

Solution Key for Chemistry Workshop 1

1. The patient needs $0.2 \text{ mg/Kg} \times 75 \text{ Kg} = 15 \text{ mg}$ at each dosing interval. This is 3 5-mg capsules 4 times a day, or 12 capsules/day.
2. $16 \text{ gal} \times 3.78 \text{ L/gal} = 60.48 \text{ L}$. If this was water (with a density of 1 g/ml or 1 Kg/L) it would have a mass of 60.48 Kg. However, the density of gasoline is only 0.75 that of water (the meaning of specific density), so the mass of gasoline is $60.48 \text{ kg} \times 0.75 = 45 \text{ Kg}$.
3. The amount of base pairs is 3 Gigabase pairs, or $3 \times 10^9 \text{ bp}$. Each base pair takes up 0.34 nm ($0.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$) of length. For total length, $3 \times 10^9 \text{ bp} \times 0.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 1.02 \times 10^0 \text{ m}$ or 1 meter in total length. If we were to assume that this was evenly divided between 25 chromosomes, there would be $1 \text{ m}/25 = 0.04 \text{ m}$ or 4 cm of DNA in each chromosome. A typical mammalian cell has dimensions of tens of micrometers in size, or about $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$. It's an interesting packaging problem—the length of the DNA (if fully extended) is very large compared to the linear dimensions of the cell.
4. One cup of water is 240 mL. The density of water is 1.0 g/ml, so a cup of water contains 240 g of water. It's probably easiest to think of this problem as a ratio, if we can detect 1/100000, then we need to find a value of x (in g) such that $x/240 \text{ g} = 1/100000$. This comes out to 0.0024 g, or (rounding correctly) 2 mg. Similarly, if you keep the same ratio (1/100000), a ppm is the value if 1 million (10^6) is the denominator. This detection limit corresponds to 10 ppm.
5. $^{\circ}\text{F} = 9/5 (^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$. Substituting in the value in C, $^{\circ}\text{F} = 9/5 (175 ^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32 = 347 ^{\circ}\text{F}$, or rounding to the value of the stove 345 $^{\circ}\text{F}$
6. a. Co is the symbol for the element cobalt. CO represents a molecule made of one atom of carbon combined with one atom of oxygen.
b. Cs is the symbol for the element cesium. CS₂ represents a molecule in which one atom of carbon and 2 atoms of sulfur are combined.
c. S₈ represents a molecule composed of 8 atoms of sulfur hooked together. 8 S represents 8 individual sulfur atoms, not connected together.
d. ¹²C represents the isotope carbon-12, in which the nucleus has 6 protons and 6 neutrons. ¹³C represents the isotope carbon-13 (a stable isotope, about 1 % of naturally occurring carbon). This also has 6 protons in the nucleus (what makes it carbon) and 7 neutrons. Thus the nuclei have the same charges but different masses.
7. You could have ³⁵Cl-³⁵Cl, ³⁵Cl-³⁷Cl, and ³⁷Cl-³⁷Cl. The probability of ³⁵Cl-³⁵Cl is $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = 9/16$. The probability of ³⁷Cl-³⁷Cl is $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = 1/16$. The probability of ³⁵Cl-³⁷Cl is $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = 6/16$. (It needs the two because there are two possible ways in which to get one of each element.) If correct, this is an exhaustive list so that the probabilities should total 1. $9/16 + 1/16 + 6/16 = 16/16 = 1$