

Inquiry 3.1: Heating and Cooling Rates

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Background: Each statement below is FALSE. Rewrite each sentence to make it TRUE.

(1) 1. FALSE: Light-colored things absorb more heat than dark-colored things.

TRUE: _____

(1) 2. FALSE: Heat from the Sun is only absorbed or reflected by the atmosphere, not by land or water.

TRUE: _____

(1) 3. FALSE: Molecules in a liquid are closer together than molecules in a solid.

TRUE: _____

Materials: Clamp lamp with 100 watt bulb, 2 thermometers, 2 beakers, 100 mL room temperature soil, 100 mL room temperature water, stopwatch, ruler, 2 cardboard strips, 2 bookends.

Set-Up: We will be observing both set-ups at the same time. Look at pg. 28 in the book to see how to set up the materials.

*** Testable Questions ***

What heats up faster during the day, soil or water?

What cools down faster during the night, soil or water?

Every testable question in science needs to include two things:

1. Manipulated (independent) variable: what is being changed by a person during the experiment.

2. Response (dependent variable): what is supposed to be observed, recorded, or measured in the experiment.

→ Talk with your group about what you might do with this set up to answer the testable question. Then answer questions # 4 -10.

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Procedure:

(4) 4. Put the steps in order.

_____ Turn off the lamp and record the temperature with the lamp off. Continue doing this every minute until the timer reaches sixteen minutes.

_____ Place the thermometer in the cardboard sleeves and then put one in each of the different beakers; do not let them touch the sides of the beakers.

_____ Place the two beakers exactly 30 cm from the 100 watt lamp at an angle so that lamp shines at the end of the thermometer in the beaker.

_____ Turn on the 100 watt lamp, start the timer and record the first temperature of the water and soil immediately.

_____ Put 100 mL of room temperature soil in a beaker and 100 mL of room temperature water in another beaker.

_____ Put away any materials you need to put away. Make sure to turn off the thermometers.

_____ Record the temperature of the two different substances in Celsius every minute for eight minutes.

Variables: *Hint: the answer to #5 and 6 are in part of the testable question!*

(1) 5. What is the manipulated variable? (What will we be changing between the two set-ups)?

(1) 6. What is the response variable? (What will we be measuring and recording during the experiment)?

(3) 7. List at least three things that need to stay the same during the inquiry in order to be a fair test.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Prediction/Hypothesis: *(Hint: answer the testable question as best you can.)*

(1) 8. _____

Safety:

(2) 9. List at least two safety concerns for you and/or the equipment.

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Analyzing and Interpreting Results

(2) 12. **Answer the testable questions:** Now that you've done the lab, what does your data tell you about the answer to the testable questions? Do **not** include any actual data here).

(4) 13. **Evidence-based conclusion:** Include some of your specific results to support your conclusions. (Use *actual data* from the table or graph to show your answer to number 12 is correct.)

(2) 14. **Scientific Explanation:** Use science concepts you've learned about in class to explain your results. (Include info. from the background section at the beginning of the inquiry! WHY did you get the results you did?)

(3) 15. **Problems & Improvements:** Think about your investigation. Describe any problems you had, how they might have affected your results, and suggest possible improvements.

Problem: _____

How affected results: _____

Improvement: _____