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Density and Floating Eggs

- Problem: How can you use an egg to compare densities of liquids?
- Experimenting
 - 1. Put about a cup of water in a jar
 - 2. Put the egg in the water. In a table like the one below, describe the position of the egg in the water
 - 3. Remove the egg. Put a spoonful of salt in the water and stir. Repeat step 2.
 - 4. Repeat step 3. Add two and then two more spoonfuls of salt. Record your observation

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Recording Data

Amount of salt in water	Position of egg
None	
1 spoonful	
3 spoonful	
5 spoonful	

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- Drawing conclusions
 - 1. How did the way of the egg floats change as the amount of salt in the water change?
 - 2. At which stage war the water the most dense? The least dense? How can you tell?

Materials: egg (uncooked), water, large jar, salt, spoon



Making Models

- How can you show convection?
- Steps
 - 1. Fill the large jar half full of cold water
 - 2. Fill the small jar with hot water. Add food coloring. Cover with plastic wrap. Seal with a rubber band. With a pencil point, poke a hole in the plastic wrap cover.
 - 3. Lower the small jar of colored water into the jar of cold water. The small jar must be under water. Observe what happens.

How can you show convection?

Questions

- 1. What happened after you lower the small jar into the cold water? What could have caused this to happen?
- 2. What does this activity tell you about the movement of heat energy?



Inferring

- Why does the temperature change?
- Steps
 - 1. Put 30 milliliters of cool water in a foam cup and 30 milliliters in a metal can. The water in both containers should be the same temperature.
 - 2. Put both containers in a pan of hot water. Put one thermometer in the cup and one in the can. Every minute for five minutes, measure and record the temperature.

Why does the temperature change?

Questions

- 1. How did the temperature of the water in the cup and the can differ?
- 2. What does this activity indicate about heat movement and insulation?

Materials:

plastic foam cup, metal can, hot and cool water, 2 thermometers, foil pie pan, measuring cup, clock or watch to measure seconds



Making and interpreting graphs

Marble motion

- On a level floor or a table top about 1.5 m long, place a 30 cm metric ruler at an inclined of about 1.5 cm. Use a book at one end of the ruler to raise it.
- 2. Roll a marble down the incline
- 3. Record the distance the marble rolls from the bottom of the incline along the table top or floor in two seconds. Repeat this procedure two more times.
- 4. Record the distance the marble rolls in three seconds, again making three trials.
- 5. On the basis of your observation,

- a. Make a distance time graph of the marble
- b. What is the average distance the marble rolls in two seconds? What is its average speed?
- c. What is the average distance the marble rolls in the third second? What is its average speed during that second?
- d. How does the speed during the third second compare with the speed during the first two seconds?
- e. How can you explain the change in speed?



Fluid Density Levels

- This experiment shows how different materials have different densities. In this case honey is placed on the bottom, water is placed above that, vegetable oil next and finally rubbing alcohol. This mixture creates four levels of fluids having different densities. If the mixture is then shaken, the fluids mix and the water, alcohol and honey form a layer and the oil forms a separate layer thus changing how the system looks.
- Equipment Honey Water Olive/Veg OilRubbing Alcohol Food Coloring Graduated Cylinder

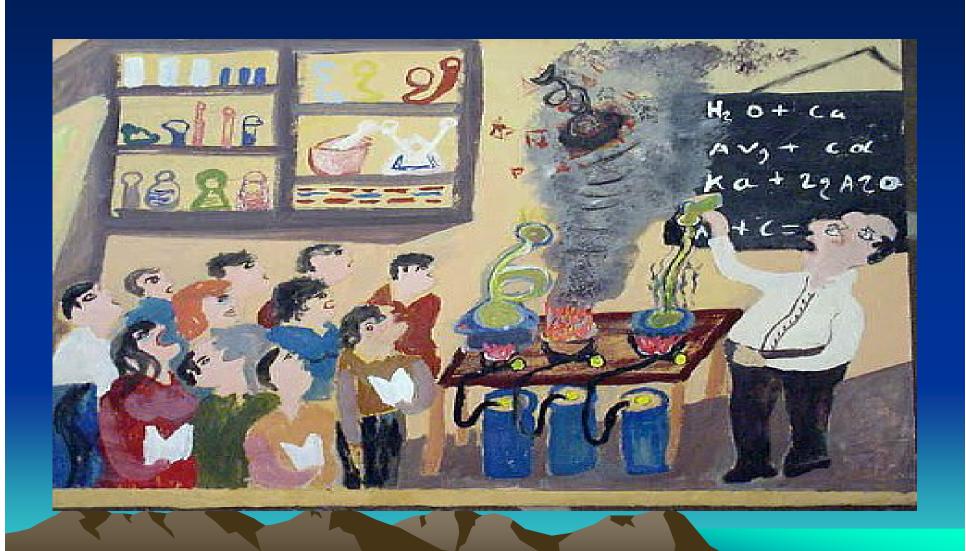




- Everybody knows how easy it is to break an egg, because of its very thin shell. Today our young scientists learned that an egg can also be very strong. Nature made it to be both light and strong, so that it can withstand the impact of falling to the ground when the egg is laid. We talked about the properties of an egg: it is round, light, smooth and white. The children were asked to hypothesize (make a scientific guess) about the egg's strength. Is an egg strong and powerful, or weak and fragile?
- five students said the egg was strong and powerful
- eleven students said the egg was weak and fragile.
- To find out the answer to our question, we carefully placed the uncooked, ordinary egg in some soft clay. Using the egg and the two blocks of wood, we made a triangular base to support a large, lightweight cookie sheet. We slowly added books, one by one, to see how much weight the egg could help support. Excitement was building as each book was placed on the stack. In the end, we found the egg to support sixty-six books: over twenty pounds! Why didn't the egg break sooner? The egg has an arch at each end, an excellent structure for supporting weight.







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