

# *N-35*

## *Specific Heat*

How much heat can something absorb?

# Specific Heat

The amount of energy it takes to raise the temperature of 1 gram of something by 1 °C

Units:

$$\frac{\text{J}}{\text{g } ^\circ\text{C}}$$

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

C = specific heat

Q = energy lost or gained

m = mass

$\Delta T$  = “delta” T or change in temp

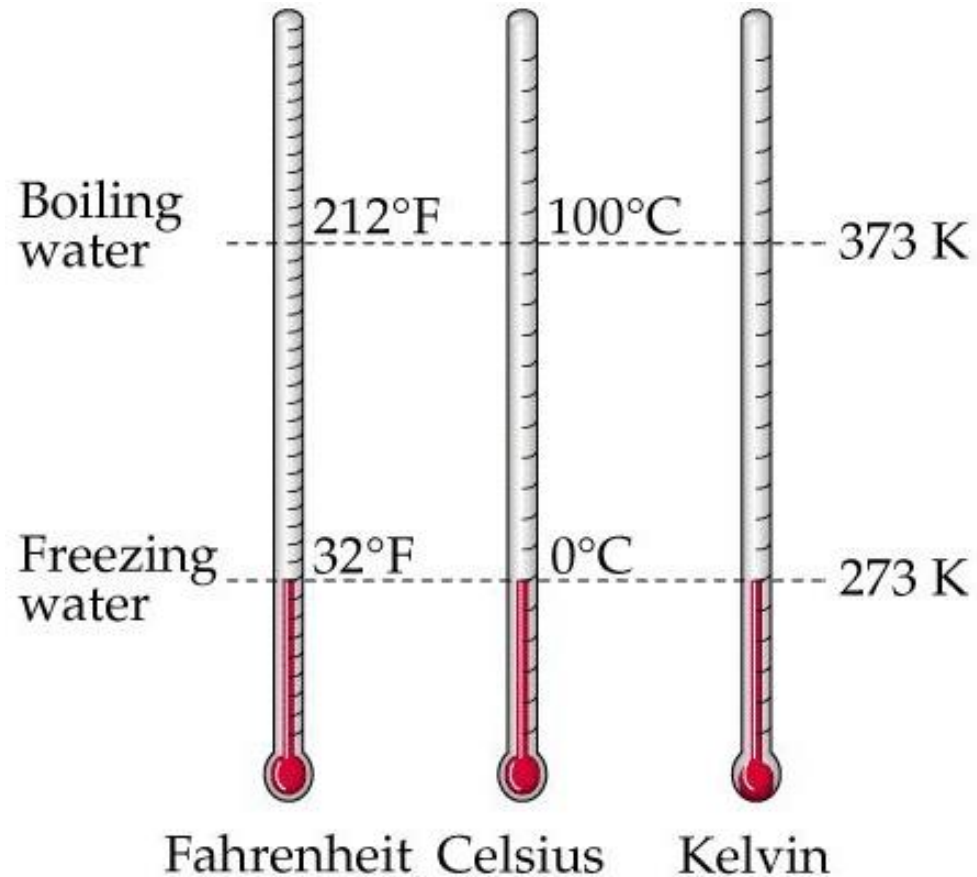
$$Q = m \times C \times (T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{starting}})$$

## Little trick!

**$\Delta T$  in Kelvins will be the same as  $\Delta T$  in Celsius!**


Because the size of “one degree” is the same for K & C.

*(Wouldn't work for Fahrenheit because a Fahrenheit degree is smaller than a K or a C)*



## Little trick!

$$\Delta T = 50^{\circ}\text{C} - 30^{\circ}\text{C} = \underline{\text{A CHANGE}} \text{ of 20 degrees}$$


$$\Delta T = 323 \text{ K} - 303 \text{ K} = \underline{\text{A CHANGE}} \text{ of 20 degrees}$$

It doesn't mean that you are  
**at** a TEMPERATURE of 20 degrees.

Big difference!

Can save you conversion time!

