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Chapter 7

Temperature and its Measurement

> "Wrong measurements are worse than no measurements at all."
>
> — Anna Mani

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Lambok and his elder sister Phiban live in Shillong. One day they came home from school. Their parents were away at work and Lambok complained that he was feeling feverish. Phiban touched his forehead and felt that he might be having a fever. To confirm this, she took out the thermometer kept in the almirah. She washed its tip with soap and water, and measured Lambok's temperature. To her relief, she found that his temperature was normal. She washed the thermometer tip again, dried it and put it back. She then asked Lambok to change his school uniform, eat his lunch, and rest for some time.

Can it always be correctly judged, that a person has fever, only by touching the person? ?

7.1 Hot or Cold?

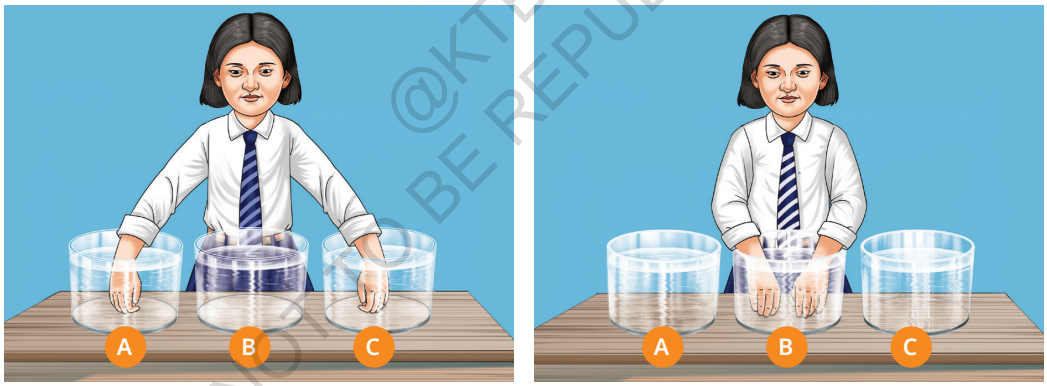
We know from experience that some bodies are hotter than others. For example, during summers, the tap water may be hotter than the cold water from a *matka* (earthen pot) or a

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refrigerator. We can realise this by merely touching the two samples of water. But can we always rely upon our sense of touch? Let us find out.

Activity 7.1: Let us investigate

- Take three large containers and label them A, B and C, as shown in Fig. 7.1.
- Pour warm water in container A, tap water in B and ice-cold water in C.
- We will conduct this activity in two parts — prediction and observation.
- Firstly, **predict** what will you feel if you
  - dip your right hand in A and left hand in C and keep them there for 1–2 minutes.
  - take out your hands from containers A and C, and place both hands simultaneously in B.



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Fig. 7.1: Feeling hotness or coldness of water by dipping hands

- Write down your predictions.
  - What will my right hand feel on dipping it in B?

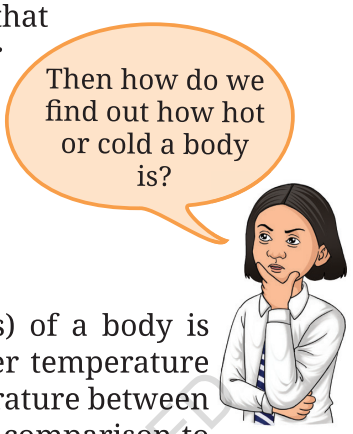
  - What will my left hand feel on dipping it in B?

- Now, conduct the activity and write your observations.

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Compare whether your observations match with your predictions. Did your right hand feel that the water in container B is cool, while your left hand felt that the same water is warm? What do you **infer** from these observations?

We cannot always rely upon our sense of touch to decide correctly whether a body is hot or cold.



7.2 Temperature

A reliable measure of hotness (or coldness) of a body is its **temperature**. A hotter body has a higher temperature than a colder body. The difference in temperature between the two bodies tells us how hot a body is in comparison to another body. A device that measures temperature is called a **thermometer**.

There are two kinds of thermometers that you are likely to come across—clinical thermometers and laboratory thermometers. Clinical thermometers are used to measure human body temperatures whereas laboratory thermometers are used for many other purposes. Let us now learn more about thermometers and how to use them to measure temperature.

