet }=\frac{1}{5280} \text { mile }
$$

10560 feet $=$ ?
$10560 \div 5280=2$ miles
So, there are 2 miles in 10560 feet.

Example: 8
To convert 7040 yards to miles.

## Solution:

To convert a smaller unit to a larger unit, we need to divide.


$$
7040 \text { yards = ? }
$$

$$
7040 \div 1760=4 \text { miles }
$$

So, there are 4 miles in 7040 yards.

