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## Calorimetry Calculations

1. If you wanted to cool your bottle of water, 500 g, from room temperature (22 °C) to its freezing point, <sup>→ 0°C</sup> how much heat would be removed? The specific heat of water is 4.184 J/g °C.
- $m = 500g$   $\Delta T = 0 - 22 = -22$   $C = 4.18$   $Q = (500)(4.18)(-22)$   
 $Q = -45980J$
2. You have a gold ring with a mass of 30 g and a copper ring with the same mass. How much heat would you have to add to each ring to raise their temperatures from 20 °C to 50 °C? The specific heat of gold is 0.129 J/g °C, and the specific heat of copper is 0.385 J/g °C.
- Gold  $m = 30g$   $C = 0.129$   $\Delta T = 50 - 20 = 30$   $Q = (30)(0.129)(30)$   
 $Q = 116.1J$
- Copper  $Q = (30)(0.385)(30)$   
 $Q = 346.5J$
- Which metal is easier to heat up? How do you know?
- Gold = requires less energy (specific heat is smaller also)
3. A blacksmith has heated a 500 g bar of iron to 200 °C and molded it into a horseshoe. He then puts it in a tub of water at 20 °C to cool it. How much heat is released by cooling the horseshoe? The specific heat of iron is .444 J/g °C.
- $\Delta T = 20 - 200 = -180$   $m = 500g$   $C = .444$   $Q = mc\Delta T$   
 $Q = (500)(.444)(-180)$   
 $Q = -39960J$
- Where did that energy go? Is this process endothermic or exothermic? How can you tell by your calculation?
- Energy is transferred to the surroundings
  - Value is negative = exothermic
4. A diamond has a specific heat of 0.502 J/g °C. How much energy is needed to raise the temperature of an 85 g diamond from 0 °C to 92 °C?

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$
$$\Delta T = 92 - 0 = 92$$
$$m = 85g$$
$$C = 0.502$$

$$Q = (85)(.502)(92)$$

$$Q = 3925.64J$$

Endothermic

Remember:

Pos = adding Energy  
Neg = releasing Energy  
↓  
Exothermic