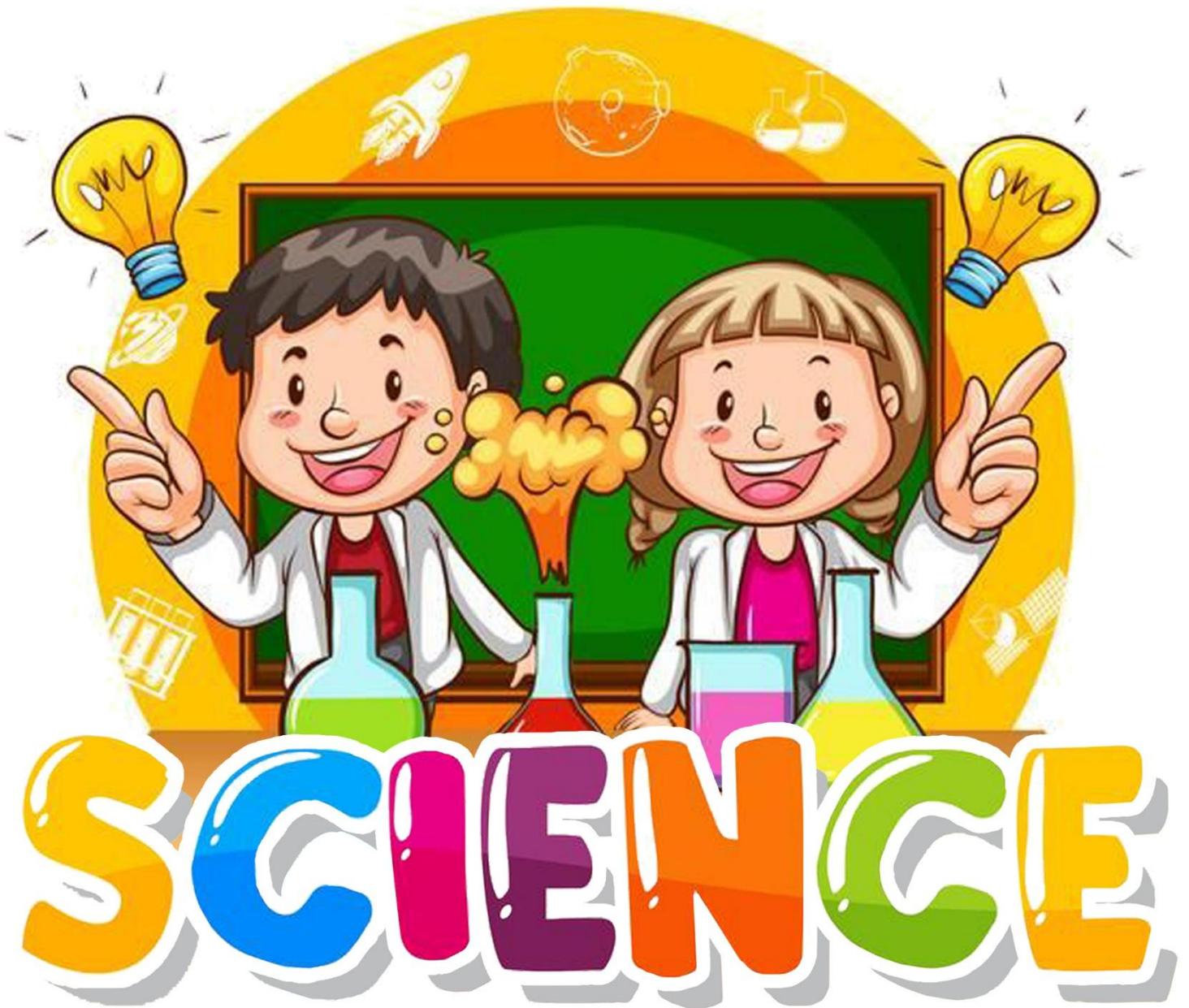




# Grade 7





### Functions of water

#### Learning outcomes :

- Investigate the about the substances that dissolve in water
- Most substances dissolve in water
- Separate substances that dissolve in water
- Demonstrate functions of water as a coolant
- Appreciate the importance of water as a medium
- Appreciate the importance of water

#### Activity 1

Let us investigate the solvent property of water

Required materials: A few transparent vessels, a stirring rod, a few substances to be dissolved (sugar, salt, coconut oil, blue ink, turmeric powder, wax ...)

- Dissolve each substance separately.
- Record the observations in the following table using a (✓)

Substances	When put into water				
	Completely dissolve in water	Do not dissolve in water residues remains on the surface/ bottom of the vessel	Dissolve in water gives a colour to water	Dissolve in water. But colour does not change	Do not dissolve in water. But separate into layers.
Sugar					

- Water ..... (has/hasn't) the ability to dissolve in many substances.



### Activity 2

Let us separate salt dissolved in water

Required materials: salt solution, metal spoon/lid



Put salt solution on to the spoon/lid and hold it over a candle flame. (Conduct this under the supervision of an adult)

What are the observations?

