

**Density as a Conversion Factor:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Intro:** Every material has a **Density**, also known as a **constant mass / volume ratio**. A ratio is an equality, and therefore can be used as a conversion factor. Some examples are:

$$D_{\text{Pb}} = 11.3 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$D_{\text{Cu}} = 7.87 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$D_{\text{Au}} = 19.3 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$D_{\text{CO}} = 0.00436 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$11.3 \text{ g Pb} = 1 \text{ mL Pb}$$

$$7.87 \text{ g Cu} = 1 \text{ mL Cu}$$

$$19.3 \text{ g Au} = 1 \text{ mL Au}$$

$$0.00436 \text{ g CO} = 1 \text{ mL}$$

**Part A: Using Mass to Predict Volume (CHECK OFF EACH INSTRUCTION UPON COMPLETION)**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Place a clean beaker on your balance. Record its mass to one decimal place: \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Pour a layer of copper bb's into your beaker (amount on board)
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Record the new mass (beaker and bb's) to one decimal place: \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Subtract to determine the mass of the bb's. \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Use the space below to convert your grams of bb's to mL of bb's (conversion above)

\_\_\_\_\_ predicted  
mL Cu

*Confirmation (The Checking Phase)*

- \_\_\_\_ 6. Fill your 100 mL graduated cylinder about ½ full with tap water. Record the volume of the water (bottom of bubble at **eye level**) \_\_\_\_\_ mL H<sub>2</sub>O
- \_\_\_\_ 7. Carefully (without splashing water), place your bb's into the graduated cylinder. Record the new volume within the graduated cylinder. \_\_\_\_\_ mL H<sub>2</sub>O, Cu
- \_\_\_\_ 8. Subtract to determine the volume due to the copper bb's, and compare the measured value to your predicted value \_\_\_\_\_ mL Cu
- \_\_\_\_ 9. Calculate your percentage difference (the % you were off):

$$\frac{\text{Predicted } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ mL} - \text{Measured } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ mL}}{\text{Predicted } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ mL}} \times 100 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \% \text{ Difference}$$

**Part B: Using Volume to Predict Mass (CHECK OFF EACH INSTRUCTION UPON COMPLETION)**

- \_\_\_ 1. Fill your 100 mL graduated cylinder about ½ full with tap water.  
Record the volume of the water (bottom of bubble at **eye level**) \_\_\_\_\_ mL H<sub>2</sub>O
- \_\_\_ 2. Carefully (without splashing water), place lead weights into the graduated cylinder until the water increases by at least 11 mL. Record the new volume within the graduated cylinder. \_\_\_\_\_ mL H<sub>2</sub>O, Pb
- \_\_\_ 3. Subtract to determine the volume due to the lead weights. \_\_\_\_\_ mL Pb
- \_\_\_ 4. Use the space below to convert your mL of Lead to grams of Lead (conversion on front page)
- \_\_\_\_\_ predicted  
\_\_\_\_\_ g Pb

*Confirmation (The Checking Phase)*

- \_\_\_ 5. Place a clean beaker on you balance. Record its mass to one decimal place: \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_ 6. Place your **dried** lead weights into your beaker
- \_\_\_ 7. Record the new mass (beaker and Lead) to one decimal place: \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_ 8. Subtract to determine the mass of the Lead. \_\_\_\_\_ g
- \_\_\_ 9. Calculate your percentage difference (the % you were off):

$$\frac{\text{Predicted } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ g} - \text{Measured } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ g}}{\text{Predicted } \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ g}} \times 100 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \% \text{ Difference}$$

