

How Big is Big?

Measurement	Translation
Kilobyte	1,000, or 10^3 , bytes 2KB = a typewritten page
Megabyte	1,000,000, or 10^6 , bytes 1MB = a small novel
Gigabyte	1,000,000,000, or 10^9 , bytes 1GB = a pickup truck full of books
Terabyte	1,000,000,000,000, or 10^{12} , bytes 1TB = 50,000 trees' worth of printed pages
Petabyte	1,000,000,000,000,000, or 10^{15} , bytes 2PB = all U.S. academic research libraries
Exabyte	1,000,000,000,000,000,000, or 10^{18} , bytes 5EB = all words ever spoken by human beings