

- 6 The first law of thermodynamics may be expressed in the form

$$\Delta U = q + w,$$

where  $U$  is the internal energy of the system,  
 $\Delta U$  is the increase in internal energy,  
 $q$  is the thermal energy supplied to the system,  
 $w$  is the work done on the system.

Complete Fig. 6.1 for each of the processes shown. Write down the symbol '+' for an increase, the symbol '-' to indicate a decrease and the symbol '0' for no change, as appropriate.

	$U$	$q$	$w$
the compression of an ideal gas at constant temperature			
the heating of a solid with no expansion			
the melting of ice at 0 °C to give water at 0 °C (Note: ice is less dense than water)			

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Fig. 6.1