

Main Units used in the USA

In the United States, the measurement system is different. Here is a list of the most widely used measures in America. The date is written as, **MM/ DD/ YY i.e. Month/ Date/ Year.**

Money

US Bills: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100.

US Coins: 1 cent, 5c (**nickel**), 10c (**dime**), 25c (**quarter**), 50c, and \$1. A peculiarity of the US coins is that the **10c (dime) is smaller in size than the 5c (nickel) coin.**

\$1 = 100 Cents. Please note that the \$2 bill and the 50c and \$1 coins are quite rare

Distances, Length

The largest distance is the **mile**.

1 mile = 1.60 km

1 km = 0.62 miles

1 yard = 0.91 m (approx = 1 m)

1 m = 1.1 yard = 39 inch

1 foot = 0.30 m (approx 3 feet = 1 m)

1 cm = 0.39 inch

1 inch = 2.54 cm

1 yard = 3 foot = 36 inch

Volumes

1 **gallon** = 3.78 liter

1 **quart** = 1/4 gallon = 0.95 liter

Shortly, 1 gallon is almost equivalent to 4 liters and a quart is approximately a liter. The Gallon is widely used, when you purchase gasoline at the gas station or milk at the grocery store.

Temperatures

The temperatures in the US are measured in Fahrenheit, conversion formula is:

$$F^{\circ} = 32 + (9/5) C^{\circ}$$

$$C^{\circ} = (5/9)(F^{\circ} - 32)$$

You can approximate this roughly with $F^{\circ} \sim 32 + 2xC^{\circ}$ you can approximate this roughly with $C^{\circ} \sim (F^{\circ} - 32) / 2$

US Holidays

There are 10 federal holidays in America, however they only observe New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Some states observe few more holidays too, like Martin Luther King Holiday, and disclose few of the days listed below. Some states celebrate them, but on different dates.

Date/Day	Holiday
1st January	New Year's Day
January (Third Monday)	Martin Luther King's Birthday
February (Third Monday)	President's Day
May (Last Monday)	Memorial Day
4th July	Independence Day
September (First Monday)	Labor Day
October (Second Monday)	Columbus Day
11th November	Veteran's Day
November (Fourth Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day
25th December	Christmas Day

Time zones:

- 1- USA is divided into 4 time zones; Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific Standard Time.
- 2- All watches are reset twice every year, in April and October, in order to make the maximum use of the day light.