## Positive or Negative?


Gaining Heat	Endothermic	$Q = +$	$\Delta T = +$
Losing Heat	Exothermic	$Q = -$	$\Delta T = -$
<i>m and C are always positive</i>			


# Showing your work...

## Couple of choices...

- UNITS:


- Put units IN the math equation
- Make a list of variables and put the units there instead of in the math equation  
(*what Mrs. Farmer likes to do*)


$$5 \text{ J} = (10\text{g})(0.5 \text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C})(\Delta T)$$


$$\begin{array}{l} Q = 5 \text{ J} \\ m = 10\text{g} \\ C = 0.5 \text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C} \\ \Delta T = ? \\ 5 = (10)(0.5)(\Delta T) \end{array}$$

- ALGEBRA

- Show rearranging your problem once the numbers are in  
(*what Mrs. Farmer likes to do*)
- Or show rearranging your equation before you put the numbers in


$$\Delta T = \frac{Q}{mc}$$

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

How much heat is needed to raise the temperature of 10 grams of a substance from 40 °C to 60 °C if the specific heat is 3.8 J/ g °C ?



$$Q = (10g)(3.8 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})(60^{\circ}C - 40^{\circ}C)$$

$$Q = 760 J$$

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

A 2 gram sample of a metal was heated from 260 K to 300 K. It absorbed 52 J of energy. What's the specific heat?

$$52 J = (2g)(C)(300K - 260K)$$

$$C = 0.65 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$$

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

A 2 gram sample of a metal was heated from -13°C to 27°C. It absorbed 52 J of energy. What's the specific heat?

$$52 J = (2g)(C)(27^{\circ}C - -13^{\circ}C)$$

***Careful about double negatives this chapter!***

$$52 J = (2g)(C)(27^{\circ}C + 13^{\circ}C)$$

$$C = 0.65 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$$

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

A 50 gram piece of hot metal is put into cold water. The metal transfers 5000 J of energy to the cold water. The specific heat of the metal is 6 J/g °C. What is the change in temperature of the metal?

$$-5000J = (50g)\left(6\frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}\right)(\Delta T)$$

***Releasing heat makes Q negative!!!***

$$\Delta T = -16.67^{\circ}C$$

***Temperature DECREASED by 16.67°C***

# Specific Heat

$$Q = mC\Delta T$$

A 25 gram piece of cold metal is put into hot water. The metal absorbs 154 J of energy from the hot water. The specific heat of the metal is 0.35 J/g °C. What is the initial temperature of the metal if the metal ended at 25°?



$$154J = (25g)(0.35 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})(25^{\circ}C - T_i)$$

$$\frac{154J}{(25g)(0.35 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})} = (25^{\circ}C - T_i)$$

**Remember!**

$$\Delta T = T_f - T_i$$

$$T_i = 25^{\circ}C - \left( \frac{154J}{(25g)(0.35 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})} \right)$$

$$T_i = 7.4^{\circ}C$$

**Careful with algebra! Don't be too lazy to actually show steps so you don't make silly mistakes! MOST commonly missed type of question for silly algebra mistakes!**

# Options for your Algebra!

I don't care what you do...just do it right!

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$$154 = (25)(0.35)(25 - T_i)$$

$$154 = 8.75(25 - T_i)$$

$$154 = 218.75 - 8.75T_i$$
$$+ 8.75T_i \quad -154 \quad + 8.75T_i$$
$$-154$$

$$\frac{8.75T_i}{8.75} = \frac{64.75}{8.75}$$

$$8.75 \quad 8.75$$

$$T_i = 7.4^\circ\text{C}$$

**Could  
distribute  
first if you  
want!**

# Options for your Algebra!

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$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{\#2} \quad 154 &= \frac{(25)(0.35)(25 - T_i)}{(25)(0.35)} \\ 17.6 &= 25 - T_i \\ +T_i & \quad +T_i \\ -17.6 & \quad -17.6 \\ \hline T_i &= 7.4^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

*Could  
simplify as  
you go if  
you want!*

# Options for your Algebra!

I don't care what you do...just do it right!

$$\textcircled{\#3} \quad 154 = \frac{(25)(0.35)(\Delta T)}{(25)(0.35)(25)(0.35)}$$

$$17.6 = \Delta T$$

$$17.6 = 25 - T_i$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +T_i \\ -17.6 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} +T_i \\ -17.6 \end{array}$$

$$T_i = 7.4^\circ\text{C}$$

*Could solve for  $\Delta T$  first  
and then figure out  $T_i$  at  
the end if you want.*

**\*CAREFUL\*** - This way wont  
work for more complex  
“calorimetry” problems.  
Ok for simple problems.

**YouTube Link to Presentation**

**<https://youtu.be/h81y8n4ge-0>**