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ANSWER KEY

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8.	10,000 g = <u>10 kg</u> 9.	30 kg = <u>30,000 g</u>		
10.	Jan's cat weighs 4 kg. Carl's cat weighs 2,900 grams. Whose cat is heavier? Explain.			
	<u>Jan's cat weighs more. Four kilograms equals 4,000 grams. 4,000 is greater than 2,900, therefore Jan's cat is heavier.</u>			
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