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7.3 Measuring Temperature

7.3.1 Clinical thermometer

You might be familiar with a thermometer, like that shown in Fig. 7.2, which is used for measuring our body temperature. It is called a clinical thermometer. Such thermometers show temperatures digitally. These are also known as digital clinical thermometers and run on batteries. These measure



Fig.7.2: A digital clinical thermometer

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temperature when the thermometer is placed in contact with a person's body.

For measuring temperature, the clinical thermometers generally use a scale called the **Celsius scale**. On this scale, the unit of temperature is **degree Celsius** and is denoted by °C.

Earlier, mercury thermometers were used for measuring the body temperature. But mercury is an extremely toxic substance and is difficult to dispose of if the thermometer breaks accidently.



Digital thermometers pose no such risk and also the numbers in its display are easier to read. Therefore, mercury thermometers are being replaced by digital thermometers. Temperature in a digital thermometer is determined with the help of heat sensors.

Do you know?



They are non-contact thermometers, also called infrared thermometers. Such thermometers can measure temperature without touching a person's body and thus reduce the risk of spreading disease.



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Activity 7.2: Let us measure

Let us now use a digital clinical thermometer to measure body temperature. You may measure your own temperature as well as the temperature of some of your friends. Talk to your friends to find out who would be willing to get their body temperatures measured by you.

- Wash your hands and the tip of the digital thermometer with soap and water.
- Reset the thermometer by pressing the reset button.
- Place the thermometer under the tongue and close your mouth.
- Wait till the thermometer makes a beeping sound or flashes a light.
- Take it out from the mouth and read the temperature on the digital display.
- **Record** the temperature in Table 7.1.
- Clean the tip of the thermometer with soap and water, and dry it.
- Repeat the above steps for measuring the temperatures of your friends.

Precautions
to be taken while using a digital clinical thermometer

- To be used after reading the instruction manual of the thermometer.
- Tip of the thermometer to be washed with soap and water before and after use.
- While washing, care to be taken to keep the digital portion such as the display out of water.
- Do not hold the thermometer by the tip.

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Table 7.1: Body temperatures of 10 persons

S. no.	Name	Temperature (°C)
1.		
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10.		

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The normal temperature of a healthy human body is taken to be 37.0 °C. But in this activity, did you find that the normal temperature of every person was 37.0 °C? Or did you find the temperature slightly higher or lower for some people?

Do small children generally have slightly higher body temperatures as compared to adults? ?

Do old people, even when healthy, generally have lower body temperatures than young adults? ?

I have seen a friend of mine using a digital thermometer that reads temperature on a different scale. It shows the normal temperature of a healthy human body as 98.6 °F. What is the reason for this difference?



The temperature of every person may not be 37.0 °C. What we call normal temperature is the average body temperature of a large number of healthy people. A perfectly healthy person may, therefore, have a normal temperature slightly different from 37.0 °C. The body temperature is influenced by several factors, such as age, time of the day and activity level.

You may try measuring your own temperature at different times of the day and on different days. Record the thermometer readings in your notebook. After a month, analyse your temperature record and see if there are any variations. If yes, try to think what might be the reasons for that.

The temperature of human beings does not normally go below 35 °C or above 42 °C.

For measuring the body temperature of small children or old people, the digital thermometer can also be placed in the armpit. The temperature measured this way is about 0.5 °C to 1 °C lower than the actual body temperature.

There is another scale of temperature known as **Fahrenheit scale**. On this scale, the unit of temperature is **degree Fahrenheit** and is denoted by °F. A temperature measured as 37.0 °C on Celsius scale is equivalent to 98.6 °F on Fahrenheit scale. The Fahrenheit scale is not used in most scientific studies anymore. In scientific work, there is another scale of temperature known as **Kelvin scale**. On this scale, the unit for temperature is **kelvin** and is denoted by **K**. The **SI unit of temperature** is kelvin.

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All three temperature scales, Celsius, Fahrenheit and Kelvin are named in honour of the scientists who developed these scales.

We can easily convert the temperature from Celsius scale to Kelvin scale by using:

Temperature in Kelvin scale = Temperature in Celsius scale + 273.15

More to know!

The names of temperature scales—Celsius scale, Fahrenheit scale and Kelvin scale—start with a capital letter. For the units for temperature, degree Celsius and degree Fahrenheit, the word degree starts with a lower-case letter while Celsius and Fahrenheit start with a capital letter. The unit kelvin starts with a lower-case letter. The symbols of all units (°C, °F, K) are capital letters. Note that degree sign (°) is not written with K. A full stop is not written after the symbol, except at the end of a sentence. While writing the temperature, a space is left between the number and the unit. For temperatures more than one degree, use the plural of 'degree', that is, 'degrees', while writing the full form of the unit.

