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More Density

Less Dense Objects Float

If two objects are put together, the less dense one will float.



Heavy things don't sink (unless they are denser).

A ship is heavy, but it floats in water because it is less dense.

Light things don't float (unless they are less dense).

A penny is light, but it sinks in water because it is more dense.



You can tell by the numbers, too. If the object's density < Liquid's density, the object will float.

Ex. 1 Object A: D = 1.56 g/mL Liquid B: D = 1.2 g/mL

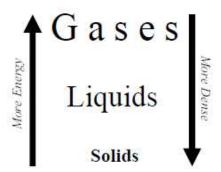
The object sinks! (It is more dense.)

Ex. 2 Object A: D = 0.85 g/mL Liquid B: D = 1.0 g/mL

The object floats! (It is less dense.)

States of Matter and Density

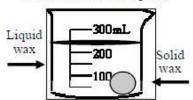
For the same substance the three states of matter have different energies and different densities.



Gases: high energy; low density. Molecules bounce around, spreading out.

Liquids: Medium energy; medium density. Molecules slide around, staying close together.

Solids: Low energy; high density. Molecules are stuck together. Solids sink in their liquids.



Solids are denser than their liquids.

Density of Water = 1 g/mL

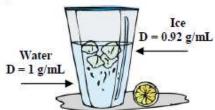
This means that every mL of water = 1 g OR every gram of water = 1 mL

This makes calculations with water easy.

 V_{water} (in mL) = m_{water} (in g)

Ex. 35 g water = 35 mL 46 mL of water = 46 g

Water: The Exception Solid water floats in liquid water.



Density of Ice = 0.92 g/mL

Ice is less dense than water. Water is the ONLY substance whose solid floats in its liquid.

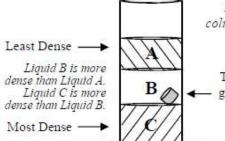
Floating Ice is Important for Life

Floating ice on lakes and ponds insulates fish during cold winters.

The expansion of water freezing breaks down rocks into soil.

Density Columns

When different liquids are put together in a column they separate due to their different densities. If they are put in a different order, they will still end up in the right order.



By putting an object into the column you can estimate its density by where it floats or sinks.

This object has a density greater than liquid B, but less than liquid C.



