



Weight key words

weight	The measurement of how heavy something is.
milligram mg	Unit for measuring very small weights such as the content of vitamins or tablets. mg is the abbreviation for milligram. A milligram is a thousandth of a gram .
gram g	Unit for measuring small weights, such as in cooking. g is the abbreviation for gram A gram is a thousandth of a kilogram .
kilogram kilo kg	Unit for measuring large weights - for example, a person. kilo and kg are abbreviations for kilogram.
tonne t	Unit for measuring very large weights - for example, a lorry. t is the abbreviation for tonne . Note: the spelling is different from an imperial ton - however, they are approximately the same weight.
measuring instrument	You use measuring instruments to measure weight. Kitchen scales and bathroom scales are types of measuring instrument.
scale	All measuring instruments have a scale. You read off the markers on a scale to find the weight of objects.
division	The individual markers on scales. For example, kitchen scales may show up to 5 kg and will be divided into marked 500 g and unmarked 100 g divisions.

Tip

Have you noticed the similar prefixes on some words? Here are their meanings:

- **milligram** - the prefix **milli** means one thousandth
- **milligram** - one thousandth of a gram
- **kilometre** - the prefix **kilo** means one thousand
- **kilogram** - one thousand grams