

Weight in Pounds

Weight means *how heavy* something is. You can measure weight using a scale. A bathroom scale measures weight in *pounds* or in *kilograms*.

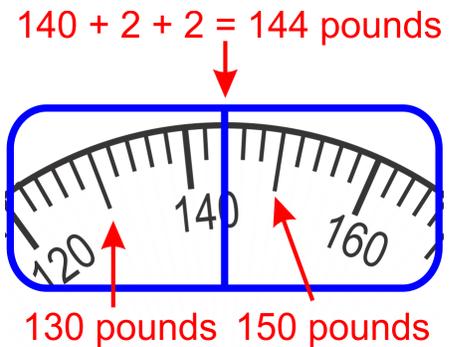
In this lesson you will need:



- a bathroom scale that measures in pounds
- a bucket and water
- encyclopedias or some other fairly heavy books
- a plastic bag or some other bag
- a backpack

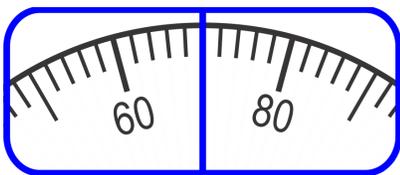
The numbers on your scale may go up by twenties, and not by tens. In the picture here, the longer line halfway in-between the two numbers is TEN more than the smaller of the two numbers. Each little line means 2 pounds more than the previous line.

The scale on the right is stopped at the second little line after 140 pounds, which means $140 + 2 + 2$ pounds, or 144 pounds.

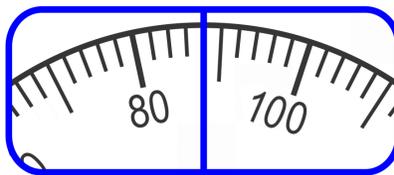


We use “lb” to abbreviate the word pounds. 15 pounds = 15 lb.
The “lb” comes from the Latin word *libra*, which also means a pound.

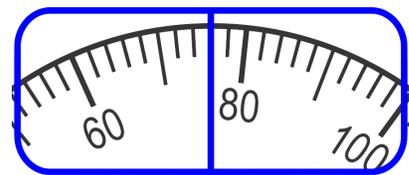
1. How many pounds is the scale showing? You can mark the in-between ten-numbers on the scale to help.



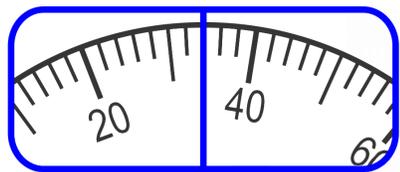
a. _____ lb



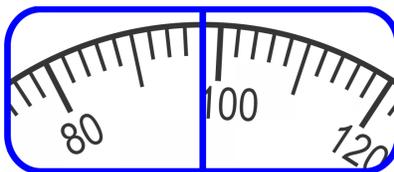
b. _____ lb



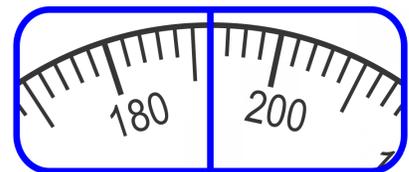
c. _____ lb



d. _____ lb



e. _____ lb



f. _____ lb