HOW SMALL IS NANO?

Measuring Different Things

Macrosize

Child
A child is about 1 meter tall
1 meter = 1,000,000,000 nm (1 billion nanometers)

Hand
A hand is about 1 decimeter wide
1 decimeter = 100,000,000 nm (100 million nanometers)

Pinky Finger
A pinky finger is about 1 centimeter wide
1 centimeter = 10,000,000 nm (10 million nanometers)

Freckle
A freckle is about 1 millimeter wide
1 millimeter = 1,000,000 nm (1 million nanometers)

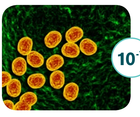
Strand of Hair
A hair is about 0.1 (one tenth) of a millimeter wide
0.1 millimeter = 100,000 nm (100 thousand nanometers)

Microsize

Red Blood Cell
A red blood cell is about 10 micrometers wide
10 micrometers = 10,000 nm (10 thousand nanometers)

Bacteria
A bacteria is about 1 micrometer wide
1 micrometer = 1,000 nm (1 thousand nanometers)

Virus
A virus is about 0.1 (one tenth) of a micrometer wide
0.1 micrometer = 100 nm (1 hundred nanometers)



Nanosize

Cell Membrane
A cell membrane is about 10 nanometers wide
10 nanometers = 10 nm

Sugar Molecule
A sugar molecule is about 1 nanometer wide
1 nanometer = 1 nm

Atom
An atom is about 0.1 (one tenth) of a nanometer wide
0.1 nanometer = 0.1 nm

Macrosize
meters, decimeters, centimeters, millimeters

Microsize
micrometers

Nanosize
nanometers

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