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Viscosity, density, and compressibility are all properties of fluids.

Neon tubes are a fluid technology that makes use of the properties of neon gases. The gases in the tubes are kept at a low pressure. Adding energy makes the gases glow brightly.

What You Will Learn

In this chapter, you will:

- · compare the viscosity of various fluids
- explain the difference between liquids and gases in terms of their compressibility
- · determine the buoyancy of an object
- explain the relationship between pressure, volume, and temperature
- describe the relationship between mass, volume, and density

Skills You Will Use

In this chapter, you will:

- determine the mass-to-volume ratios of different amounts of the same substance
- · identify factors that affect the flow rate of fluids
- design an experiment to measure the flow rate of fluids
- investigate and compare the densities of a variety of fluids
- construct and calibrate a hydrometer

Why This Is Important

Fluids can change when their temperature or pressure changes. Understanding density can help you determine whether a fluid and other substance will float or sink.

Before Reading



Activate Prior Knowledge

Create a KTW chart with headings "What I Know," "What I Think I Know" and "What I Want to Know." Complete the chart using the key terms below.

Key Terms

- buoyancy
- density
- flow rate
- friction
- pressure
- compressibility
- viscosity

8.0 Getting Started

Figure 8.1 Modern hot air balloons (a) and ancient Chinese floating lanterns (left, b) both rise because of hot fluids.



(a)

(b) Chinese lanterns

The scientific principle used to float Chinese lanterns 1500 years ago is the same principle at work in today's hot air balloons (Figure 8.1).

The first successful "modern" hot air balloon was invented by a French scientist in 1783. The passengers of this experimental balloon were a duck, a rooster, and a sheep. These barnyard passengers stayed airborne for 15 minutes. Two months later, the first human flight took place. Balloon technology increased at a quick pace, and within two years a hot air balloon and its two human passengers crossed the English Channel.

The largest part of a hot air balloon is the gas bag or envelope, which is made from strong, lightweight fabrics such as nylon. A basket for carrying passengers is attached to the envelope. Mounted above the basket is a burner that injects a flame into the mouth of the envelope to heat the air (Figure 8.2). At the very top of the balloon's envelope are vents which are used to release the air from the balloon during a quick descent or once the balloon has landed.

What scientific principle is at work in hot air balloons? When the air inside the envelope of the balloon is heated, the air particles move faster and take up more space compared to the particles outside the envelope. The hot air balloon rises.

When the balloon pilot allows the warm air inside the balloon to cool down, the air particles move more slowly and take up less space. The balloon sinks back down to Earth.



Figure 8.2 A balloonist fires the burner to heat the air.

C14 Quick Lab

Full of Hot Air – Teacher Demonstration

Purpose

To model a hot air balloon

Materials & Equipment

- clear adhesive tape
- dry cleaner plastic film bag
- heat source, such as hairdryer or electric popcorn maker
- paper clips

Procedure

- Use a small amount of clear adhesive tape to seal any openings in the upper end of the bag.
- 2. Attach several paper clips to the bag around the lower opening. You will need to experiment to decide how many paper clips to add.
- **3.** With a partner, hold the opening of the bag over the heat source to capture the hot air.

- 4. Let go of the bag. If the bag rises, observe its motion. If it does not rise, continue heating it for a little while longer. If it still does not rise, remove a few paper clips and then heat it again.
- 5. If the rising bag tips over before it reaches the ceiling, add a few more paper clips to the bottom of the bag. Then, heat and release the bag again.

Questions

- 6. Explain what causes the bag to rise.
- **7.** Explain what causes the bag to eventually return to the floor.
- **8.** Suggest possible changes you could make to your design that would allow the bag to remain aloft for a longer period of time.

Viscosity and the Effects of Temperature

Here is a summary of what you will learn in this section:

- Viscosity is the resistance of a fluid to flow. Different fluids have different viscosities.
- As the temperature of a liquid decreases, the viscosity increases. As the temperature of a gas decreases, the viscosity decreases.
- Flow rate is a measure of the speed at which a fluid flows from one point to another. The higher the flow rate, the lower the viscosity.



Figure 8.3 Ketchup has a higher viscosity than fluids like milk and water.

Ketchup, like all fluids, will flow. However, ketchup is designed to flow slowly so that it will stay on foods, as shown in Figure 8.3. Thin fluids, like milk and water, flow much more quickly and easily than ketchup.

The thickness or thinness of a fluid is a property called viscosity. **Viscosity** is the resistance of a fluid to flow. Fluids with high viscosity do not flow as easily as fluids with a low viscosity.

C15 Starting Point

Thick or Thin?

One property of fluids is how they move or flow. Think about the fluids you have used in the past few days. What would happen if they did not flow the way they usually do? For example, what would happen if water flowed like a thick syrup or ketchup flowed like oil?

1. Make a chart like the one shown in Table 8.1 to record your descriptions.

2. With your partner, identify five fluids that you have used recently.

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3. Describe what the fluids would be like if they were thicker or thinner. Here is an example.

Table 8.1 Five Fluids

Fluid	Thicker	Thinner
Shampoo	Hard to get out of the bottle	l would probably use more to wash my hair

Viscosity and Temperature

Suppose you wanted ketchup to flow faster. What could you do to change its viscosity?

Temperature is one factor that can have a big effect on viscosity. The viscosity of a fluid can change as the fluid is heated up or cooled down. Notice in Figure 8.4 how the viscosity of each liquid changes.



Figure 8.4(a) Olive oil placed in a refrigerator becomes more viscous as it cools.



