Previewing
Dimensional Analysis


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Circle the dominoes that need to be fixed?



How can you fix the wrong dominoes?

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## What information is missing?

Hint: Look at the units when trying to figure this out!


## Convert: 55 miles to meters

Conversion Factors:

12 inches $=1$ foot
2.54 centimeters $=1$ inch 5280 feet $=1$ mile

100 centimeters $=1$ meter

| 55 miles | 5280 ft |  | 2.54 cm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 mile |  | 1 in |

## What information is missing?



## Convert: 3 days to seconds

Conversion Factors:

$$
24 \text { hours = } 1 \text { day }
$$

60 seconds $=1$ minute
60 minutes $=1$ hour

| 3 days | 60 min |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 hour |  |

## What information is missing?

Be Careful, this one is a little more challenging!


## Convert: 25 kilometers per second to feet per hour

Conversion Factors:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 24 \text { hours }=1 \text { day } 60 \text { seconds }=1 \text { minute } 60 \text { minutes }=1 \text { hour } \\
& 5280 \text { feet }=1 \text { mile } \\
& 1 \text { mile }=1.609 \text { kilometers }
\end{aligned}
$$

# The Rules of Dimensional Analysis 

A powerful method of problem solving using fractions with units!

## Steps:

1. Write the starting information on the left side of your paper.
2. Write what you are trying to find on the right side of the paper.
3. Solve by multiplying the starting information by the appropriate fractions, making sure the units are crisscrossed from each other and cancelled as appropriate.
