





# LEARNING POINTS

- Simple calorimetry experiments are described.
- Energy changes in chemical reactions are determined and calculated.
- Specific heat capacity and molar enthalpy change are applied.



## Enthalpy change

is the amount of heat energy given out or taken in during a chemical reaction. It tells you whether a reaction gets hot or cold.

- **Negative  $\Delta H$**  means the reaction gives out heat and feels hot. This is an exothermic reaction.
- **Positive  $\Delta H$**  means the reaction takes in heat and feels cold. This is an endothermic reaction.



## Measuring Enthalpy Changes of Reaction

- Enthalpy change, or  $\Delta H$ , is the total amount of heat released or absorbed during a chemical reaction. It tells us whether a reaction gets hotter or colder.
- We can't measure  $\Delta H$  directly, so we use a simple device called a calorimeter.

# Keyterm:

- **Specific Heat Capacity (c):** The amount of energy needed to heat up 1 gram of a substance by  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- **Calorimetry:** The process of measuring the heat change in a reaction.
- **Calorimeter:** A device, like an insulated cup, used to measure heat changes.
- **Molar Enthalpy Change:** The energy change for one mole of a substance in a reaction.



# Specific Heat Capacity (c)



When we heat something, it gets

**Hotter**

Example:

The specific heat capacity of water is approximately  $4.18\text{J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This means it takes 4.18 joules of energy to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

# Specific Heat Capacity (c)

The formula to calculate the energy change (Q) for a substance based on its specific heat capacity is:


$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

- Q is the energy absorbed or released in joules (J).
- m is the mass of the substance in grams (g).
- c is the specific heat capacity of the substance in J/g°C.
- $\Delta T$  (delta T) is the change in temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) or Kelvin (K).

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- Calorimetry is the scientific technique used to measure heat changes. The word comes from Latin and Greek roots: calor meaning "heat" and metry meaning "to measure."
- to quantify the amount of heat energy (Q) that is either absorbed (in an endothermic process) or released (in an exothermic process).



# Specific Heat Capacity (c)

The change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , is calculated as:


$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}}$$

- positive  $\Delta T$  indicates an increase in temperature,
- negative  $\Delta T$  indicates a decrease in temperature

# Specific Heat Capacity (c)

The formula to calculate the energy change (Q) for a substance based on its specific heat capacity is:


$$\Delta H = Q / n$$

- find the value of Q,
- then used to find the **enthalpy change ( $\Delta H$ )** of the reaction.
- $n$  = numbers of moles
- $n$  = mass (m) / relative molecular mass ( $M_r$ )