

It's been here over a decade - think metric!

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Canadians have been thinking metric for over a decade now - yes, it's been that long since the idea of implementing the metric system of measurement in Canada was first developed. By now, you're probably all professionals at dealing with kilograms and metres. Here's a simple quiz from the Metric Commission to test your skill.

1. A gram is about the weight of:
 - (a) _____ an apple
 - (b) _____ a dime
 - (c) _____ a pineapple
2. A metre is about the height of:
 - (a) _____ a door
 - (b) _____ a kitchen counter
 - (c) _____ a chair seat
3. Water freezes and boils at:
 - (a) _____ 32°C and 212°C
 - (b) _____ 100°C and 200°C
 - (c) _____ 0°C and 100°C
4. A measuring cup would hold about:
 - (a) _____ 2 ml
 - (b) _____ 20 ml
 - (c) _____ 200 ml
5. A new born baby weighs about:
 - (a) _____ 3 kg
 - (b) _____ 30 kg
 - (c) _____ 300 kg
6. A tall man is about:
 - (a) _____ 20 cm high
 - (b) _____ 200 cm high
 - (c) _____ 2000 cm high
7. Normal body temperature is about:
 - (a) _____ 25°C
 - (b) _____ 37°C
 - (c) _____ 45°C
8. A regular size soft drink tin holds about:
 - (a) _____ 1.5 L
 - (b) _____ 1 L
 - (c) _____ 0.3 L
9. A litre of water weighs about:
 - (a) _____ 100 g
 - (b) _____ 10 g
 - (c) _____ 1000 g
10. A new lead pencil is about:
 - (a) _____ 50 mm long
 - (b) _____ 100 mm long
 - (c) _____ 200 mm long
11. One teaspoonful of maple syrup would be about:
 - (a) _____ 0.5 ml
 - (b) _____ 1 ml
 - (c) _____ 5 ml
12. A professional football player weighs about:
 - (a) _____ 45 kg
 - (b) _____ 90 kg
 - (c) _____ 180 kg
13. A dollar is about:
 - (a) _____ 15 cm x 7 cm
 - (b) _____ 20 cm x 10 cm
 - (c) _____ 100 cm x 70 cm
14. The thickness of a dime would be about:
 - (a) _____ 0.1 mm
 - (b) _____ 1 mm
 - (c) _____ 5 mm
15. The standard of length in the metric system is the:
 - (a) _____ millimetre
 - (b) _____ centimetre
 - (c) _____ decimetre
 - (d) _____ kilometre
 - (e) _____ metre
16. The basic temperature scale used in the metric system from which the derived units originate is the:
 - (a) _____ Celsius scale
 - (b) _____ Kelvin scale
 - (c) _____ Fahrenheit scale
 - (d) _____ Centigrade scale

Chuckle

Knowing her husband's habit of sampling everything she baked, a woman left a note on a dozen freshly baked tarts. Said the note "These were counted and total one dozen." On her return, she found only ten tarts and a new note. It said "Think metric."

- Answers
- 1. b
 - 2. c
 - 3. c
 - 4. b
 - 5. a
 - 6. b
 - 7. b
 - 8. a
 - 9. a
 - 10. b
 - 11. b
 - 12. b
 - 13. c
 - 14. b
 - 15. b
 - 16. a