

# Specific Heat Capacity Problems

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

1. How much heat is required to raise the temperature of 8.0 g of water by 3.0 °C ?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T = 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ $m = 8.0\text{g}$ $c = 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$	$Q = 8\text{g} \times 3^{\circ}\text{C} \times 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$ $= 100.42 \text{ J}$

2. How many joules of heat are removed from a 21.0 g sample of water if it is cooled from 34.0 °C to 28.0 °C?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T = 6^{\circ}\text{C}$ $m = 21.0\text{g}$ $c = 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$	$Q = 21\text{g} \times 6^{\circ}\text{C} \times 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$ $= 527.2 \text{ J}$

3. 30.0 grams of Aluminum at 80.0 °C is added to 30.0 g of water at 10 °C. Predict the final temperature of the water and explain your reasoning.

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T_w = x - 10$ $m_w = 30\text{g}$ $c_w = 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$ $\Delta T_{Al} = x - 80$ $m_{Al} = 30\text{g}$ $c_{Al} = 0.89 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}}$	$Q_w = m_w \cdot c_w \cdot \Delta T_w$ $Q_{Al} = m_{Al} \cdot c_{Al} \cdot \Delta T_{Al}$ $Q_w = -Q_{Al}$	$30\text{g} \times 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}} \times (x - 10)^{\circ}\text{C} = -(30\text{g} \times 0.89 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^{\circ}\text{C}} \times (x - 80)^{\circ}\text{C})$ $4.184x = 4.184x - 0.89x + 71.2$ $x = 22.3^{\circ}\text{C}$

4. The specific heat of silver is 0.24 J/g°C. If 15.4 g of silver absorbs 332 J heat, how much will the temperature of the silver increase?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T = x$ $m = 15.4g$ $c = 0.24 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$ $Q = 332J$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$	$332J = 15.4g \times 0.24 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C} \times \Delta T$ $\Delta T = 89.82^{\circ}C$

5. If 135.7 J of heat are added to 54.0 g of water initially at 25.0 °C . What is the final temperature of the water?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T = (x - 25^{\circ}C)$ $m = 54g$ $c = 4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$ $Q = 135.7J$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$	$135.7J = 54g \cdot 4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C} (x - 25)$ $x = 25.6^{\circ}C$

6. How much heat is absorbed by a 112.5 g sample of water when it is heated from 12.5 °C to 92.1 °C?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
$\Delta T = 79.6^{\circ}C$ $m = 112.5g$ $c = 4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$	$Q = 112.5g \cdot 4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C} \times 79.6^{\circ}C$ $Q = 37,467.72 J$ $(or)$ $37.5 kJ$

7. An 18.7 g sample of platinum metal increases in temperature by 3.3 °C when 5.7 J of heat are added. What is the specific heat of the platinum?

A. List data	B. Write Equation	C. Solution – show work including units!
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$\Delta T = 3.3^\circ\text{C}$ $m = 18.7\text{g}$ $c = ?$ $Q = 5.7\text{J}$	$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$ $c = \frac{Q}{m \Delta T}$	$c = \frac{5.7}{(18.7 \times 3.3)}$ $c = 0.09 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^\circ\text{C}}$
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8. A sample of water absorbs 347 J of heat when its temperature is raised  $14.6^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the mass of the water?
9. If 874 J of heat are added to 75.0 g of water initially at  $15.0^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the final temperature of the water?

8)  $Q = 347\text{J}$   
 $c = 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^\circ\text{C}}$   
 $\Delta T = 14.6^\circ\text{C}$

$$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$$

$$m = \frac{Q}{c \cdot \Delta T}$$

$$m = \frac{347}{4.184 \times 14.6} = 5.68\text{g}$$

9)  $Q = 874\text{J}$   
 $m = 75\text{g}$   
 $T_i = 15^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_f = ?$   
 $c = 4.184 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}^\circ\text{C}}$

$$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$$

$$874 = 75 \times 4.184 \times (x - 15)$$

$$x = 17.8^\circ\text{C}$$