

Converting Speeds

Practice converting the following speeds into the given units. Remember: d = ft

1. If I drive 100 miles on 15 in 2 hours, how fast am I going:

- a. In miles per hour?  $100 \text{ mi} / 2 \text{ hr} = 50 \text{ mph}$
- b. In miles per minute?  $100 \text{ mi} / 120 \text{ min} = 50 \text{ mi} / 60 \text{ min} = 50 \text{ mph}$
- c. In miles per second?  $100 \text{ mi} / 7200 \text{ sec} = 50 \text{ mi} / 3600 \text{ sec} = 50 \text{ mph}$
- d. In feet per hour?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ ft} / 2 \text{ hr} = 264,000 \text{ ft} / 2 \text{ hr} = 132,000 \text{ ft} / \text{hr}$
- e. In feet per minute?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ ft} / 120 \text{ min} = 528,000 \text{ ft} / 120 \text{ min} = 4400 \text{ ft} / \text{min}$
- f. In feet per second?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ ft} / 7200 \text{ sec} = 528,000 \text{ ft} / 7200 \text{ sec} = 73.3 \text{ ft} / \text{sec}$

- g. In inches per hour?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ in} / 2 \text{ hr} = 528,000 \text{ in} / 2 \text{ hr} = 264,000 \text{ in} / \text{hr}$
  - h. In inches per minute?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ in} / 120 \text{ min} = 528,000 \text{ in} / 120 \text{ min} = 4400 \text{ in} / \text{min}$
  - i. In inches per second?  $100 \text{ mi} \cdot 5280 \text{ in} / 7200 \text{ sec} = 528,000 \text{ in} / 7200 \text{ sec} = 73.3 \text{ in} / \text{sec}$
- A snail moves at an average speed of 0.0425 fps (not fast). How fast is the snail travelling:
- a. In miles per hour?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} \cdot 1 \text{ hr} = 0.29 \text{ mph}$
  - b. In miles per minute?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} = 0.0048 \text{ mph}$
  - c. In miles per second?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} = 0.00008 \text{ mps}$

- d. In feet per hour?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} \cdot 1 \text{ hr} = 1836 \text{ in} / \text{hr}$
- e. In feet per minute?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} = 1836 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ min} = 30.6 \text{ in} / \text{min}$
- f. In inches per hour?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} \cdot 1 \text{ hr} = 1836 \text{ in} / \text{hr}$
- g. In inches per minute?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} \cdot 60 \text{ min} = 30.6 \text{ in} / \text{min}$
- h. In inches per second?  $0.0425 \text{ ft} \cdot 12 \text{ in} / 60 \text{ sec} = 0.51 \text{ in} / \text{sec}$

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3. The Pacific tectonic plate is moving at an average speed of 3.5 inches per year. How fast

is it moving:

a) in miles per hour?

$$3.5 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ yr}}{365 \text{ days}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hr}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 0.0000063 \text{ mi/hr}$$

b) in miles per minute?

$$0.0000063 \text{ mi} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.000000105 \text{ mi/min}$$

c) in miles per second?

$$0.000000105 \text{ mi} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} = 0.0000000018 \text{ mi/sec}$$

e) in feet per minute?

$$0.00644 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.000107 \text{ ft/min}$$

f) in feet per second?

$$0.00044 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}} = 0.0000122 \text{ ft/sec}$$

g) in inches per hour?

$$0.00044 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.00073 \text{ in/hr}$$

h) in inches per minute?

$$0.00073 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.000012 \text{ in/min}$$

i) in inches per second?

$$0.000012 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} = 0.0000002 \text{ in/sec}$$

Approximately how far has the Pacific tectonic plate moved since Mazama's

$$2290 \text{ BC} = 2290 + 2017 \text{ years ago} = 4307 \text{ years}$$

$$d = vt$$

$$d = 3.5 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ year}}{4307 \text{ years}} = 15,074.5 \text{ in}$$

$$15,074.5 \text{ in} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ in}} = 1256 \text{ ft}$$

$$1256 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{5280 \text{ ft}} = 0.237 \text{ miles}$$

8 zeros

9 zeros

11 zeros

0.0000012 ft/sec eruption?