

# SfS Away from the Classroom!

## P15: How Does Heat Flow? (Recommended for Grades 5-8)

Please use the following resources to learn about heat transfer.

Watch this Video: https://youtu.be/Akd7MMRKDwc

### **Answer these questions:**

- Which has faster moving molecules: a low temperature object or a high temperature object?
- Why does the iceberg have more thermal energy than the tea kettle?
- Why do we feel colder on a cold day with wind than we do on a cold day without wind?







**Activity:** Follow these directions to experiment with heat transfer.

### You will need:

- 4 Ice Cubes
- 1 Flat glass surface (ex. a pyrex pan)
- 1 Flat plastic surface (ex. a tupperware container)
- 1 Flat fabric surface (ex. a shirt)
- 1 Flat aluminum surface (ex. aluminum foil folded into 4 layers)
- 4 trays or towels for drips (optional)
- 1. IMPORTANT: Make sure the 4 flat surfaces you choose have been stored at room temperature. If any of your items were stored in a hot or cold area (ex. in a basement, near a heater) put them in a room temperature area for at least 2 hours.
- 2. Place the 4 flat surfaces on the trays or towels to catch the water from the ice cubes, if needed.
- 3. With your hand, touch each surface and notice how hot or cold they feel. Rank the four materials by which you think has the highest temperature.
- 4. Predict: Upon which of the four surfaces would an ice cube melt the fastest? The slowest?
- 5. Place an ice cube on each of the 4 surfaces.
- 6. Let the ice cubes sit on the surfaces for 5 minutes.
- 7. At the end of 5 minutes, compare the 4 ice cubes. Rank them by least melted to most melted.

Hint: These four materials had the same *temperature*! Why did they feel differently? Why does the ice melt at different rates?



## Make observations & use Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning!

1. **Claim**: Heat is different from temperature.

Evidence:
Reasoning:
<ul> <li>Claim: The four materials had different thermal conductivity thermal conductivity is a material's ability to transfer thermal energy by touching.</li> <li>Evidence:</li> </ul>
Reasoning:

