## 8.EE Ant and Elephant

## Task

An ant has a mass of approximately $4 \times 10^{-3}$ grams and an elephant has a mass of approximately 8 metric tons.
a. How many ants does it take to have the same mass as an elephant?
b. An ant is $10^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}$ long. If you put all these ants from your answer to part (a) in a line (front to back), how long would the line be? Find two cities in the United States that are a similar distance apart to illustrate this length.

Note: $1 \mathrm{~kg}=1000$ grams, 1 metric ton $=1000 \mathrm{~kg}, 1 \mathrm{~m}=100 \mathrm{~cm}, 1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}$

