

Copy these 12 reasons on the back of your metric notes worksheet.

There will a quiz on these facts at the end of the week.

Top 12 Reasons the United States Should Use the Metric System (or SI)

1) It's the system 95 percent of the world uses

(It's not standard in the U.S., Burma, and Liberia)

2) It's easier to make conversions

(You just move the decimal point right and left)

3) Teaching two measurement systems to children is confusing

4) It's the language of science

5) It's the language of medicine

6) Human conversion errors are inevitable

(We lost a Mars orbiter that way and pharmacy mistakes are common)

7) It's the language of international commerce

8) Many hobbies and sports use the metric system

9) Its use is necessary for travel outside of the United States

10) So we look less foolish and ignorant to the rest of the world

11) Less clutter since you don't need liquid and dry measuring cups and teaspoons and tablespoons

(Just a scale and liquid measuring cups)

12) There are fewer measures to learn. Most people will use meters, liters, and grams verses more than 10 for liquid and dry measures alone