Figure 8.4(b) Cold maple syrup poured on hot pancakes becomes less viscous as it heats up.



Figure 8.4(c) Hot tar, ready to spread on a road, becomes more viscous as it cools.

Temperature Changes in Liquids

Why does ketchup flow faster if you heat it? Recall that in the particle theory, a liquid is made of particles that can move past each other. When heat is added to the liquid, the particles move faster and spread farther apart. Since the distance between particles has increased, there is less attraction between the particles. This allows the particles to move past each other more freely.

As the temperature of a liquid increases, its viscosity decreases. As a result, the fluid flows more easily. The warmer the liquid, the faster it flows.

As the temperature of a liquid decreases, the particles slow down. The result is that the viscosity increases. The cooler the liquid, the slower it flows.



Figure 8.4(d) Room temperature engine oil poured into a hot engine becomes less viscous as it heats up.

Temperature Changes in Gases

Temperature affects the viscosity of gases differently from how it affects the viscosity of liquids. According to the particle theory, a gas is made of particles that are very far apart. When heat is added to the gas, the particles move faster and collide more often, resulting in greater resistance, or friction. **Friction** is a force that works to slow down motion as a result of surfaces rubbing against each other. The greater the friction, or rubbing, between particles in any fluid, the higher the



Figure 8.5 As the temperature of a gas increases, its viscosity increases.

During Reading

viscosity. A fluid with a high viscosity has a large amount of internal friction.

As the temperature of a gas increases, friction increases, and so the viscosity of the gas increases (Figure 8.5). The warmer the gas, the slower it flows.

As the temperature of the gas decreases, the particles slow down and collide less often, so there is less friction. The result is that the viscosity decreases. The cooler the gas, the faster it flows.

Thinking

Monitoring Comprehension with "Fix-up" Strategies

There are a number of things good readers do when they realize their understanding of a concept is breaking down. Many of these strategies happen naturally — you slow down the pace of your reading, reread, read ahead to see if it helps you make sense, or pause more often to think.

The reading comprehension strategies (making connections, visualizing, predicting, inferring, looking for patterns in the writing, using the text features) you have been using in previous chapters can also help you "fix up" your comprehension.

As you read about friction and viscosity on this page and the next page, keep track of the "fix-up" strategies you use to help you make sense of the text. Share the strategies you used with a partner. Did you use the same strategies in the same places as your partner? Discuss the differences.

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Viscosity and Flow Rate

Different substances have different viscosities because they are made of different particles with different forces of attraction between them. One way to compare the viscosity of different fluids is to compare their flow rates. The **flow rate** of a fluid is a measure of the speed at which a fluid flows from one point to another. Flow rate is determined by measuring the amount of fluid that flows past a given point in a given time. The greater the viscosity, the lower the flow rate.

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Density

The amount of mass contained in a given volume is called **density**. Density describes how closely packed together the particles are in a substance. A substance is most dense when it is a solid and least dense when it is a gas. A solid is denser than a gas because the particles in a solid are much closer together (Figure 8.6).

Take It **Further**

Motor oil labels may contain viscosity ratings, such as 5W-30 or 10W-40. Investigate what these viscosity ratings mean. Start your research at ScienceSource.



Figure 8.6 The particles in a solid (a) and a liquid (b) are packed closer together than the particles in a gas (c).

C17 Design a Lab

Flow Rate of Fluids

Introduction

You can design an experiment to record the time it takes a fluid to travel a given distance. The distance divided by the time is the fluid's flow rate. Several factors can affect the flow rate of a liquid (Figure 8.7). These may include:

- · changing the temperature of the liquid
- changing the angle, or tilt, of the slope the liquid flows down
- changing the diameter of the tube through which the liquid is poured

Question

How does the factor you identify affect the flow rate of pancake syrup?

Design and Conduct Your Investigation

- 1. With your group, decide which factor you are going to test.
- **2.** Make a hypothesis about how the factor will affect the flow rate of pancake syrup.
- **3.** Decide what materials you will need to test your hypothesis.

4. Plan your procedure. Think about these questions.

Toolkit 2

- (a) What evidence are you looking for to support your hypothesis?
- (b) What steps will you follow to collect the data you need?
- (c) How will you make sure the test you are planning is fair?
- (d) How will you make sure the test you are planning is safe?
- (e) How will you record your results?
- **5.** Write up your procedure. Be sure to show it to your teacher before going any further.
- 6. Carry out your experiment.
- 7. Compare your results with your hypothesis.
 - (a) Did your results support your hypothesis?
 - (b) If not, what possible reasons might explain the difference?
- **8.** Present your findings to the class or in a form suggested by your teacher.



Figure 8.7 Molasses has a lower flow rate and higher viscosity than water.

SKILLS YOU WILL USE

Designing a fair test Using appropriate equipment

and tools

CHECK and REFLECT

Key Concept Review

- Write a short paragraph to describe viscosity. Include at least two examples of fluids and the words "flow," "fluid," "particles," and "viscosity."
- **2.** Draw a diagram to show what happens to the particles when a liquid is heated.
- **3.** Draw a diagram to show what happens to the particles when a gas is heated.

Connect Your Understanding

4. You are making cookies that call for 3 tablespoons of molasses, but you are having trouble measuring out the thick, syrupy liquid. What could you do to make it easier to pour and measure this fluid?

- **5.** Describe two substances that are useful because of their viscosity.
- You are given three samples of the same shampoo at three different temperatures: 35°C, 50°C, and 75°C.
 - (a) Which sample has the highest viscosity?
 - (b) Which sample has the highest flow rate?
 - (c) Which sample has the highest density?

