# Mexican and U.S. Cannon Balls: How heavy were they?

Both Mexican and U.S. soldiers used cannon in the Battle of Palo Alto.

Cannon are named by the weight of the cannon ball. A Mexican 8-pounder cannon shot 8-lb. cannon balls. The cannon is much heavier. It weighed over 2,000 pounds!

Write the weight of a U.S. 18-pounder cannon ball in lbs.

The 18-pounder was the heaviest cannon used in the Battle of Palo Alto. The cannon weighed over 4,500 pounds!

Use the math reference sheet to convert the cannonball weight from pounds to ounces.

# Remember: 1 lb. (pound) = 16 oz (ounces)

### United States Cannon

Cannon Name	Cannon Ball Weight-Pounds	Cannon Ball Weight-Ounces
18-pounder	18 lbs.	ounces
12-pounder	12 lbs.	ounces
6-pounder	6 lbs.	ounces

### Mexican Cannon

Cannon Name	Cannon Ball Weight-Pounds	Cannon Ball Weight-Ounces
8-pounder	8 lbs.	ounces
4-pounder	4 lbs.	ounces

# **Comprehension Questions**

Use your graphic organizer and cannonball weight to answer the two questions below.

1. Who had the most effective cannon? Explain your answer.

2. Who do you think won the Battle of Palo Alto? Explain your answer.