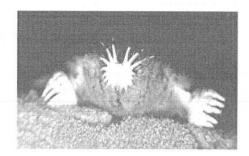
# What is a Mole?





In chemistry it is not an animal that lives in the ground.

A mole is the SI unit that describes the amount of a substance. One mole =  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  objects In chemistry the objects are atoms and molecules.

Let's think how large a mole really is... Let's think of things we see everyday!

OA mole of marshmallows would cover the planet Earth 12 miles high.

OA mole of seconds would last so long, the universe would die out before it was done!

**♦1** Mole of marbles would fill the entire Grand Canyon and there would still be enough left over to displace all the water in Lake Michigan and a few other lakes!

 $\diamond$ Computers can count at the rate of over 800 million counts per second. At this rate it would take a computer over 25 million years to count to 6.02 x  $10^{23}$ 

OA mole of hockey pucks would be equal to the mass of the Moon.

 $\circ$ Assuming that each human being has 60 trillion body cells (6.0 x 10<sup>13</sup>) and the Earth's population is 6 billion (6 x 10<sup>9</sup>), the total number of living human body cells on the Earth at the present time is 3.6 x 10<sup>23</sup> or a little over half of a mole.

0If one mole of pennies were divided up among the Earth's population, each person would receive  $1 \times 10^{14}$  pennies. Personal spending at the rate of one million dollars a day would use up each persons wealth in about three thousand years. Life would not be comfortable because the surface of the Earth would be covered in copper coins to a depth of at least 400 meters.

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## Activity for the mole concept

1 mole is 6.022x10<sup>23</sup> particles Particles can be ions, atoms, molecules, etc.

## **SHOW ALL OF YOUR WORK**

#### Exercise 1

1-If we have a mole of pennies and divide them equally among the 6 billion people on earth how much money would each person receive? Please express answer in terms of dollars.

2-If you spend 1 million dollars a day how long would it be before you ran out of money? Express answers in days and years.

### Exercise 2

Obtain 15 pennies from the teacher and stack them one on top of the other. Measure the height of the stack in centimeters. Record measurement below.

A- What is the average height of ONE penny?

B- Using the average height of one penny determine the height of a stack of 6.022x10<sup>23</sup> pennies in km.

C- How many light years (measured in seconds) is this? (Light travels 3.00x10<sup>8</sup> km per second)

D-How many round trips is this to the moon? (Distance to moon from earth 364,000 km)