

# PHYS11 CH:11 The Hidden Energy

## Temperature, Heat, and Phase Change

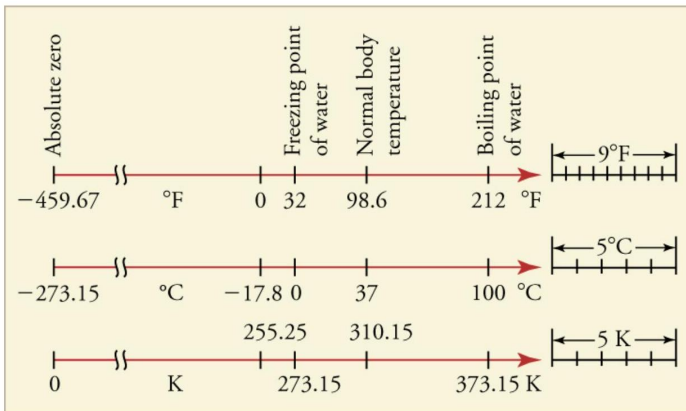
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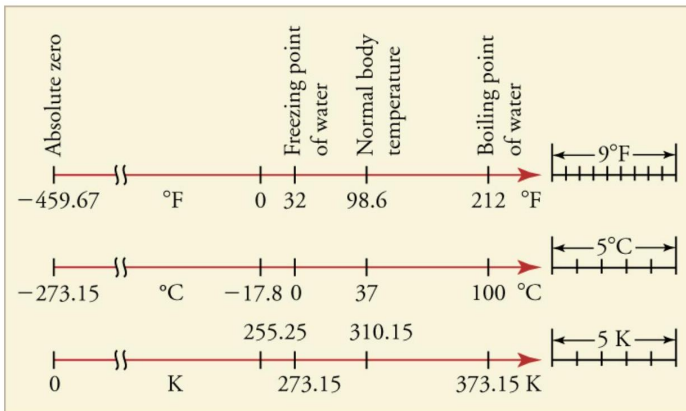
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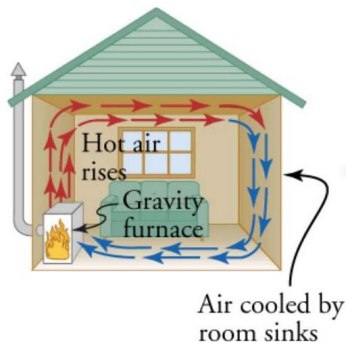


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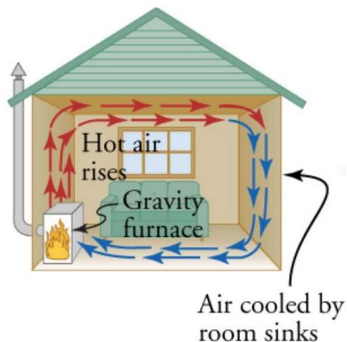


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## Three scales, same physics:

- Celsius: water freezes at 0, boils at 100
- Fahrenheit: water freezes at 32, boils at 212
- Kelvin: absolute zero at 0, water freezes at 273.15

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## Quick Check

Room temperature: 25 C = ? F = ? K

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## The Challenge (3 min, silent)

Your body temperature is normally 98.6 F.

### Given:

- $T_{oF} = 98.6 \text{ F}$

**Find:** Body temperature in Celsius and Kelvin

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- $\Delta T$  = temperature change (C or K)

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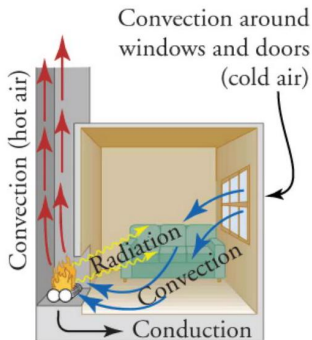


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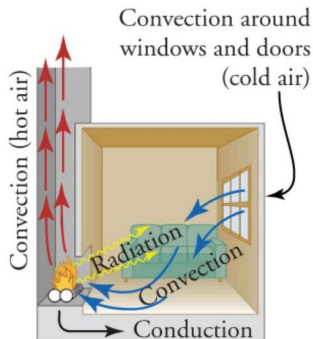


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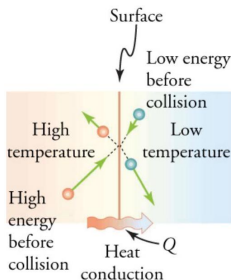