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Can a clinical thermometer be used for measuring the temperature of boiling water? Or for measuring the temperature of ice?

No, the temperatures of boiling water and ice are outside the range of a clinical thermometer.

Do you know?

How was fever detected before thermometers were developed? Fever affects the pulse rate of a person. This was known even in olden days in India. However, apart from fever, some other situations also affect the pulse rate. Hence, pulse rate alone is not a reliable indicator of fever.



How can we measure temperatures beyond the range of a clinical thermometer?

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7.3.2 Laboratory thermometer

There are many types of laboratory thermometers but the one that might be available in your school laboratory may look like the one shown in Fig. 7.3a. It consists of a long, narrow, uniform glass tube which is sealed. At one end of the tube is a bulb which contains a liquid. Outside the bulb, in the tube, a narrow column of liquid can be seen. There is a Celsius scale marked along the tube. The liquid column rises or falls with change in temperature. The mark of the Celsius scale with which the top level of the liquid column coincides is the temperature reading.

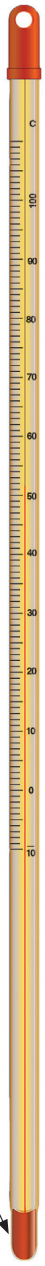


Fig.7.3(a): A laboratory thermometer

Do you know?

The liquid used in the laboratory thermometer is generally alcohol (coloured red to make it easily seen) or mercury.

Activity 7.3: Let us observe

Let us try to find the temperature range of a given laboratory thermometer.

- Take a laboratory thermometer and observe it carefully.
- Note down the following:
  - What is the lowest temperature it can measure?

  - What is the highest temperature it can measure?

  - So, the range of this thermometer is ----------

Precautions
to be taken while using a laboratory thermometer

- Handle with care. If it hits against some hard object, it can break.
- Do not hold it by the bulb.

Now look at the thermometer shown in Fig. 7.3a carefully. Can you tell its range? Its range is from –10 °C to 110 °C.

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Activity 7.4: Let us observe and calculate

Let us now try to find the smallest value that a given laboratory thermometer can read.

- Again, take the same laboratory thermometer which you used in Activity 7.3 and observe it carefully.
- Note down the following:
  - How much is the temperature difference indicated between the two bigger marks? ----------
  - How many divisions (shown by smaller marks) are there between these two bigger marks? ----------
  - How much temperature does one small division indicate? ----------
  - So, the smallest value that the thermometer can read is ----------

Fig. 7.3b shows a closeup of a part of the thermometer shown in Fig. 7.3a. Can you now find the smallest value that this thermometer can read?



Fig. 7.3(b): Closeup of a part of the thermometer shown in Fig. 7.3a.

For the thermometer shown in Fig. 7.3b, the temperature difference indicated between 0 °C and 10 °C or between 10 °C and 20 °C is 10 °C. And the number of divisions between these marks are 10 divisions. So, one small division can read 10/10 = 1 °C.

That is, the smallest value that this thermometer can read is 1 °C.

Your school laboratory may have thermometers for which the range and the value of the smallest division may be different. It is, therefore, always necessary to look carefully at the thermometer you are about to use.

You have learnt how to find the temperature range of a given laboratory thermometer. You have also learnt how to find the smallest value that a given laboratory thermometer can read. We will now learn how to measure temperature using a laboratory thermometer. But, let us first learn how to use a laboratory thermometer correctly.

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Correct way of measuring temperature using a laboratory thermometer

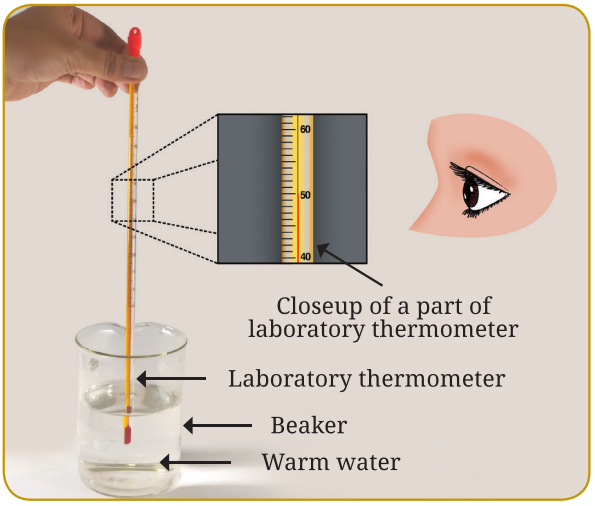
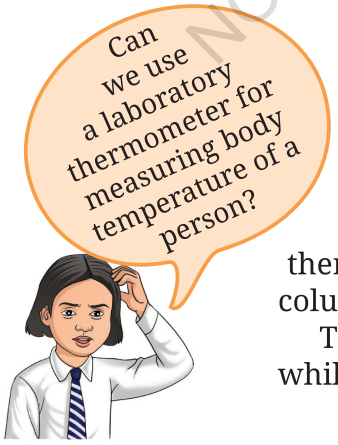


Fig.7.4: Measuring temperature of warm water

- When the thermometer is immersed in water, its bulb should not touch the bottom or the sides of the beaker.
- The thermometer should be held vertically (Fig. 7.4). It should not be tilted.
- The temperature must be read while the thermometer is immersed in water.
- While reading the thermometer, the eye should be directly in line with the level of the liquid column to be read (Fig. 7.4).

Activity 7.5: Let us measure

- Take some warm water in a beaker.
- Dip the thermometer in water so that the bulb is immersed in water (Fig. 7.4).
- Observe the rise of liquid column in the thermometer.



Wait till the column stops rising and note the temperature (do not wait too long; otherwise, the water itself will start to cool).

What is the temperature of water measured by you? Compare it with the readings of your friends.

Do you notice that, as soon as you take the thermometer out of the water, the level of liquid column begins to fall?

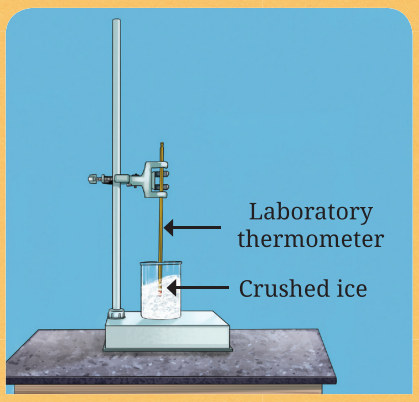
This means that the temperature must be read while the thermometer is immersed in water.

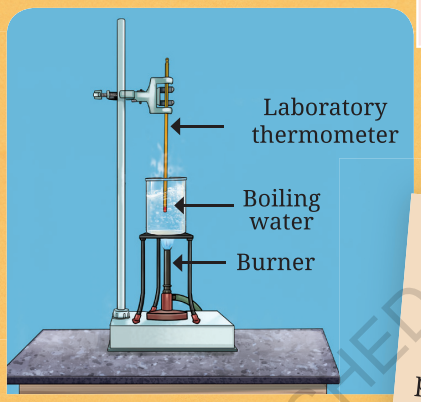
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Following two experimental setups are to be arranged by your teacher. One by one, as per your turn, go closer to the setups and observe the readings of both the thermometers. What are the temperatures of ice and boiling water?

More to do!





Caution
This activity should be performed strictly only under supervision of the teacher. Do not touch the experimental setups.

Read the temperatures of ice and boiling water again after some time. Are the temperatures same or have changed? You may have noticed that the temperature of water remains constant while it is boiling. Also, the temperature of ice remains constant while it is melting.

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Activity 7.6: Let us compare

- Phiban's Science teacher arranged the experimental setup for measuring temperature of boiling water. The temperature readings of the boiling water taken by Phiban and her classmates in Shillong are given in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2: Temperature of boiling water

Name	Temperature of boiling water (in °C)
Phiban	97.8
Shemphang	98.0
Onestar	97.9
Kloi	98.0
Bandarisha	98.1

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- Compare the temperatures of boiling water recorded by different students.

Why are there differences in their readings? **Discuss** the possible reasons amongst yourselves. Maybe, the correct way of reading temperature was not followed by all the students.

7.3.3 Air temperature

You might have seen thermometers, such as the one shown in Fig. 7.5, hung on walls of your school laboratory, doctor's clinic, and hospitals. These give an approximate idea of the room temperature.

Have you seen weather reports in newspapers, TV news or internet? These reports also mention the maximum and minimum air temperature of the day.

