

DISCOVERING DENSITY

What do you know about density? *Take 5 minutes to collect some information about density. In your own words, explain to your partner what density is.*

P.O.E. - Soda Style

a) A can of regular coke is dropped into water. Prediction : _____ Observation: <u>Coke Sinks</u> Explanation (Why did this happen)? _____ _____	b) A can of diet coke is dropped into water. Prediction: _____ Observation: <u>Diet Coke Floats</u> Explanation (Why did this happen)? _____ _____
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DENSITY: the mass per unit of volume.

- Mass of can of Coke = 255g Mass of can of Diet Coke = 249g
- The regular Coke has more mass for the same volume, so the density of the regular Coke is greater.

Density describes how tightly packed the particles are in a material.



In the diagram to the left, describe the **spacing** of the particles in the solid block, the liquid, and in the gas.

Solid: tightly packed (little space)
Liquid: enough space to slip/slide
Gas: very far apart

.....Most substances are more dense in their solid form than in their liquid form.

→ Knowing this, how do you think temperature and density are related?

as temp ↓, density ↑ (because particles get closer)

→ Can you think of an exception? water! (ice less dense than liquid)

Fluids that do not mix will form layers based on density!

- Fluids with a lower density "float" on top of fluids with a higher density
- If a fluid has a density less than water (1.00 g/cm³), it will float on water.

P.O.E. WACKY WATER

<p>a) Oil is combined with water.</p> <p>Prediction : _____</p> <p>Observation: <u>Oil Floats</u></p> <p>Explanation (Why did this happen)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p><u>Oil is less dense</u></p>	<p>b) Salt water is combined with fresh water.</p> <p>Prediction: _____</p> <p>Observation: <u>Fresh Water Floats</u></p> <p>Explanation (Why did this happen)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p><u>Fresh water is less dense</u></p>
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Calculating Density:

$$\text{Density} = \left(\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \text{ or } \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}} \right) = \frac{\text{mass (g or kg)}}{\text{volume (cm}^3 \text{ or mL)}}$$

Sample Problems

1. The mass of a rock is 75g and its volume is 3cm³. Determine the density of the rock.

Step 1: List known and unknown quantities.

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 75\text{g} \\ V &= 3\text{cm}^3 \\ D &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Use a proportion or algebra to solve for the missing variable

INCLUDE UNITS

$$D = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{75\text{g}}{3\text{cm}^3} = 25 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

Step 3: Make a final written statement (including correct units) that answers the question.

The density of the rock is $25 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$.

PRACTICE: DENSITY CALCULATIONS

2. A bottle of orange juice has a volume of 100mL and a mass of 250 grams. Calculate the density of the orange juice in g/mL.

- ① GIVEN
- ② FORMULA
- ③ SOLVE
- ④ SENTENCE

$$V = 100 \text{ mL}$$
$$m = 250 \text{ g}$$

$$D = \frac{250 \text{ g}}{100 \text{ mL}} = 2.5 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$$

$$D = \frac{m}{V}$$

The density of the juice is 2.5 g/mL.

3. A rock is dropped into a can of water and causes 25mL of water to be displaced. The mass of the rock is 150g. Calculate the density of the rock in g/cm³.

$$m = 150 \text{ g}$$
$$V = 25 \text{ mL}$$

$$D = \frac{150 \text{ g}}{25 \text{ mL}} = 6 \text{ g/mL}$$

$$D = \frac{m}{V}$$

The density of the rock is 6 g/mL

4. a) The dimensions of a rectangular block of wood are 5 cm for width, 10 cm for length and 2 cm for height. Find the volume of the block.

$$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$$
$$= 10 \text{ cm} \cdot 5 \text{ cm} \cdot 2 \text{ cm} = 100 \text{ cm}^3$$

- b) If the mass is 65g, what is the density of the block?

$$m = 65 \text{ g}$$
$$V = 100 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$D = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{65 \text{ g}}{100 \text{ cm}^3} = 0.65 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

The density of the block is 0.65 g/cm³

- c) Will the block float or sink in water? Give a reason for your answer.

Float! Objects that are less dense float on top of objects that are more dense because their particles are less tightly packed.

Assignment: - add to vocabulary sheet: **meniscus, density, density of water** (Just write the numerical value)
- complete the density worksheet on the back of this page