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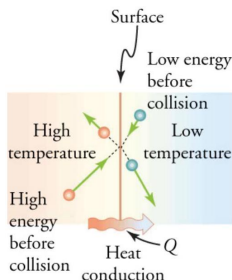
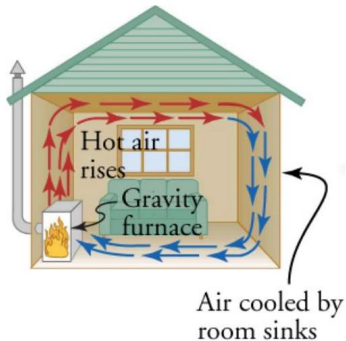


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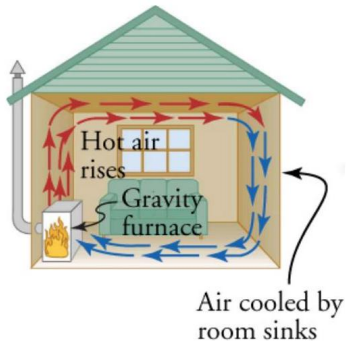


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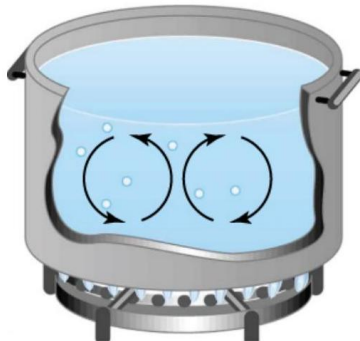
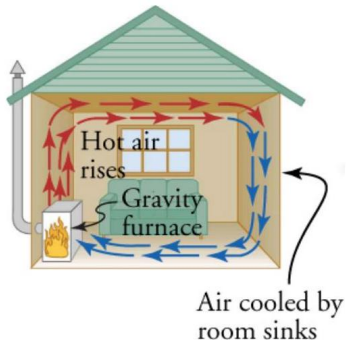
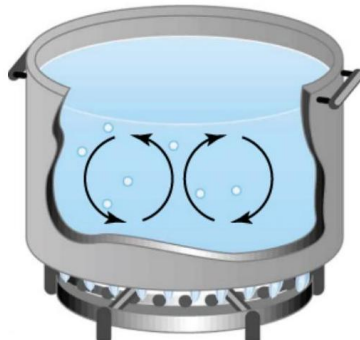


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### Real-World Application

Hot climates: wear white to reflect heat

Cold nights: black asphalt radiates heat faster than grass

Space blankets: shiny surface reflects body heat back

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You heat 2.0 kg of water from 20 C to 80 C.

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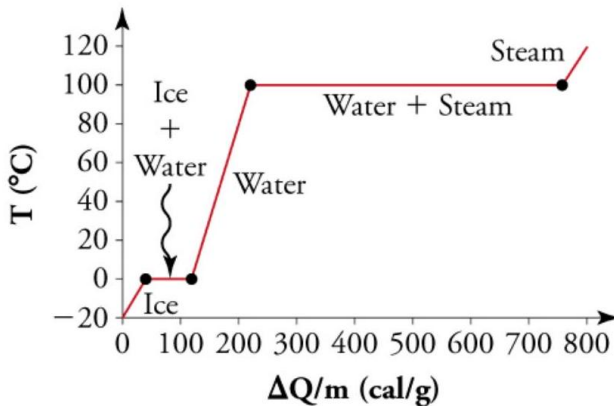


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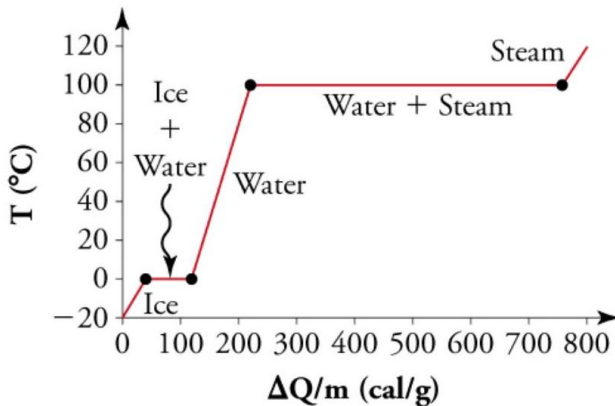


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$$T_{oC} = \frac{5}{9} (T_{oF} - 32) \quad (2)$$

$$T_K = T_{oC} + 273.15 \quad (3)$$

## Heat Transfer:

$$Q = mc\Delta T \quad (\text{temperature change}) \quad (4)$$

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## Water Constants:

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