

OBJECTIVE: count and calculate with significant figures.

BACKGROUND INFO: Are they significant?

1. Non-zero digits, sandwiched zeros, and scientific notation = YES!
2. Leading zeros = NO!
3. Trailing zeros? If they follow a non-zero digit and are after a decimal = YES!

PRACTICE:

1. How many significant figures are in the following measurements?

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| a. <u>1200</u> kg 2 | e. <u>20005</u> sec. 5 |
| b. <u>5060800</u> joules 5 | f. <u>2.30</u> $\times 10^4$ g 3 |
| c. 0.00 <u>2003</u> g 4 | g. <u>2.3</u> $\times 10^5$ sec. 2 |
| d. 0.000 <u>5660</u> L 4 | h. 0.002 <u>300</u> g 4 |

↑ \$ to be ↑ Precise!
 $\pm 1g$ \$20
 $\pm .1g$ \$200
 $\pm .01g$ \$2,000
 $\pm .001g$ \$10,000

2. Perform the following calculations and round the answer to the correct place using significant figure rules. All values represent measurements.

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|---|---|
| a. $1.72 \times 0.007 = \underline{.01}$ | e. $350 \div 7.89 = \underline{44}$ |
| b. $627.1 \times 1.72 = \underline{1080}$ | f. $(7.0 \times 10^{-2}) \times (3.00 \times 10^4) = \underline{2100}$ or $\underline{2.1 \times 10^3}$ |
| c. $704.050 \div 0.15 = \underline{4700}$ | g. $2.003 \times 10^6 + 2.10 \times 10^{-2} = \underline{2.003 \times 10^6}$ |
| d. $201 \times 0.015 = \underline{3.0}$ | h. $56.000g \div 0.20 = \underline{280}$ |

3. Measurement Review: [Game Link](#)



$$\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \text{ gal} \\ + \quad 490 \text{ gal} \\ \hline 10,490 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 20,000 \text{ gal} \\ - 10,490 \text{ gal} \\ \hline 9,510 \end{array}$$

 $10,000 \pm 5,000 \text{ gal}$

BAD MEASUREMENT!

$$\begin{array}{r} 2003000 \\ + \quad 0.0210 \\ \hline 2003000.0210 \end{array}$$

your answer cannot be more precise than what you started with.