Practise Your Skills

- 7. In a fair test, you should change only one variable so that you can see the effects of the variable you changed. Suppose you were investigating the flow rates of various liquids by measuring the time that each took to flow down a ramp.
 - (a) What variable would you change during the tests?
 - (b) What variables would you keep the same?

For more questions, go to ScienceSource.

C18 Thinking about Science and Technology

Measuring the Flow Rate of Gas

You can determine the flow rates of liquids by pouring them down an inclined plane. However, many technologies, such as a firefighter's air tank and helium used to blow up balloons, use gases rather than liquids as the fluid that flows through the system.

- 1. When might it be important to know the flow rate of a gas?
- **2.** How is the flow rate of a gas controlled as it leaves a storage container?
- **3.** How might understanding the flow rate of a gas be useful in preventing environmental disasters?

Density and Buoyancy

Here is a summary of what you will learn in this section:

- Density is the ratio of mass to volume.
- The solid state of a substance is usually denser than the liquid state. The liquid state is denser than the gas state.
- The upward force exerted by a fluid is called the buoyant force.
- Archimedes' principle states that the buoyant force on an object is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the object.



If you drop a grape into water, what happens? The grape sinks. However, if you drop the grape into corn syrup, it floats. Why does a substance float in some fluids, but sink in others?

- If the density of a substance is greater than the density of the fluid, the substance will sink.
- If the density of a substance is less than the density of the fluid, the substance will float.
- If the density of a substance is the very same as the density of a fluid, the substance will "hover" in place.

A grape floats on corn syrup, a plastic building block floats on water, and a cork floats on oil (Figure 8.8).

Figure 8.8 Some fluids are denser than others.

C19 Starting Point

Dense and Denser

You have six identical jars full of different materials in front of you.

Table 8.2 Different Densities

Contents of Jars	
1. water	4. aquarium stones
2. sand	5. shampoo
3. corn syrup	6. wood chips

1. Without opening the jars, rank them in order of highest density to lowest density.

2. What ranking did you choose? Be prepared to explain your reasons for the order of your ranking.

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3. Keep your ranking handy. You may test these substances later in C21, Calculating Mass-to-Volume Ratio on page 222. You can then compare your ranking with the results of your investigation.

Sink or Float?

If all metals have a greater density than water, how is it possible for metal boats to float on water? The answer is that a boat consists of more than just metal. If you consider the density of the air inside the boat and the density of all the objects in the boat, you would find that the combined density of all parts of the boat is less than the density of the water (Figure 8.9).

The submarine described in the Unit Opener floats less when its tanks are filled with air because the combined the density of all parts of the vessel, including the air, is less than the density of water. When the tanks are filled with water, the combined density of the water in the tanks and all other parts of the vessel is greater than that of the surrounding water, so the submarine sinks.

Density and Temperature

A substance can have different densities, depending on its temperature. For example, imagine swimming in a lake on a hot summer day. The water on the surface of the lake is noticeably warmer than the water below it. The warm water floats on the cold water because it has a lower density than that of cold water.

You may have noticed that the air in a room is warmer toward the ceiling and cooler toward the floor. The warmer air has a lower density, so it rises above the cooler, higher density air along the floor.

According to the particle theory, particles in a substance

move more quickly when energy is added. As a substance warms up, the particles move faster and farther apart. This causes the volume to increase even though the number of particles stays the same. With the same number of particles in a larger volume, the density decreases. A substance generally has a greater density in its solid state than in its liquid state and gas state. One exception to this is water (Figure 8.10).



Figure 8.9 The average density of the boat is less than the average density of the water, so the boat floats.



Figure 8.10 The particles in water move slightly farther apart as the water freezes, so ice is less dense than liquid water.

Calculating Density

Density is the ratio of mass to volume. The unit for measuring the density of liquids is usually grams per millilitre (g/mL). For gases, the most commonly used unit is kilograms per litre (kg/L). The unit for measuring the density of solids is usually grams per cubic centimetre (g/cm³). You can calculate the density of a substance by dividing its mass by its volume.

Density $(D) = \frac{\text{mass } (m)}{\text{volume } (V)}$

Sample problem: A 2.0 mL sample of oil has a mass of 1.76 g. What is its density?

$$D = \frac{m}{V}$$
$$= \frac{1.76}{2.0 \text{ m}}$$

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The density of oil is 0.88 g/mL.

The graph in Figure 8.11 shows the densities of some common substances. A substance with a greater slope on the graph has a greater density than a substance with a shallower slope. Notice in the graph that gold, iron, and aluminum have greater densities than water. This means that these metals will sink in water. Which fluids are less dense than water? Vegetable oil, rubbing alcohol, and gasoline will all float on water. Some solids, such as pine wood, are less dense than some liquids. That is why wood floats on water or oil.



Figure 8.11 Notice which substances are less dense than water.

C20 Learning Checkpoint



Calculate and Compare

- **1.** A 15-mL sample of gasoline has a mass of 11 g. What is the density of the gasoline?
- **2.** What is the density of a 2.5-cm³ glass marble that has a mass of 7.5 g?
- The mass of 5.0 mL of rubbing alcohol is 4.0 g. The mass of an 8.0-cm³ block of wood is 5.6 g. Which of these materials has the greater density?

Use the graph in Figure 8.11 to answer the following questions.

- **4.** Which substances have a lower density than rubbing alcohol?
- **5.** If gasoline and vegetable oil were poured into the same container, which substance would be on top?
- 6. What is the mass of 30 mL of aluminum?

