

## Calculating Thermal Energy

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$Q$  = Thermal energy (J)

$m$  = mass

$T$  = temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

$c_p$  = Specific Heat (J/kg)

Table of Specific Heats

Substance	Specific Heat (J/g $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
Water	4.184
Wood	1.760
Graphite	0.710
Glass	0.664
Iron	0.450
Ethanol	2.46
Aluminum	0.9

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$m = \frac{Q}{c\Delta T}$$

$$c = \frac{Q}{m\Delta T}$$

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

1. What is the change in the thermal energy of 100 grams of water if its temperature increases from  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?
2. What is the mass of a pane of glass that changed temperature by ten degrees Celsius and has a change in thermal energy of  $-13,280.0$  Joules?
3. If 500 grams of graphite and 500 grams of Iron both have an initial temperature of  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and both have an increase in thermal energy of 7000 J, which will have the higher final temperature?
4. If 225 grams of wood with an initial temperature of  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  has a change in thermal energy of  $1.98 \times 10^6$  J, what is the final temperature of the wood?
5. A 2.5 kg sample of a substance was heated from  $113^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $289^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The substance absorbed 0.45 kJ of heat. What is the specific heat of this substance? (Convert kg to grams and kJ to J first.)

6. The specific heat of aluminum is  $0.897 \text{ J/(g}\cdot\text{K)}$ . If a  $22.6 \text{ g}$  sample of aluminum is heated from  $183 \text{ K}$  to  $244 \text{ K}$ , then how much heat will the aluminum absorb? *(Remember that we can use  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $\text{K}$  because a  $\Delta$  in 1 degree of either scale is the same change.)*
7.  $1.3 \text{ kg}$  of a substance is heated from  $269 \text{ K}$  to  $325 \text{ K}$  and is found to have absorbed  $45 \text{ J}$  of heat. What is the specific heat of this substance? *(Convert kg to grams first.)*
8. The specific heat of mercury is  $0.140 \text{ J/(g}\cdot\text{K)}$ . If  $450 \text{ J}$  of energy is added to  $43 \text{ g}$  of mercury at  $315 \text{ K}$ , what will the final temperature of the mercury be?
9. A  $40.0 \text{ g}$  sample of ethanol releases  $2952 \text{ J}$  as it cools from  $50.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Calculate the final temperature of the ethanol.
10. Calculate the heat change associated with cooling a  $350.0 \text{ g}$  aluminum bar from  $70.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $25.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Is the change endothermic or exothermic? Why?
11. Calculate the specific heat capacity ( $c_p$ ) of copper given that  $204.75 \text{ J}$  of energy raises the temperature of  $15.0 \text{ g}$  of copper from  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ .