

## Gas Pressure

Answer the questions below.

1. Define density.

**Mass per unit volume**

2. State the equation used to calculate density.

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

3. Describe the movement of particles in a gas.

**Particles in a gas move randomly in all directions.**

4. Define internal energy.

**The total amount of kinetic and potential energy of all the particles in a system.**

5. Describe what happens to the movement of particles in a gas as they are heated.

**They gain kinetic energy so move more quickly.**



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## **Drill:**

1. State the unit usually used to measure temperature.
2. State the temperature shown on the thermometer.
3. State the resolution of this thermometer.



# Gas Pressure

## **Read Now:**

Particles in a gas can take the shape of their container because they are constantly moving randomly throughout the container. The gas particles frequently collide with other gas particles, as well as with the walls of the container. Gas pressure is a measure of how often and how hard the particles of a gas collide with the walls of the container. As gas particles are moving quickly, they exert a force on the wall of the container when they hit it, and the faster the particles are moving, the greater this force will be. On aerosol canisters, such as spray deodorants, there will be a safety warning that instructs the user not to heat the canister. This is because if the particles are heated, they will move more quickly and hit the walls of the container with greater force, causing the gas pressure to build up so much that the canister may explode!

1. State two properties of gases.
2. Describe the movement of particles in a gas.
3. Explain what is meant by gas pressure.
4. Explain what happens to the force exerted by particles when they are heated.
5. Explain why it is not safe to heat an aerosol canister.



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P4.1.4

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P4.1.1 Prior Knowledge Review

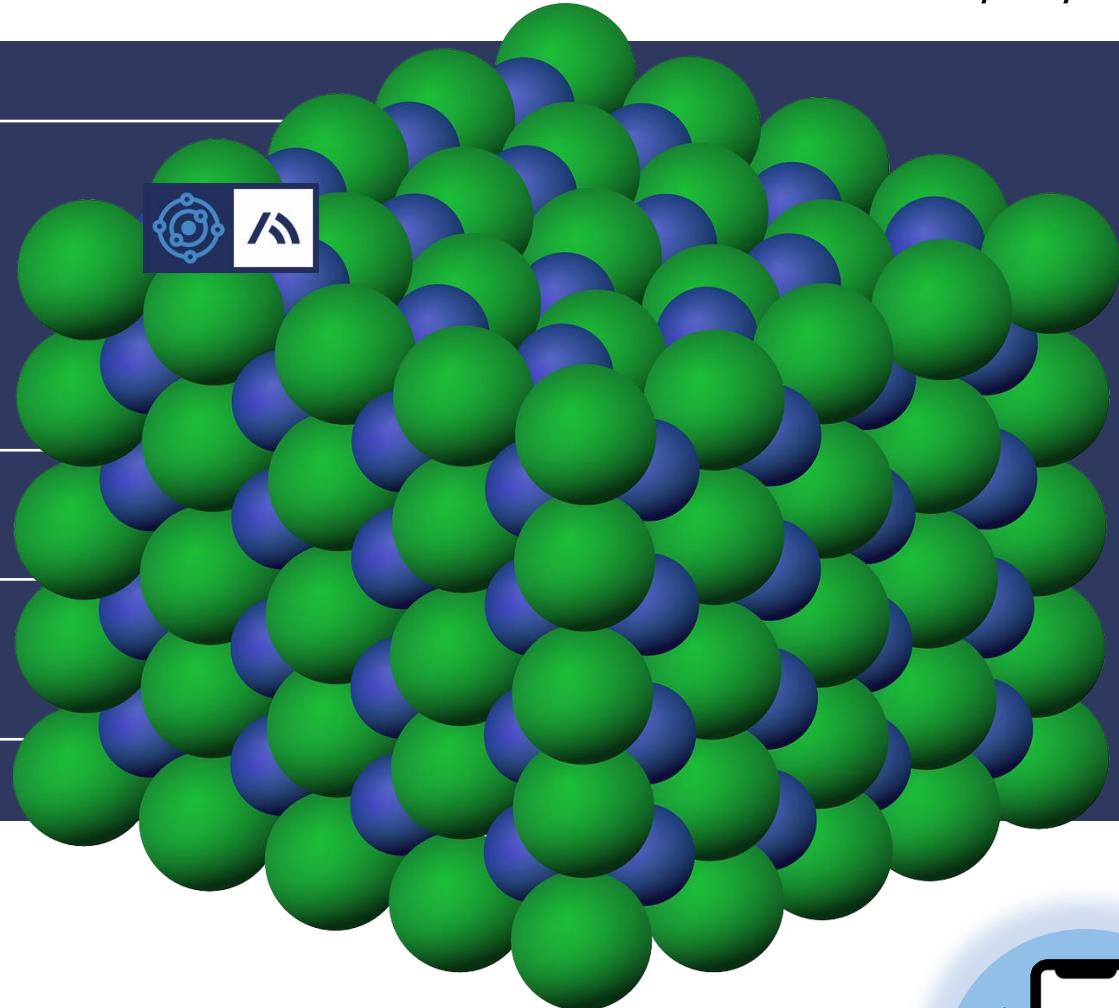
P4.1.2 Density

P4.1.3 Measuring Density

➤ **P4.1.4 Gas Pressure**

P4.1.5 Taking it Further: Pressure

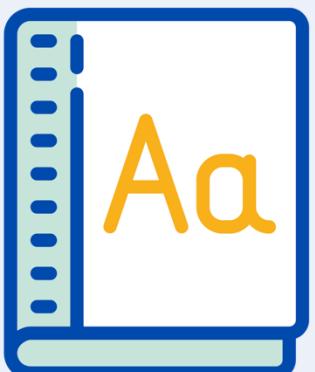
P4.1.6 Taking it Further: Pressure in Fluids



## Following this lesson, students will be able to:

- Explain what is meant by gas pressure
- Describe the relationship between temperature and pressure in a gas
- Explain the relationship between temperature and pressure in a gas

### Key Words:

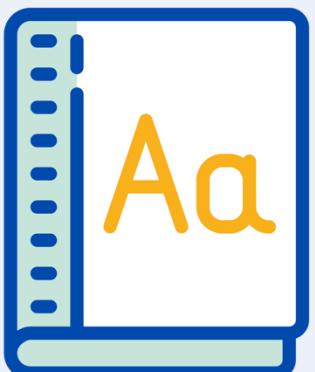


gas      pressure      force  
collision      area      temperature

## Following this lesson, students will be able to:

- Describe and explain the relationship between temperature and pressure in a gas
- Describe and explain the relationship between volume and pressure of a gas
- Apply the equation  $p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$

### Key Words:



gas      pressure      force      volume  
collision      area      temperature

# This is the fix-it portion of the lesson

The **fix-it** is an opportunity to respond to gaps in knowledge, especially those identified by the previous lesson's exit ticket.

- The teacher should customise this slide as needed, to facilitate
  - **reteach, explanation, demonstration or modelling** of ideas and concepts that students have not yet grasped or have misunderstood.
  - **practise** answering specific questions or of key skills.
  - **redrafting** or **improving** previous work.

## Answer the questions below.

1. Which measurement is taken using a displacement or eureka can?  
 A. Density  
 B. Mass  
 C. Volume
2. Which statement is correct?  
 A. The volume of water displaced by an irregularly shaped object is the same as the volume of the object  
 B. The volume of water left in the eureka can is the same as the volume of the object  
 C. Using the volume of water displaced by an object only works for irregularly shaped objects
3. What is the density of an object with mass 5 g that displaced 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of water?  
 A. 125 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 B. 0.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 C. 5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

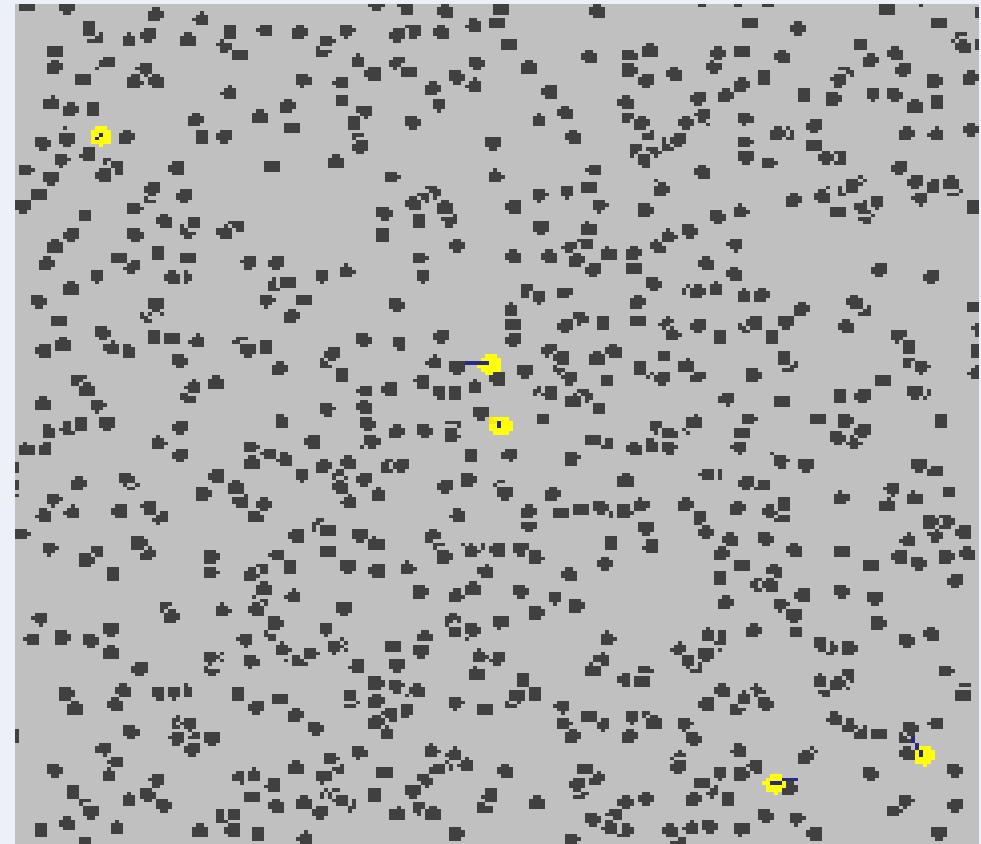
# Gas Pressure

Particles is a gas move at **random speeds in random directions.**

They **collide** with each other and with the walls of their container.

When they **collide** with the walls of the container, they exert a force on it. This is **gas pressure**.

Pressure is a measure of the **force** exerted per unit **area**.



# Gas Pressure and Temperature

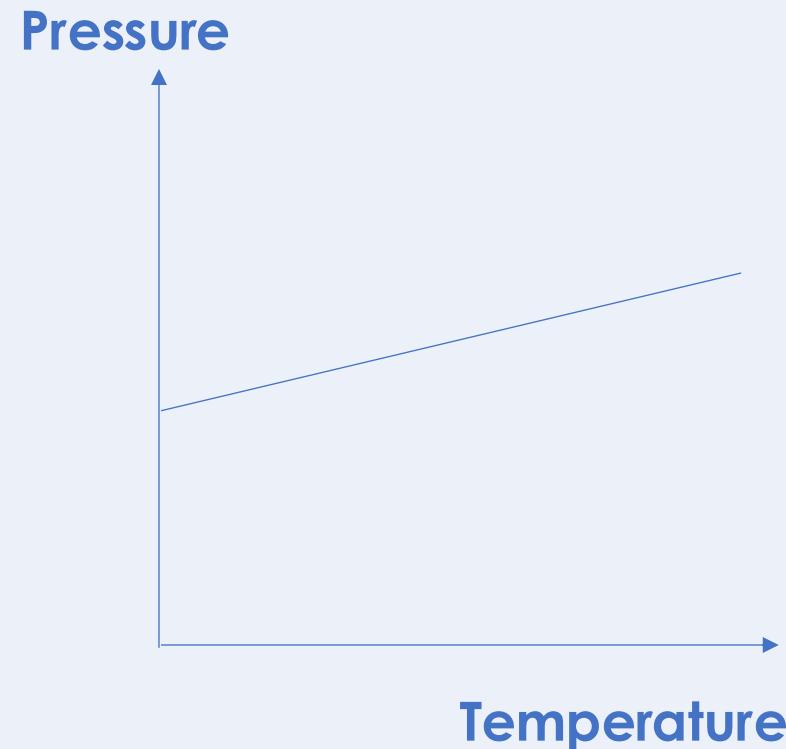
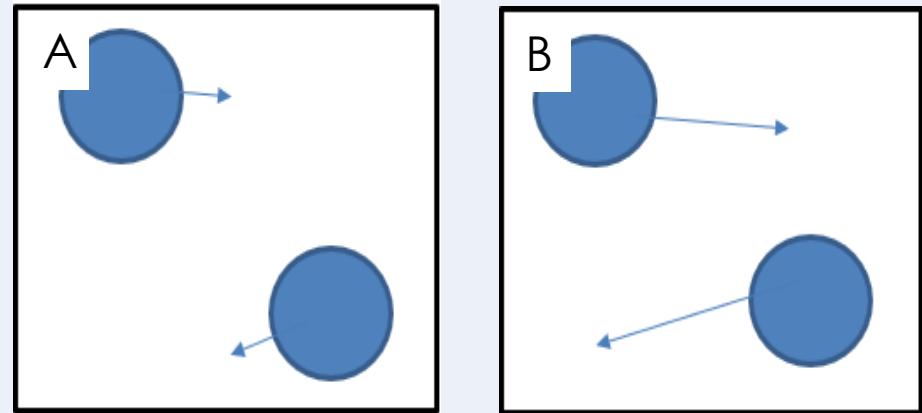
When a substance is heated, its **internal energy** increases.

**Temperature** is a measure of the average kinetic energy of all the particles in a system.

When temperature is increased, gas particles **gain kinetic energy** and move more quickly.

The gas particles are moving **more quickly** so **collide more often** with the walls of the container and with **more force**.

This means they exert **more pressure**.



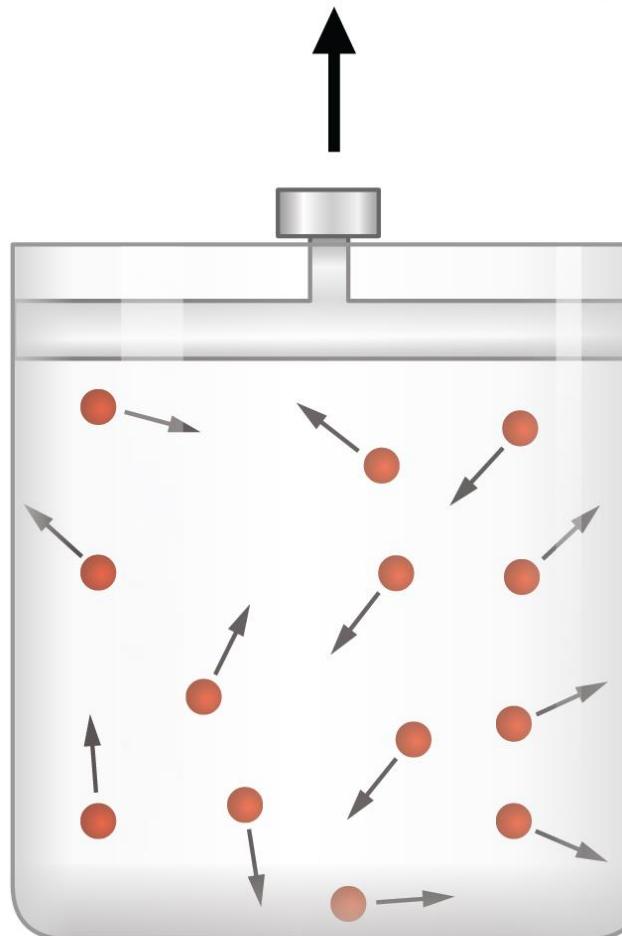
# Pressure and Volume

When the **volume** of a container is **decreased**, the **pressure** exerted by the gas **increases**.

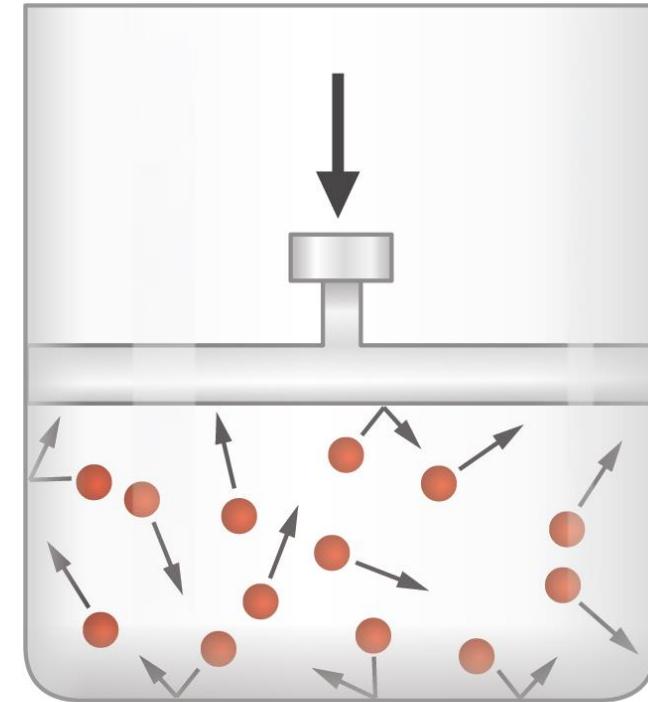
Particles have **less space** to move around, so **collide** with the walls of the container **more frequently**.

The **temperature** of the gas and the **mass** of the gas must remain **constant**.

As volume increases,  
pressure decreases



As volume decreases,  
pressure increases



$$\begin{aligned} pV &= k \\ p_1V_1 &= p_2V_2 \\ p &= k/V \end{aligned}$$

# Pressure and Volume

If the temperature and mass of the gas remain constant, the **volume** of the container is **inversely proportional** to the **pressure**.

$$pV = \text{constant}$$

We can use this equation to calculate the pressure or volume of a gas in a new scenario:

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$$

## Example:

A gas has a volume of  $0.45\text{ m}^3$  at  $120\text{ Pa}$  of pressure.

Calculate the pressure exerted by the gas if its container is expanded to  $0.6\text{ m}^3$ .

This is an equation you will need to apply.

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$$

$$120 \times 0.45$$

$$\overline{0.6} p_2 \cancel{0.45} = 54$$

$$p_2 = 90\text{ Pa}$$

# You: The relationship between volume and pressure

The table shows how the pressure exerted by a gas changes when the volume of its container changes.

Describe the relationship shown in the table.

**The pressure of a gas is inversely proportional to its volume.**

Use values from the table to show this relationship.

**As volume doubles (from 30 to 60 cm<sup>3</sup>, or from 48 to 96 cm<sup>3</sup>), the pressure halves (from 200 to 100 kPa, or from 125 to 62.5 kPa).**

According to the equation  $pV = \text{constant}$ .

Calculate the constant of this gas.

**$pV = \text{constant}$**

$$30 \times 200 = 6000$$

Use this information to predict the pressure of the gas when its volume is 100 cm<sup>3</sup>.

Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Pressure (kPa)
30	200
48	125
60	100
96	62.5

**$pV = \text{constant}$**

$$p \times 100 = 6000$$

$$p = 60 \text{ kPa}$$

# Changing Pressure

**Higher Tier only**

**Work** is the transfer of **energy** by a **force**.

When a force is applied to a gas, **work** is done on the gas.

This increases the **internal energy** of the gas and can cause an **increase** in its **temperature**.



## Which statements do you agree with?

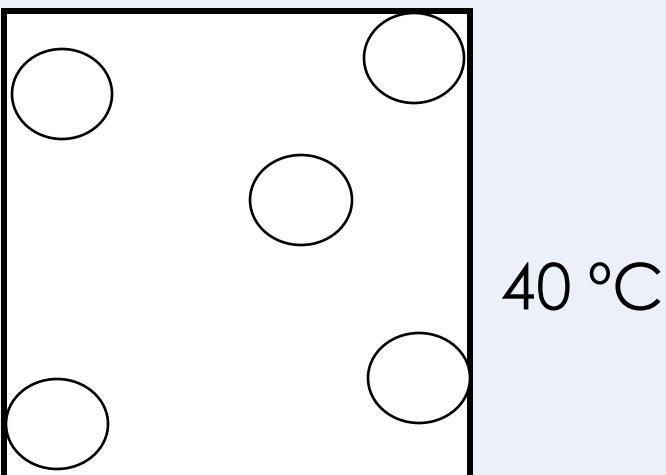
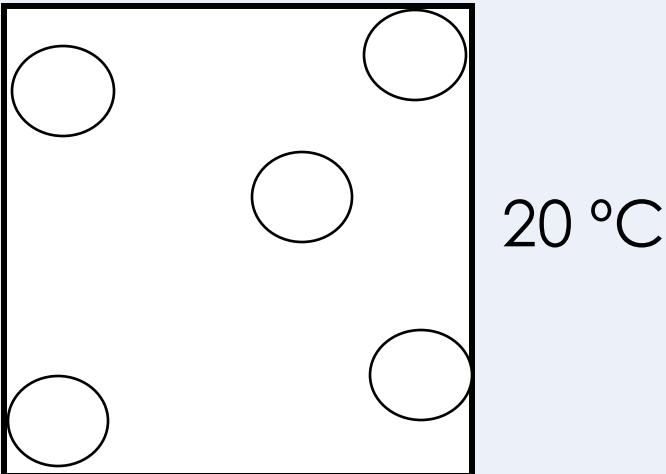
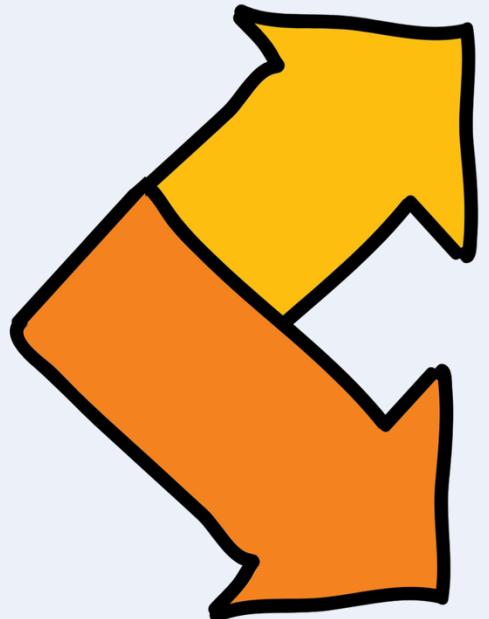
Gas pressure is caused by the particles of a gas colliding with each other

When a substance is cooled, the particles gain energy

Pressure can be measured in Pascals

A gas at a higher temperature exerts more pressure than the same gas at a lower temperature

# Can you describe and explain the difference between these two particle diagrams?



These two particle diagrams show the same gas.

*How would the movement of particles be different?*

*How would the pressure exerted be different?*

*Why?*

## Drill

1. Describe the movement of particles in a gas.
2. Describe the properties of gases.
3. Describe what happens to the internal energy of a gas when it is heated.
4. Describe what happens to the movement of particles when a substance is cooled.
5. Describe the relationship between temperature and pressure.
6. Explain the relationship between temperature and pressure.

## Physics

1. Describe the relationship between pressure and volume.
2. State the two factors that must stay the same for this relationship to apply.

## Drill answers

1. Particles move at random speeds in random directions
2. Gases can flow, take the shape of their container, do not have a fixed shape or volume and can be compressed
3. Internal energy increases
4. Particles lose kinetic energy so move less quickly
5. As temperature increases, pressure increases
6. Particles at higher temperatures have more kinetic energy so move more quickly, colliding with the surface of the container harder and more frequently, exerting more pressure

## Physics

1. Pressure and volume are inversely proportional
2. The number of particles (mass) and the temperature of the gas

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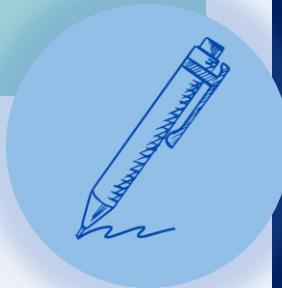
**Explain** what happens to the pressure of a gas as temperature increases.

Model answer:

- Increasing the temperature increases the **kinetic energy** of the particles in a gas
- This means the particles start to move more **quickly** and hit the surface of the container more often and with **more force**
- So, this **increases** the **pressure** exerted by the gas

To 'explain' your answer should:

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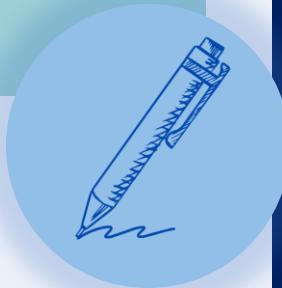
**Explain** what happens to the pressure of a gas as temperature decreases.

Model answer:

- Decreasing the temperature decreases the **kinetic energy** of the particles in a gas
- This means the particles start to move less **quickly** and hit the surface of the container less often and with **less force**
- So, this decreases the **pressure** exerted by the gas

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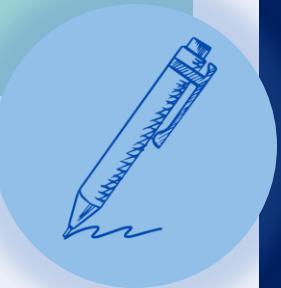
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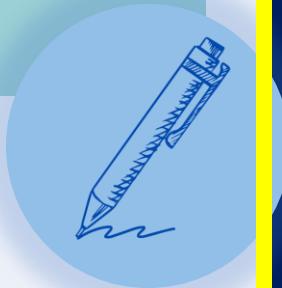
**Explain** what happens to the pressure of a gas as its volume decreases.

Model answer:

- Decreasing the volume of a gas reduces the amount of space the particles have to move around in
- This means the particles will collide with the surface of the container **more often**
- So, this increases the **pressure** exerted by the gas

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**Explain** what happens to the pressure of a gas as its volume increases.

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- So, decreasing the volume **increases** the **pressure** exerted by the gas
- They are inversely proportional

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## Answer the questions below.

1. Which describes the movement of particles in a gas?  
 A. All particles move randomly at the same speed  
 B. All particles move at different speeds in a pattern  
 C. All particles move at random speeds in random directions
  
2. What would happen to the pressure in a sealed pot if it was heated?  
 A. The pressure would increase  
 B. The pressure would decrease  
 C. The pressure would stay the same
  
3. Which statement is correct?  
 A. When particles are heated they expand  
 B. When particles are heated their internal energy increases  
 C. When particles are heated they exert less pressure on the walls of a container

## Lesson P4.1.4

What was good about this lesson?

What can we do to improve this lesson?

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