

- 3 A microwave cooker uses electromagnetic waves of frequency 2450 MHz.  
The microwaves warm the food in the cooker by causing water molecules in the food to oscillate with a large amplitude at the frequency of the microwaves.

- (a) State the name given to this phenomenon.

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- (b) The effective microwave power of the cooker is 750 W.  
The temperature of a mass of 280 g of water rises from 25 °C to 98 °C in a time of 2.0 minutes.

Calculate a value for the specific heat capacity of the water.

$$\text{specific heat capacity} = \dots \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad [3]$$

- (c) The value of the specific heat capacity determined from the data in (b) is greater than the accepted value.

A student gives as the reason for this difference: ‘heat lost to the surroundings’.

Suggest, in more detail than that given by the student, a possible reason for the difference.

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