

Thermal Energy

- KE which gets dispersed into/absorbed from molecules in the environment
- The effect of this is observed as a change in the temperature of the surroundings
- Completely random in the kinds of motions it exhibits and in its direction

Note:

Once KE is thermalized, only a portion of it can be converted back into PE
The remainder was dispersed and diluted into the environment, and is effectively lost.

The **amount of thermal energy** is determined by:

1. **Temperature**

The higher the temp,
the higher the thermal energy

2. **Sample size**

A cup of 80° water has more thermal energy than a teaspoon of 80° water

3. **Composition**

$$E_{\text{solid}} < E_{\text{liquid}} < E_{\text{gas}}$$

Temperature

A measure of the **average kinetic energy** of particles in a material

Describes the speed that the molecules “jiggle”

Heat

(the flow of thermal energy)

Adding or removing thermal energy to a substance causes a change in the matter

Either:

The **temperature changes**

or

The **phase changes**

If it's causing the temperature to change:

How much the temperature of a material changes depends on:

- The **amount of heat** added or removed
- The **mass** of the substance
- **What the substance is**

Specific Heat Capacity

The energy required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of a substance by 1°C

$$C_p$$

$$\text{J/g}^\circ\text{C} \text{ or } \text{J/g}\cdot\text{K}$$

(Note: a 1°C change is also a 1 K change)

- Each substance has a unique C_p
- Substances with a high C_p can absorb or release lots of thermal energy without a significant change in temperature
- Water has a relatively high C_p (4.18 J/g°C)

$$q = m\Delta T C_p$$

q = heat energy

m = mass

ΔT = temperature change

C_p = specific heat capacity

Ex: If 1642 J of heat is added to 0.0230kg of iron, how much would the temperature change? (C_p for iron = 0.470 J/g°C)

$$q = m\Delta T C_p$$

$$1642\text{J} = (23.0\text{g})\Delta T(0.470\text{J/g}^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{1642\text{J}}{23.0\text{g}(0.470\text{J/g}^\circ\text{C})} = 152^\circ\text{C}$$

Molar Heat Capacity

The energy required to raise the temperature of 1 mole of a substance by 1°C

$$\text{J/mol}^\circ\text{C} \text{ or } \text{J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$$