Forces in Fluids

A **force** is a push or pull that acts on an object. For example, weight is the amount of downward pull on an object due to the force of gravity. The measuring unit of force is the newton (N). One newton is approximately equal to the force you would exert to hold up a baseball.

Buoyancy

You have just learned that an object sinks when its density is greater than the density of the fluid it is in. **Buoyancy** is the tendency of an object in a fluid to rise or sink due to density differences with its surroundings. What is the connection between the object's density and the forces that act on it in a fluid?

Earth's gravitational force attracts matter downward toward Earth's centre. A fluid, however, exerts an opposite force that pushes matter upward. The upward force exerted by a fluid is called the **buoyant force** (Figure 8.12).



Figure 8.12 Gravity and the buoyant force act on an object in a fluid.



Figure 8.13 An object rises in a fluid (a). An object sinks in a fluid (b). An object floats in a fluid (c).



Buoyancy and Gravity

If you want to know whether an object will sink or float, you need to consider all the forces that are acting on the object (Figure 8.13).

- An object will *rise* in a fluid when:
- the density of the object is less than the density of the fluid
- the buoyant force on the object is greater than the force of gravity on the object
- An object will *sink* in a fluid when:
- the density of the object is greater than the density of the fluid
- the buoyant force on the object is less than the force of gravity on the object
- An object will *float* in a fluid when:
- the density of the object is equal to the density of the fluid
- the buoyant force on the object is equal to the force of gravity on the object

Archimedes' Principle

More than two thousand years ago, a Greek mathematician and inventor named Archimedes discovered an important principle about buoyancy (Figure 8.14). Archimedes' principle states that the buoyant force on an object is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the object.

Imagine two identical pieces of aluminum foil. If you take one piece of aluminum foil and crumple it up tightly, it will sink in water. But if you fold the second piece into the shape of a boat, it will float. It will even support a "cargo" of some pennies or paper clips. Even though both pieces of aluminum foil have the same mass, the piece shaped like a boat takes up a much greater volume and displaces more fluid. Therefore, the buoyant force acting on the boat and its cargo is greater, so it floats.

Figure 8.14 Archimedes (287–212 B.C.) discovered that the buoyant force depends on the weight of the displaced fluid, not on the weight of the object.

Applications of Buoyancy

Buoyancy is also an important factor in natural fluid systems. For example, a sperm whale has an oil-filled organ above its skull (Figure 8.15). When the whale is preparing to dive deep, it allows cold seawater into the organ, which solidifies the oil and increases its density. When the oil is allowed to warm, it becomes a liquid, and the whale's density is decreased so that it can rise to the surface.

Transportation technologies such as hot air balloons, airships, and research platforms use the concept of buoyancy in their design (Figure 8.16). Ships can travel around the world thanks to the buoyant force of water. But what happens when the density changes in the water through which they travel?

Plimsoll Line

Picture a fully loaded cargo ship sailing across the Atlantic Ocean. As it enters the fresh water of the St. Lawrence River, it sinks dangerously low. Why? The ship sinks lower in the water because fresh water is less dense than salt water. When a ship sails from cold northern waters into warm tropical waters, the same thing happens. Warm water is less dense than cold water, so the ship sinks lower into the water.

Because of density variations in the world's oceans and rivers, all cargo ships have a Plimsoll line painted on their hulls. The **Plimsoll line** shows how heavily a ship can be safely loaded in different water conditions as shown in Figure 8.17. The marks on the left indicate where the waterline should be in fresh water. The marks on the right indicate where the waterline should be in salt water.



Legend

- TF tropical fresh water
- F fresh water
- T tropical salt water
- S summer salt water
- W winter salt water
- WNA winter North Atlantic

Figure 8.17 The Plimsoll line shows how heavily a ship can be loaded in different densities of water.



Figure 8.15 By changing the temperature of its oil, a sperm whale can dive deep or rise to the surface for air.



Figure 8.16 FLIP is a research platform that floats out to sea. The platform becomes vertical when water is pumped into its tanks.



Airships have the ability to change their density in order to ascend and descend. Find out how airships change their density. Begin your search at ScienceSource.

C21 Inquiry Activity

Reco

Recording and organizing data

Calculating Mass-to-Volume Ratio

Question

How can you calculate the densities of a variety of solids and liquids?

Materials & Equipment

- 250-mL beaker
- graduated cylinder
- triple beam or electronic balance
- water, sand, aquarium stones, shampoo, wood chips, corn syrup
- sraph paper

Hypothesis

Write a hypothesis about how to calculate the densities of solids and liquids.



Figure 8.18 Steps 3 and 4. Carefully pour 50 mL of a substance into the beaker and record its volume and mass.

Procedure

Part 1 – Collecting Data

 In your notebook, make a table using headings like the ones shown below to record your data. Give your table a title. Use a row in your table for each substance.

Table 8.3 Data Table

Substance	Volume of Substance (mL)	Mass of Beaker (g)	Mass of Beaker and Substance (g)	Mass of Substance Only (g)

- **2.** Measure the mass of the beaker and record it in your table. (See Toolkit 7 for information on measuring mass.)
- Pour 50 mL of one substance (other than corn syrup) into the beaker (Figure 8.18). Record the volume in the table. (See Toolkit 7 for information on measuring volume.) Clean up any spills immediately.
- **4.** Place the beaker containing the substance on the balance and measure the mass. Record the mass in your table.
- Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the substance with volumes of 100 mL, 150 mL, 200 mL, and 250 mL. Wash and dry the beaker. Return the substances as directed by your teacher.
- **6.** Repeat this procedure for each of the other substances. The final substance you test should be the corn syrup.
- **7.** Clean your equipment and return it to the proper location.

