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Estimating Mass

When we estimate **mass**, we make a smart guess about how heavy something is, using what we already know. In the **metric system**, the main units are:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>About how heavy?</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Milligram	mg	Very tiny	a grain of sand, a vitamin pill
Gram	g	Small	a paperclip (1 g), a slice of bread (30 g)
Kilogram	kg	Large	a textbook (1 kg), a bag of apples (2 kg)

Directions: Choose the *most reasonable* estimate for each item's mass. Circle the best answer.

- 1) A loaf of bread - A) 50 g B) 500 g C) 5 kg



- 2) A can of soup - A) 40 g B) 400 g C) 4 kg



- 3) A bottle of milk (1 liter) - A) 1 g B) 1 kg C) 10 kg



- 4) A banana - A) 100 g B) 1 kg C) 10 g



- 5) A watermelon - A) 8 kg B) 800 g C) 80 g



- 6) A single strawberry - A) 15 g B) 1.5 kg C) 150 mg



- 7) A paperclip - A) 1 g B) 1 kg C) 100 g



- 8) A box of cereal - A) 500 g B) 5 mg C) 5 kg



- 9) A shopping cart full of groceries - A) 20 kg B) 200 g C) 2 mg

