

Speed, Distance, Time

You should be able to: Change hours & minutes into hours.
Change hours into hours & minutes.
Find the speed when given D & T.
Find the distance when given S & T.
Find Time when given D & S.

Use the formula:- $S = \frac{D}{T}$ $T = \frac{D}{S}$ $D = ST$

Note:

When finding a speed in mph, the distance must be in Miles and the time in Hours.
When finding a speed in Miles the distance must be in Metres and the time in seconds etc.
Calculations will not make sense otherwise.

Example 1

Change 5 hours 30 minutes into hours.

$$5 \text{ hrs} \quad 30 \text{ min} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ hr} = 0.5 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\text{So } 5 + 0.5 \text{ hrs}$$

$$= 5.5 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Min} & \longrightarrow & \text{Hrs} \\ & & \div 60 \end{array}$$

Example 2

Change 8 hrs 36 min into hrs.

$$8 \text{ hrs} \quad 36 \text{ min to hours just divide}$$

$$36 \div 60 = 0.6 \text{ hrs}$$

$$8 + 0.6 \text{ hrs}$$

$$= 8.6 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hrs} & \longrightarrow & \text{Min} \\ & & \times 60 \end{array}$$

Example 3

Change 7.75 hrs into hrs and min.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 7 \text{ hrs} & & 0.75 \text{ hrs} \times 60 \\ & & = 45 \text{ min} \end{array}$$

$$= 7 \text{ hrs } 45 \text{ min}$$

Example 4

0.45 hrs

0 hrs

$$0.45 \times 60 = 27\text{min}$$

$$= 27\text{min}$$

Example 5

Time = 25min D = 15 hrs
Find the speed in ??

$$S = \frac{D}{T} = \frac{15}{0.42} = 36$$

$$25 \div 60 = 0.42$$

Or 35.7 if you
Rounded to 1dp

Example 6

D = 1040 miles S = 320mph

$$T = \frac{D}{S}$$
$$T = \frac{1040}{320} = 3.25 \text{ hrs}$$

$$= 3 \text{ hrs } 15 \text{ min}$$

Example 7

Time = 4.5 hrs S = 70mph

$$D = S T$$
$$= 4.5 \times 70$$

$$= 315 \text{ miles}$$