C21 Inquiry Activity (continued)

Part 2 – Graphing Your Data

8. When you have finished taking the measurements, enter your data into a spreadsheet program. Find the mass of each substance by subtracting the mass of the beaker from the total mass of the beaker and substance together as shown in Figure 8.19.



Figure 8.19 How to calculate the mass of the substance

- **9.** Set up a line graph with mass on the vertical axis and volume on the horizontal axis like Figure 8.20. Plot your results for the first substance. Draw a straight line through or close to the points on the graph. Label the line.
- **10.** Plot your results for the other substances on the same graph. Label each line.



Figure 8.20 An example of step 9 for silver

Analyzing and Interpreting

- **11.** Compare the slopes of the lines in your graph.
 - (a) Which slope is the steepest?
 - (b) Which slope is the shallowest?
- 12. (a) Find the ratio of mass to volume for each substance by dividing the mass of the substance by the volume. This ratio is the density of each substance. For example:
 - 200 mL of a substance has a mass of 400 g. The mass-to-volume ratio is

400 g (mass) 200 mL (volume)

Density =
$$\frac{400 \text{ g}}{200 \text{ mL}} = \frac{2.00 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mL}}$$

- (b) Record the mass-to-volume ratios in your data table.
- (c) What is the relationship between the average ratio for each substance and the slope of each line on your graph?

Skill Builder

- **13.** Use your graph to determine the answers to the following questions.
 - (a) What would be the mass in grams of 150 mL of corn syrup?
 - (b) What would be the volume in millilitres of 225 g of sand?
 - (c) What would be the mass in grams of 300 mL of shampoo?

Forming Conclusions

14. Write a summary paragraph that explains how you calculated the densities of the substances used in this investigation. Your summary should include the words "substance," "volume," "mass," "graph," "slope," "ratio," and "density." Include your graph with your summary.

C22 Problem-Solving Activity

Homemade Hydrometer

Recognize a Need

A hydrometer is a device that uses buoyancy to measure the density of a liquid (Figure 8.21). In this activity, you will work in groups to design and build your own hydrometer. By using solutions of known densities, you will be able to calibrate your hydrometer. Your group will then use the calibrated hydrometer to determine the densities of unknown liquids.

Problem

How can you build a hydrometer to compare the densities of different liquids?

Materials & Equipment

- 4 tall clear containers (canning jars or 1-L clear plastic bottles with the tops cut off)
- plastic straw
- modelling clay
- fresh water
- 3 different saltwater solutions prepared by your teacher labelled A, B, C
- fine-tipped permanent marker
- 2 unknown solutions

Criteria for Success

- Hydrometer is calibrated using four known densities.
- The constructed hydrometer can be used successfully to estimate the density of unknown liquids.

Brainstorm Ideas

- 1. Before you begin, read Toolkit 3 about the problem-solving process.
- 2. Consider the materials listed here or think of other materials you could use that are easy to get.

Toolkit 3

SKILLS YOU WILL USE
Designing, building, and testing
Recording results



Figure 8.21 This commercial hydrometer can be used to measure the salt content in an aquarium.

- **3.** Working by yourself or in a small group, generate ideas for designing and building a hydrometer.
- **4.** Make a sketch of what your hydrometer will look like when you complete it. Show the sketch to your teacher for approval.

Build a Prototype

Part 1 – Fresh Water

- Assemble the materials you need and build your hydrometer. Or you can follow steps 6 through 17 to build one using the materials and equipment listed on the left.
- **6.** Press a small ball of modelling clay onto the end of the straw to form a plug. The straw and clay will become your hydrometer.
- 7. Fill your container full of fresh water.
- **8.** With the clay end touching the water, carefully lower the hydrometer into the fresh water. Add or remove clay so that approximately 2 cm of the straw tip remains above the water.

9. Use a permanent marker to draw a line on the straw at the water level and label it "1." Your hydrometer is calibrated for the density of fresh water, which is 1.0 g/mL.

Part 2 – Salt Water

- **10.** Remove the hydrometer from the fresh water and place it in the container that contains saltwater solution A.
- **11.** Make a mark on the straw where the straw meets the water line and label this "2."
- **12.** Remove the hydrometer from the solution A container and place it in the container that contains saltwater solution B.
- **13.** Make a mark on the straw where the straw meets the waterline and label this "3."
- **14.** Remove the hydrometer from the solution B container and place it in the container that contains saltwater solution C.
- **15.** Make a mark on the straw where the straw meets the waterline and label this "4."
- **16.** The densities corresponding to each of the marks on your hydrometer is given below.

Solution	Mark	Density (g/mL)
Fresh water	1	1.0
А	2	1.008
В	3	1.017
С	4	1.025

17. Make a sketch of your hydrometer showing the four marks. Label the density indicated at each mark.

Test and Evaluate

- 18. Your teacher will give you two unknown liquids. Use the hydrometer you built and calibrated to determine the densities of the unknown samples. You will need to estimate if the liquid comes between two of the lines on your hydrometer. Record your results.
- **19.** Compare the densities you obtained with those of your classmates. How do your results compare with those of your classmates?
- **20.** If your teacher has a commercial hydrometer, compare your results to the actual values.

Communicate

- **21.** After you have determined the densities of the unknown samples, write a short report that describes:
 - (a) what you did
 - (b) your results
 - (c) one new thing you learned in this activity

CHECK and REFLECT

Key Concept Review

- **1.** In which state of matter is a substance the least dense?
- **2.** What is the relationship of temperature to density?
- **3.** What two opposing forces are acting on an object as it floats in a fluid?

