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### **Measurement Conversion Strategy**

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<u>Step 4:</u> Determine how you get to the number circled on the "What You Know." **Do you multiply or divide?** 

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Jacob has <u>4 feet</u> of electrical wire because 4 feet is equivalent to 48 inches.

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Lennox has a piece of fabric that is 5 meters long. How many millimeters long is the fabric?

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The fabric is <u>5,000 millimeters</u> long because 5 meters is equivalent to 5,000 millimeters.

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