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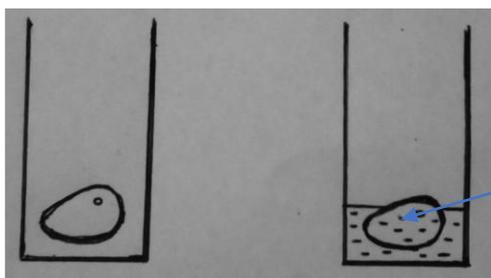


### Activity 3

Let us investigate the coolant property of water

Required materials: 2 eggs, 3 vessels, water

- Boil the two eggs.
- Transfer one boiled egg to an empty vessel and the other to a half-filled vessel of water.
- After a few minutes touch both eggs and observe.
- What can you say about the temperature of each egg?  
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- Insert the hand into the vessel that you put the egg.
- What has happened to it?  
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Egg in the half-filled vessel of water

- To where does the temperature of the boiled egg transferred?  
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- What is the term used to define the ability to cool any heated object?  
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Extra activity: Let us make a simple thermometer at home

Required materials: Two small bottles, two pen tubes, coloured water, ice cube

- ✓ Pierce the lids of the bottles and insert pen tubes into them. Make sure they are air tight.
- ✓ Immerse upside down vertically the pen with the bottle in water and keep an ice cube on the base of the bottle.
- ✓ After a while you will be able to observe that coloured water rise along the tube.
- ✓ Hold a small drop of water in the tube and remove the bottle.
- ✓ Then you could observe that the drop of coloured water remains in the midway of the tube.
- ✓ Leave one bottle on the table. Take the other and hold it from the glass portion.
- ✓ What is your observation?  
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- ✓ Then, immerse it in the water basin.
- ✓ What is your observation?  
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- ✓ The drop of water rises along the tube due to heat of the hand.
- ✓ It moves down quickly because the air inside get cool when immerse in water.
- ✓ Thus, this activity can be used to investigate the coolant property of water as well.



### Activity 4

Investigate whether water is required for the existence of life.

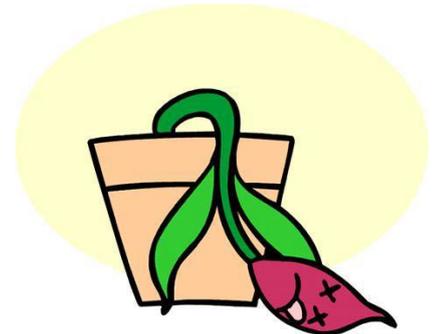
- ✓ Have you seen what happens when a fish is taken out of water?  
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- ✓ What are the things that are transported through water in the human body?  
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- ✓ What will happen when the amount of water supplied to a plant decrease?  
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Fish in the tank



Plant with required amount of water



Plant with lesser water supply

- ✓ Water acts as a medium for life for the aquatic animals.
- ✓ Water aids in transportation of man substances in human body.



### Activity 5

- Create a creative poster to be posted in the school wallpaper to illustrate the importance of water.

#### Evaluation

I. What are the properties of water?

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II. Write two instances where the solvent property of water is used in the kitchen?

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III. Observe the label of any bottle and record the substances that are dissolved in it.

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IV. What are the industries that separate substances that are dissolved in water?

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V. Write two biological process that take place in human body with the use of water.

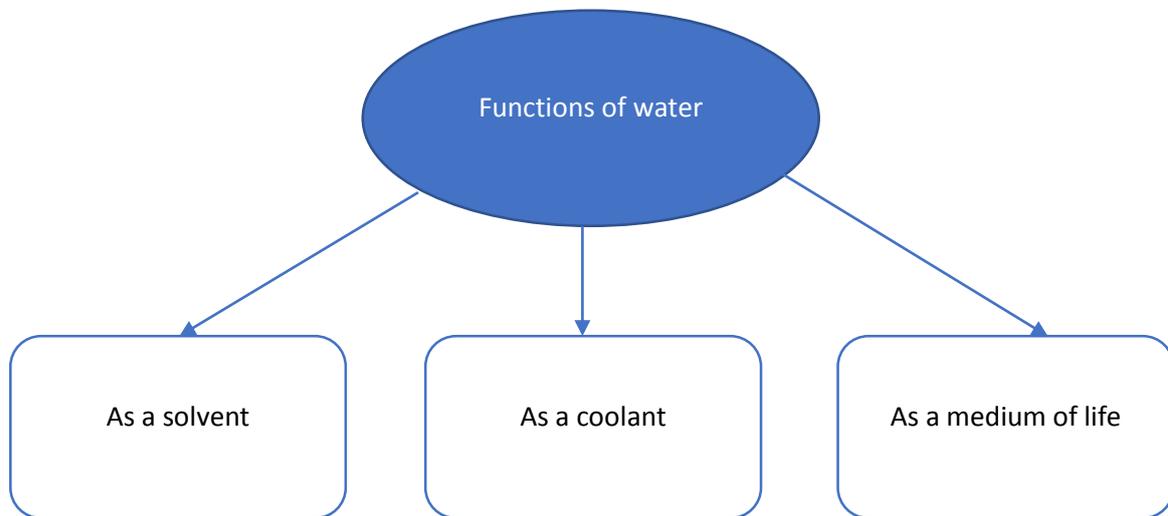
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VI. Write two instances where coolant property is used in day-to-day activities?

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### Summary



- Dissolve many substances in water
- Dissolve gasses in water
- Important in maintaining sanitation
- Useful in medical field

- Used in radiators in vehicles
- To avoid overheating of machines when functioning

- Provide habitat for many aquatic organisms
- Act as a medium for biological activities taking place in all living beings