Connect Your Understanding

4. The table below shows mass and volume data for mineral oil.

Table 8.5 Mineral Oil Data

Mass (g)	Volume (mL)
0.8	1.0
1.6	2.0
2.4	3.0
3.2	4.0

- (a) What happens to the mass of the mineral oil as the volume changes?
- (b) What is the density of mineral oil?
- (c) What happens to the density as the mass and volume change?

Practise Your Skills

- **5.** Suppose you were to graph the mineral oil data from question 4 on a graph with mass on the vertical axis and volume on the horizontal axis. Would the slope of the line for the mineral oil be shallower or steeper than the one for water? (The density of water is 1.0 g/mL.)
- **6.** Draw a diagram to help you explain how a heavy ship can float on water.
- **7.** What is the density of each of the following substances?
 - (a) 2.0 mL of mercury with a mass of 27.1 g
 - (b) 0.5 mL of silver with a mass of 5.25 g
 - (c) 2.5 mL of lead with a mass of 28.5 g
- **8.** If you had 100 mL of each substance in question 7, which one would have the greatest mass?

For more questions, go to ScienceSource.

C23 Thinking about Science and Technology

Worldwide Shipping

Improvements in technology have enabled larger and safer shipping around the world. Consider each of the following questions from the viewpoint of society and of the environment. Make a chart to record your ideas.

- (a) What are some benefits that result from worldwide shipping of oil in oil tankers?
 - (b) What are some problems that result from worldwide shipping of oil?
- **2.** (a) What are some benefits that result from worldwide shipping of produce (vegetables and fruit)?
 - (b) What are some problems that result from worldwide shipping of produce?

	Society	Environment
Benefits of shipping oil		
Problems from shipping oil		
Benefits of shipping produce		
Problems from shipping produce		

Pressure in Fluids

Here is a summary of what you will learn in this section:

- Pressure is the amount of force applied to a given area.
- Pressure increases with depth.
- Fluids will naturally move from an area of higher pressure to an area of lower pressure.
- Gases can be compressed easily. Liquids are very difficult to compress.

When you swim underwater, you might notice the pressure of the water around you, especially if you swim along the bottom of a deep pool. But did you know that there is also pressure around you when you are out of the water?

Pressure is the amount of force applied to a given area. Air is a fluid, and it exerts pressure around you all the time. Air pressure is the reason why your ears may "pop" when you change altitude quickly. When the air pressure outside changes, the air pressure inside your middle ear has to adjust, resulting in the popping sound (Figure 8.22).



Figure 8.22 The air in the middle ear (Eustachian tube) is sometimes at a different pressure than the air in the outer ear (ear canal).

Skills 🗛 🜔

C24 Starting Point

Pressure Can – Teacher Demonstration

Observe as your teacher does the following.

- 1. Fill a large bowl with ice water.
- Pour a spoonful of water into a clean, empty soft drink can. Place the can on a hotplate. Heat until the water boils and steam leaves the top of the can.
- **3.** Using a pair of tongs, turn the can upside down and immediately plunge it into the ice water.
- **4.** Observe what happens to the can. Give a possible explanation for your observation.



Figure 8.23 A weather balloon measures weather conditions at high altitudes. This weather balloon is being released in Antarctica.

Take It **Further** 🛰

An ultrahigh-pressure water system forces water out of a hose with 275 000 kPa of pressure. This water jet can be used for cleaning, blasting, sanding, and processing materials. Find out more about applications of ultrahigh-pressure water systems. Begin your research at ScienceSource.



Changes in Pressure

Air pressure changes with altitude. How does the air pressure around you right now compare with the pressure at the top of a mountain?

The layers of air in Earth's atmosphere extend more than 160 km above Earth's surface. Close to the surface, we experience air pressure as a result of all those air particles above us being pulled toward Earth by the force of gravity. There is less air pressure if we travel to higher altitudes because there are fewer layers of air above us and the air there is less dense.

You can observe an effect of this change in air pressure on a weather balloon that is released from Earth's surface (Figure 8.23). As a weather balloon passes through upper layers, there is less air pressure acting on it from the outside, so it expands as it rises. Eventually, the balloon will expand so much that it will burst.

Pressure and Depth

Pressure in a fluid also changes with its depth. For example, the weight of water in the upper part of a swimming pool presses down on the water in the lower part of the pool. The greater the depth of water, the greater the pressure at that point. This is why you feel a greater pressure when swimming on the bottom of a pool than you do when swimming at the surface.

You can observe an effect of this change in pressure by making two holes in a container of water, one above the other (Figure 8.24). Water at the depth of the lower hole has a greater pressure on it than water at the higher hole. The greater pressure results in the water being released with more force from the lower hole.

Figure 8.24 The greater the depth, the greater the pressure.

Pressure and Fluid Flow

If a fluid is allowed to move, it will always go from an area of higher pressure to an area of lower pressure. You make use of this property when you use a straw to drink from a juice box. Your mouth creates an area of lower pressure. The juice in the box is at a higher pressure, so it travels up the straw and into your mouth (Figure 8.25).

Pressure and Temperature

What happens to pressure inside a container when the temperature of a fluid is increased? The pressure exerted by a fluid is the sum of all the forces exerted by the individual particles in the fluid. When the temperature is increased, the particles move faster and strike the walls of the container more often and with more energy. At a constant volume, an increase in temperature results in an increase in pressure. If the volume of the container cannot increase, its pressure increases, possibly resulting in an explosion.

