

# Learning Targets for the Mathematics Needed for Physics

**EQUATIONS are always given to you. The first unit uses these ones:**

$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$      
  $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$      
  $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$      
  $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$      
  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

**TARGET #1- I UNDERSTAND AND CAN USE SCIENTIFIC NOTATION.**

Put the following numbers in scientific notation.

1. 7,542 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 0.00800 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 100,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Expand the following numbers.

4.  $7.4 \times 10^{-3}$  \_\_\_\_\_
5.  $1.0248 \times 10^{-2}$  \_\_\_\_\_
6.  $6.123 \times 10^3$  \_\_\_\_\_

**TARGET #2- UNDERSTANDING THE METRIC SYSTEM AND CONVERSIONS**

Conversions you will need to have memorized by the first physics quiz.

**LENGTH**

- 1 km = \_\_\_\_\_ m
- 1 m = \_\_\_\_\_ cm
- 1 inch = \_\_\_\_\_ cm
- 1 mile = \_\_\_\_\_ m
- 1 mile = \_\_\_\_\_ km

**MASS**

- 1 kg = \_\_\_\_\_ g
- 1 kg = \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

**VOLUME**

- 1 L = \_\_\_\_\_ mL

**TIME**

- 1 hour = \_\_\_\_\_ sec

Perform the following conversions. Please show your work...even if you don't need to!

7. 10,200 m = \_\_\_\_\_ miles
  
8.  $4.21 \times 10^{-3}$  m = \_\_\_\_\_ cm
  
9. 46 kg = \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
  
10. 23 cm = \_\_\_\_\_ ft
  
11. 40.1 miles = \_\_\_\_\_ km
  
12. 43.0 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ meters (1 in=2.54 cm) **(This has multiple steps...there are not 3 ft in a m)**

**TARGET #3- I CAN SOLVE FOR X AND FIND UNITS USING ALGEBRA.**

Solve the following equations for x.

13.  $4x + 3 = 7$
14.  $\frac{2x}{5} = \frac{3}{7}$
  
15.  $\frac{5x}{3} = 20$
16.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{x}$

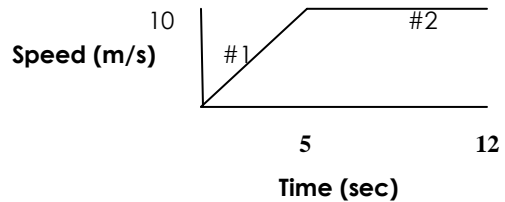
**ALGEBRA OF UNITS:**

17. In one physics equation we will **multiply** acceleration (meters/sec<sup>2</sup>) by time (sec). If you MULTIPLY those units, what unit will you end up with? (units work just like numbers...they can cancel)
18. In another physics equation we will **divide** velocity (m/sec) by time (sec). If you DIVIDE those units, what unit will you end up with?
19. 20 meters/sec =  $\frac{\quad \times \quad}{5 \text{ sec.}}$  \*The answer to #19 is \_\_\_\_\_ and the units are \_\_\_\_\_

**TARGET #4 - I UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE AND READ A GRAPH.**

20. What does it mean when two variables are:
- a. related directly? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. related indirectly or inversely? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Use the graph to answer the following questions:



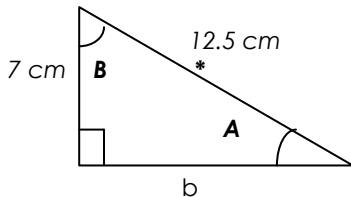
- a. What is the slope of line #1? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. After 6 sec, how fast are you traveling? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are you moving faster at 3 sec or 7 sec? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Find the area under the graph. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Do this by breaking it into shapes: a triangle and a rectangle work great), find the area of each shape ( $\frac{1}{2} B \times H$  and  $L \times W$ ), and then add them together)

The total area under the graph= \_\_\_\_\_

**TARGET #5- I UNDERSTAND BASIC TRIGONOMETRY.**

**\*\*\*Make sure your calculator is in degree mode in physics!**

22. Use the triangle below to answer the questions.



- a. Find the length of side b. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Find angle A in degrees. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Use the equation to solve for B in degrees:  $\frac{\sin 34.06^\circ}{7} = \frac{\sin B}{10.4}$