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Common Unit Prefixes

Prefix	kilo	centi	milli	micro	nano	pico	femto	atto
Symbol	k	c	m	μ	n	p	f	a
Factor	10^3	10^{-2}	10^{-3}	10^{-6}	10^{-9}	10^{-12}	10^{-15}	10^{-18}
Equivalence	thousand	hundredth	thousandth	millionth	billionth	trillionth	quadrillionth	quintillionth

Weight to Weight Concentrations

Name	Symbol	Equivalence			
Parts per thousand *	ppt*	g/kg	mg/g	$\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$	ng/ μg
Parts per million	ppm	mg/kg	$\mu\text{g}/\text{g}$	ng/mg	pg/ μg
Parts per billion	ppb	$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$	ng/g	pg/mg	fg/ μg
Parts per trillion **	ppt**	ng/kg	pg/g	fg/mg	ag/ μg

Concentration Conversions

Unit	Symbol	ppt*	ppm	ppb	ppt**
1 part per thousand *	ppt*	-	1×10^3	1×10^6	1×10^9
1 part per million	ppm	1×10^{-3}	-	1×10^3	1×10^6
1 part per billion	ppb	1×10^{-6}	1×10^{-3}	-	1×10^3
1 part per trillion **	ppt**	1×10^{-9}	1×10^{-6}	1×10^{-3}	-

* ppt = parts per thousand

** ppt = parts per trillion

Weight to Volume Concentrations

Name	Symbol	Equivalence			
Parts per thousand *	ppt*	g/L	mg/mL	$\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$	ng/nL
Parts per million	ppm	mg/L	$\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$	ng/ μL	pg/nL
Parts per billion	ppb	$\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$	ng/mL	pg/ μL	fg/nL
Parts per trillion **	ppt**	ng/L	pg/mL	fg/ μL	ag/nL

Temperature Scale

Scale	Symbol	Convert To	Formula
Celsius	°C	Fahrenheit	°F = °C x 1.8 + 32
Celsius	°C	Kelvin	°K = °C + 273
Fahrenheit	°F	Celsius	°C = (°F - 32) / 1.8
Fahrenheit	°F	Kelvin	°K = (°F - 32) / 1.8 + 273
Kelvin	°K	Celsius	°C = °K - 273
Kelvin	°K	Fahrenheit	°F = 1.8 (°K - 273) + 32