Compression

An important part of understanding how to use fluids in devices is knowing how they react under pressure. If you kick a soccer ball, you force the air particles inside into a smaller volume (Figure 8.26). The shape of the ball changes temporarily because the air particles inside it are compressed. **Compression** is a decrease in volume caused by a force.

There is a large amount of space between the particles in a gas like the air in the soccer ball. There is much less space between the particles in a liquid. This means that gases are much more compressible than liquids are. When a force is applied to the particles, much more compression takes place in the gas than in the liquid. In fact, very little compression occurs in liquids.

Compressibility is the property of being able to be compressed. Materials in a liquid state are said to be **incompressible**, which means they cannot be compressed easily. As you will see in Chapter 9, this property of liquids is very useful.



Figure 8.25 The fluid travels up the straw from an area of higher pressure in the box to an area of lower pressure in your mouth.



Figure 8.26 Your foot compresses the air inside the soccer ball as you kick it.

C25 Inquiry Activity

SKILLS YOU WILL USE Using appropriate equipment

Toolkit 2

and tools

Drawing conclusions

Compressing Fluids

Question

What happens to air as it is compressed? Does water react in the same way?

Materials & Equipment

Part 1

- 50-mL syringe
- 5 cm of latex tubing
- bulldog clamp
- water
- sink or bowl

Part 2

- 2 burette clamps
- modified 50-mL syringe with platform
- 5 cm of latex tubing
- bulldog clamp
- four 1-kg masses
- water
- empty container



Figure 8.27 Step 1. The plunger should be three-quarters of the way up the tube.

Procedure

Part 1 – Compressing Air

- Attach the latex tubing to the end of the syringe. Place the plunger of the syringe threequarters of the way up the tube. Seal the tubing at the end of the syringe with the bulldog clamp (Figure 8.27).
- **2.** Before you press the plunger down, predict how far the plunger will go. Record your prediction.
- **3.** Press the plunger down and record the change in volume in the syringe.
- Unclamp the tubing. Place the syringe in a sink or bowl of water. Pull up the plunger to draw in water until the syringe is filled to the same level as in step 1.

If you get air in your syringe, turn the syringe upside down so the plunger points downward. Allow the air to rise to the top of the syringe. Then gently push the plunger up until all the air has escaped. Add more water if necessary. Clamp the end of the tubing shut.

- Before you press the plunger down, predict how far you think the plunger will go. Record your prediction.
- **6.** Record the volume in the syringe before you push down the plunger. Press down the plunger and record the change in volume in the syringe.

C25 Inquiry Activity (continued)

Part 2 – Compressing Water

7. Make a data table like the one below for recording your data. Give your table a title.

Table 8.6 Data Table

Force Acting on the Syringe (N)	Volume of Air (mL)	Volume of Water (mL)
0		
10		

8. Use the burette clamps to attach a modified syringe (with platform) to a support stand, as shown in Figure 8.28.



Figure 8.28 Step 8. Be sure to follow safe work procedures. Clamp the syringe tightly at right angles to the stand.

- **9.** Attach the latex tubing to the end of the syringe. Pull the plunger to the 50-mL mark. Seal the tubing with the bulldog clamp.
- **10.** Place a 1-kg mass on the centre of the platform that is attached to the syringe. (This mass applies a 10 N force.) Measure and record the volume of air in the syringe.
- **11.** Repeat step 10 by adding another 1-kg mass so that you have 2-kg mass (20 N).

- Repeat step 11 for 3 kg (30 N) and 4 kg (40 N). Place the masses in the centre of the platform.
- 13. Remove all of the masses.
- 14. Remove the syringe from the burette clamps and place it in a sink or bowl of water. Fill the syringe to the 50-mL mark by pulling on the plunger, not the platform. Remove any air bubbles as before. Re-attach the syringe with the burette clamps. Place an empty container under the syringe. Repeat steps 10, 11, and 12.
- **15.** Clean your equipment and return it to the appropriate location. Wash your hands after you finish the activity.

Analyzing and Interpreting

- **16.** How did your predictions compare with your results?
- 17. (a) Which fluid compressed more?(b) Why do you think this happened?
- **18.** How did the force affect the compression of the air and the water?

Skill Builder

19. Draw a line graph of the compression of the air and water from Part 2, using a different colour for each fluid. Put the volume on the vertical axis, and the force on the horizontal axis.

Forming Conclusions

20. Use the particle theory of matter to explain what happened when you compressed the air and the water. Focus your explanation on the differences in the amount of space between particles in air and water. Use your observations, and remember to refer to your graph to support your explanation.

CHECK and REFLECT

Key Concept Review

- **1.** What term describes the amount of force applied to a given area?
- **2.** Why might your inner ears "pop" when you are driving through the mountains?
- **3.** Explain why gases are easier to compress than liquids.
- **4.** Use the terms "decreases" or "increases" to complete the following statements.
 - (a) As you go deeper in a fluid, the pressure of the fluid _____.
 - (b) A sealed container is cooled. The pressure of the fluid inside the container _____.

Connect Your Understanding

5. Suppose a dam developed a hole from which the water started to leak out. Why would it be harder to stop the leak if the hole was near the bottom of the dam as compared to near the top?

- **6.** On a cold winter day, you discover that the football you left outside is soft (has low pressure).
 - (a) How could you increase the pressure inside the ball without adding more air?
 - (b) Explain why you think your solution would work.

Practise Your Skills

- Picture a device, such as a vacuum cleaner, that uses the motion of fluids in its design. Make a sketch of the device and show the direction that the fluid moves. Using your sketch, explain
 - (a) where the areas of low pressure and high pressure exist
 - (b) how the device creates areas with different pressure

For more questions, go to ScienceSource.

