



Specific Heat Worksheet

$m = g$
 $c = J/g^{\circ}C$
 $\Delta t = \text{change in temp}$

1. A beaker contains 610.0 g of water at $15.0^{\circ}C$. After being heated for 22 minutes the water's temperature rose to $48.0^{\circ}C$. Calculate the heat energy absorbed. * 3 sig figs

$$Q = mc\Delta t$$

$$Q = (610.0\text{ g}) (4.19\text{ J/g}^{\circ}C) (48.0^{\circ}C - 15.0^{\circ}C)$$

$$= 84\,344.7\text{ J} \rightarrow \boxed{84\,300\text{ J or } 8.43 \times 10^4\text{ J}}$$

2. A beaker contains 270 g of water at $15^{\circ}C$. The water absorbs $24\,000\text{ J}$ of energy. What is the water's final temperature? 2 sig figs

$$Q = mc\Delta t$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{Q}{m \times c} = \frac{24\,000\text{ J}}{(270\text{ g} \times 4.19\text{ J/g}^{\circ}C)} = 21.21^{\circ}C = 21^{\circ}C$$

$$Ft = \Delta t + It \quad 21^{\circ}C + 15^{\circ}C = 36^{\circ}C$$

3. Oil has a specific heat capacity of $2.0\text{ J/g}^{\circ}C$. If 200 g of oil absorbs $5\,005\text{ J}$ of heat energy to reach a final temperature of $40.0^{\circ}C$, what was its initial temperature? 2 sig figs

$$\Delta t = \frac{Q}{m \times c} = \frac{5\,005\text{ J}}{(200 \times 2.0)} = 12.51^{\circ}C = 10^{\circ}C$$

$$It = Ft - \Delta t$$

$$40.0^{\circ}C - 10^{\circ}C = 30^{\circ}C$$

4. A beaker contains 405 g of water at $19^{\circ}C$. After being heated for 42 minutes the water's temperature reaches $55^{\circ}C$. Calculate the heat energy absorbed. 2 sig figs

$$Q = mc\Delta t = (405\text{ g}) (4.19) (55 - 19^{\circ}C)$$

$$Q = 61\,090.2 = \boxed{61\,000\text{ J or } 6.1 \times 10^4\text{ J}}$$

5. You pour 250 ml of water into a glass just out of the freezer. After a while, you notice that the temperature of the water has fallen from $18^{\circ}C$ to $12^{\circ}C$. (2 sig figs)

a- Is this an energy transfer or transformation? transfer

b- Calculate the heat energy transfer.

$$Q = mc\Delta t = 250 \times 4.19 \times (12 - 18) = \boxed{6\,285\text{ J}} = \boxed{6\,300\text{ J}}$$

c- Explain if the water gives off or absorbs energy.

d- Explain if the glass gave off or absorbed energy.

6. Syrup has a specific heat capacity of $1.3 \text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$. If 200 g of syrup absorbs 5000 J of heat energy to reach a final temperature of 55°C , what was its initial temperature? 1 sig fig

$$Q = mc\Delta t$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{Q}{mc} = \frac{5000 \text{ J}}{(200)(1.3)} = 19.23^\circ\text{C} = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

$I t = F t - \Delta t = 55 - 20 = 35^\circ\text{C}$
 \downarrow - place
 $= 40^\circ\text{C}$

* 2 sig figs.

7. What is the mass of water if it absorbs 65000 J of heat energy to go from a temperature of 75°C to 94°C ?

$$m = \frac{Q}{c\Delta t} = \frac{65000}{(4.19)(94-75)} = 816.48 \text{ g} = 820 \text{ g}$$

8. What is honey's specific heat if 90.0 g are heated for 18.0 minutes and experience a temperature change of 40.0°C absorbing 7500.0 J of heat? 3 sig figs

$$c = \frac{Q}{m\Delta t} = \frac{7500.0}{90.0 \times 40.0} = 2.083 = 2.08 \text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$$

9. Water's specific heat is $4.19 \text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$. Olive oil's specific heat is $1.9 \text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$.

- Which one would get hotter faster? Oil
- Which one would keep its heat for longer? water
- Why would we put water in a car's cooling system over olive oil?

Water has a high specific heat.
 Takes long to get hot therefore
 it will not overheat quickly.