

## Step by Step Guide for Dimensional Analysis:

1. Set-up the “given” as a FRACTION.
2. Determine *what units you need for your answer.....*  
★ (You need to cancel the units you cannot use in your answer.)
3. Decide which units in the “given” you want to get rid of first.
4. Set-up a FRACTION by putting the unit you want to get rid of opposite of where it is in the given.  
★ (if it's on TOP ... put it on the BOTTOM of the new fraction!)
5. CANCEL the UNIT! ✗
6. Now, put the unit that you need for your answer into the fraction.  
★ (the top or bottom of your fraction should be empty....put it there!)
7. ASK YOURSELF....“*What do I know about these units, how are they related?*”  
(you can look at your handout with all of the conversions for this step.)
8. CHECK to see that the only units left are the ones you need.
9. If you have all of the units you need.....  
MULTIPLY ACROSS the TOP and MULTIPLY ACROSS the BOTTOM.  
★ then  
DIVIDE the numerator by the denominator (*top ÷ bottom*).



**Don't forget the UNITS on your ANSWER!**