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Pipes and Plumbing

The pipes in your home's plumbing system bring fresh water to your taps and carry waste water away. The word "plumbing" comes from a Latin word meaning lead. At one time water pipes were made from lead. However, in the early 1900s, researchers discovered that lead is a poison. It builds up in the body and affects the nervous system.

- What environmental factors would you have to consider in choosing material for building water pipelines?
- 2. What other factors would you have to consider in choosing material for building water pipelines?

Science and Technology in Your World

Meteorologist

We live in a fluid world. A blanket of air extends above us for almost 160 km. Approximately three-quarters of Earth's surface is covered in water. These two fluids interact, causing changes in temperature and pressure and creating the variations in our weather. A meteorologist is a person who studies these interactions, and collects and analyzes data to forecast our weather.

Meteorologists use data collected from several locations to make a weather forecast. Weather forecasts can be for the same day, for short term, or for long term. Same-day forecasts usually are done by making simple observations. Data collected from radar and satellites are used when making short-term forecasts. Computer models are used for long-term forecasts. Some of the measurements that meteorologists use when making a forecast include temperature, wind, humidity, and air pressure.

Weather forecasting can save lives by giving advance warning of storms or sudden changes in temperature. Meteorologists provide weather forecasts that are essential for air and ocean travel. Agriculture and tourism also depend on the services of meteorologists.

On a global scale, meteorologists analyze the input of industrial projects and human activities on climate and air quality. Meteorologists also take part in studies involving the effect of air pollution on climate.

To become a meteorologist in Canada, you must first have a university degree in meteorology, mathematics, or physics. After your degree, you need to complete a nine-month training course provided by Environment Canada.



Figure 8.29 A meteorologist evaluates data on pressure systems for Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005.

Pressure Systems

Why is it important for meteorologists to measure air pressure? When the pressure in an area is higher than the pressure in surrounding air, a high-pressure system occurs. A highpressure system usually provides us with sunny, dry weather. When the pressure in an area is lower than the surrounding air, a low-pressure system occurs. Clouds and precipitation usually accompany a low-pressure system.

Questions

- 1. List four types of data a meteorologist uses when forecasting the weather.
- 2. Describe the type of weather accompanied by
 - (a) low-pressure system
 - (b) high-pressure system
- **3.** Suppose you had all the skills of a trained meteorologist. Explain how you would use these skills to improve the quality of life for people in your community.

Chapter Review Assess Your Learning

Key Concept Review

- **1.** (a) What is viscosity? 🔞
 - (b) Why is viscosity an important property of matter? 📀
- 2. How does temperature affect the viscosity of a fluid? 📀
- **3.** What does density measure? 📀
- 4. Describe how you find the density of an object. 📀
- 5. How does the particle theory of matter help you explain why cold water is denser than hot water? 6
- **6.** What units are usually used for measuring the density of the following substances? *(*?)
 - (a) solids
 - (b) liquids
- **7.** Use the particle theory to explain the differences in compressibility between liquids and gases. *(*?)
- 8. Use your answer for question 7 to identify which material in each pair below would compress more than the other. Provide a brief reason for each answer. 6
 - (a) a helium balloon or a water balloon
 - (b) a solid rubber bicycle tire and an inflated mountain bike tire
 - (c) plastic bubble pack or a baby's liquid-filled teething ring
 - (d) a golf ball or a soccer ball
- 9. What does Archimedes' principle state? 📀
- **10.** A full juice can has a hole at the top and another hole near the bottom. *(*?)
 - (a) How will the juice flow out of the two holes?
 - (b) Why is there a difference?

After Reading Thinking

Reflect and Evaluate

Revisit your KTW chart from the start of this chapter. Did you find answers to all the things you wanted to know?

Summarize your learning in the 3-2-1 organizer below:

- 3 important things I learned
- 2 fix-up strategies I used to monitor my comprehension
- 1 question I still have

Connect Your Understanding

- **11.** You have two fluids of unknown density. How could you find out which is denser without mixing the fluids? ⁽⁵⁾
- 12. Using the information you learned in this chapter, state whether air would flow into or out of a low-pressure system. Explain. 6
- 13. Explain why deep-sea fish are not crushed by the pressure of all of the water above them. 6

Practise Your Skills

- **14.** (a) What is the density of a shampoo if 6 g of the shampoo fills a 5-mL container? ⁽²⁾
 - (b) What is the density of vegetable oil if 50 g of the oil has a volume of 54 mL? ⁽²⁾
 - (c) What is the density of gasoline if 90 mL of gasoline has a mass of 62 g? ^(c)
 - (d) If you had 50 mL of each of shampoo, vegetable oil, and gasoline, which of the three would have the least mass? *(*

Unit Task Link

In your Unit Task, you will investigate the effect that a variable of your choice has on the movement of fluid in a pipeline. What properties of liquids will be part of your hypothesis? Be sure to include key ideas like viscosity, density, and pressure when you continue work on your task.

C27 Thinking about Science and Technology

Propane Tanks

Many people use propane tanks to fuel their barbecues. When a propane tank is filled, the propane gas is compressed into a liquid. When you open the valve on the tank, the propane is released as a gas.

- 1. Why should propane barbecues only be operated outdoors, in well-ventilated conditions?
- 2. There is a policy in some high-rise apartment buildings that propane barbecues are not allowed on balconies.
 - (a) Why do you think that is?
 - (b) Do you agree with the rule? Why or why not?
 - (c) Do you think residents should be allowed to vote and decide if barbecues will be allowed? Explain.