

TEMPERATURE AND HEAT

TASK 1: Fill in the gaps¹

left hand object long time qualitative metal
feeling different ice warm frozen

You often associate the concept of temperature with the ¹ of heat or coldness that you get when touching an ² Our senses provide us with a qualitative indication of temperature, but they are unreliable and often mislead us. Imagine putting your ³ in a bucket filled with warm water, and your right hand in a bucket filled with ⁴ cubes.

Keep your hands in the buckets for a little while, and then put them in a third bucket filled with water at room temperature. The hand that has been dipped in hot water will feel cold, while the other hand will feel ⁵ Therefore, you might think that the water in the bucket is both warm and cold, which would be absurd.

Similarly, when you take a ⁶ ice cube tray and a cardboard box of ⁷ food from your freezer, your sensations are ⁸ : the metal box feels colder than the cardboard one. Since the two objects have been in the same freezer for a ⁹, they will actually be at the same temperature.

So, our senses can only give us a ¹⁰ indication of how hot or cold an object is.

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TRY TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1) Can our hands reliably measure temperature of an object? Why?
- 2) Why can our hands feel an object as warm and cold at the same time? What do you think is happening?

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TASK 2: Reading

Heat vs temperature²

Heat and temperature are a closely related topic, and as such, the difference between the two can be a bit confusing. The core difference is that **heat** deals with **thermal energy**, whereas **temperature** is more concerned with **molecular kinetic** and rotational **energy**.

Heat is the **transfer** of thermal energy, whereas **temperature** is a **property** the object exhibits.

What's the difference?

Heat describes the **transfer** of thermal **energy between molecules** within a system and is measured in Joules. Heat measures how energy moves or flows. An object can gain heat or lose heat, but it cannot have heat. Heat is a measure of change, never a property possessed by an object or system.

Temperature describes the **average kinetic energy of molecules** within a material or system and is measured in Celsius (°C), Kelvin(K), Fahrenheit (°F), or Rankine (R). It is a measurable physical property of an object—also known as a state variable. Other measurable physical properties include velocity, mass, and density, to name a few.

Similarities

Heat is a transfer of thermal energy caused by a difference in temperature between molecules.

PLEASE ANSWER:

- 1) Try to properly answer to question 2 of task 1 using the concepts expressed in task 2.
- 2) With your own words try to formally define **HEAT** and **TEMPERATURE**.

² Modified from:

[https://energyeducation.ca/encyclopedia/Heat_vs_temperature#:~:text=Heat%20is%20a%20measure%20of,%2C%20or%20Rankine%20\(R\).](https://energyeducation.ca/encyclopedia/Heat_vs_temperature#:~:text=Heat%20is%20a%20measure%20of,%2C%20or%20Rankine%20(R).)