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## Worksheet- Introduction to Specific Heat Capacities

Heating substances in the sun: The following table shows the temperature after 10.0 g of 4 different substances have been in direct sunlight for up to 60 minutes.

| Time (minutes) | Air $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Water $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Sand $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Metal $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ |
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| O (initial) | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 15.0 min | $28.9^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $26.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 30.0 min | $32.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $27.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 45.0 min | $36.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $28.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 60.0 min | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Step 1: Create a line graph for each substance on graph below. Label the substances.

3. When you boil water in a pot on the stove, which heats faster, the metal or the water? Explain.
4. Why do you think different substances heat up and cool down at different rates?

## ***Specific heat capacity = the amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 g of a substance by 1 degree. ***

5. Based on the definition above, which of the 4 substances do you think has:
a) the highest specific heat capacity?
b) the lowest heat capacity?
6. Here are the heat capacities of the four substances: $4.18 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1.00 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.80 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, \& $0.60 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}^{\circ} \mathrm{c}$. Match \& then label each substance with its specific heat capacity on the graph.
7. If something has a high specific heat capacity will it take a lot of heat or a little heat to change its temperature? Explain. (careful! Use the definition, your graph, and the data from \#6)
8. Assuming they both start at the same temperature, which will heat up faster, a swimming pool or a bath tub? Explain your thinking.

## Worksheet-Calculations involving Specific Heat

1. For $q=m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$ : identify each variables by name \& the units associated with it.
2. Heat is not the same as temperature, yet they are related. Explain how they differ from each other.
a. Perform calculations using: $(q=m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T)$
3. Gold has a specific heat of $0.129 \mathrm{~J} /\left(\mathrm{g} \times{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. How many joules of heat energy are required to raise the temperature of 15 grams of gold from $22^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to 85 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ?
b. Determine if it's endothermic or exothermic
4. An unknown substance with a mass of 100 grams absorbs 1000 J while undergoing a temperature increase of $15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. What is the specific heat of the substance?

## Endothermic or exothermic? <br> 3. If the temperature of 34.4 g of ethanol increases from $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $78.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, how much heat has been absorbed by the ethanol? The specific heat of ethanol is 2.44 $\mathrm{J} /\left(\mathrm{g} \times^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$

## Endothermic or exothermic?

4. Graphite has a specific heat of $0.709 \mathrm{~J} /\left(9 \times^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. If a 25 gram piece of graphite is cooled from $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $18{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, how much energy was lost by the graphite?

Endothermic or exothermic?
6. 45 grams of an unknown substance undergoes a temperature increase of $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ after absorbing 4172.4 Joules. What is the specific heat of the substance? Look at the table on page 513 of your book, and identify the substance.

## Endothermic or exothermic?

7. A 40 g sample of water absorbs 500 Joules of energy. How much did the water temperature change? The specific heat of water (liquid) is $4.18 \mathrm{~J} /\left(9 \times^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.