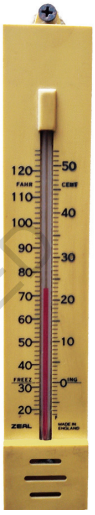


Fig.7.5: Room thermometer

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Activity 7.7: Let us analyse

- Read or listen to the weather reports for a place for 10 successive days.
- Record the maximum and minimum air temperature for each day in Table 7.3.
- Analyse the data in Table 7.3.

Table 7.3: Maximum and minimum air temperature

S.no.	Date	Maximum air temperature	Minimum air temperature
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.			
10.			

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Does the maximum and minimum temperature stay at the same level during these days?

Because weather depends on several factors, these temperatures usually vary every day. Generally, as we approach the summer season, the temperature rises and during the winter season it falls.

More to know!

There are many techniques for measuring air temperature. Air temperature is an important weather parameter and is monitored at weather stations all over the world. The data gathered on air temperature along with various other parameters are used for making weather forecasts.

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Know a scientist

Anna Mani (1918–2001) was an Indian scientist, also known as the 'Weather Woman of India'. She invented and built a large number of weather measurement instruments. This reduced the reliance of India on other nations for such instruments. She also explored the possibilities of using wind and solar energy in India. Her work helped India to become one of the global leaders in renewable energy.



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Keywords

Air Temperature	Analyse
Celsius Scale	Calculate
Clinical thermometer	Compare
degree Celsius	Discuss
degree Fahrenheit	Infer
Fahrenheit scale	Investigate
kelvin	Measure
Kelvin scale	Observe
Laboratory thermometer	Precaution
SI unit of temperature	Predict
Temperature	Record

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Summary

Key Points

- The temperature of a body tells us how hot or cold it is.
- The three most-used scales of temperature are: (a) the Celsius scale, (b) the Fahrenheit scale, and (c) the Kelvin scale. The units of temperature in these scales are (a) degree Celsius, denoted by °C, (b) degree Fahrenheit, denoted by °F, and (c) kelvin, denoted by K.
- The SI unit for temperature is kelvin.
- A clinical thermometer is used for measuring body temperature.
- Normal temperature of a healthy human adult is taken to be 37.0 °C or 98.6 °F.
- Laboratory thermometers typically have a temperature range from –10 °C to 110 °C.

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Let us enhance our learning

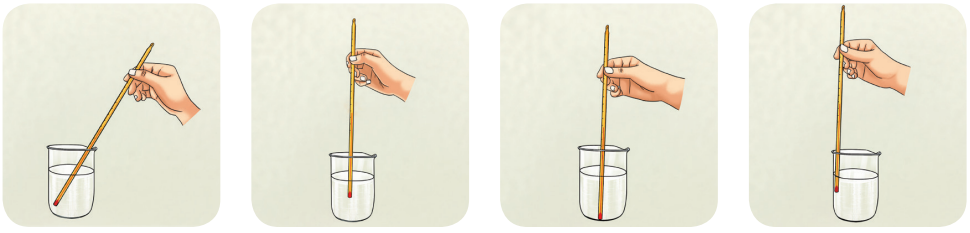
1. The normal temperature of a healthy human being is close to ---------- .
   (i) 98.6 °C
   (ii) 37.0 °C
   (iii) 32.0 °C
   (iv) 27.0 °C

2. 37 °C is the same temperature as ---------- .
   (i) 97.4 °F
   (ii) 97.6 °F
   (iii) 98.4 °F
   (iv) 98.6 °F

3. Fill in the blanks:
   (i) The hotness or coldness of a system is determined by its ---------- .
   (ii) The temperature of ice-cold water cannot be measured by a ---------- thermometer.
   (iii) The unit of temperature is degree ---------- .

4. The range of a laboratory thermometer is usually ---------- .
   (i) 10 °C to 100 °C
   (ii) –10 °C to 110 °C
   (iii) 32 °C to 45 °C
   (iv) 35 °C to 42 °C

5. Four students used a laboratory thermometer to measure the temperature of water as shown in Fig. 7.6:



Student 1 Student 2 Student 3 Student 4

Fig. 7.6

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Who do you think followed the correct way for measuring temperature?

(i) Student 1

(ii) Student 2

(iii) Student 3

(iv) Student 4

6. Colour to show the red column on the drawings of thermometers (Fig. 7.7) as per the temperatures written below:

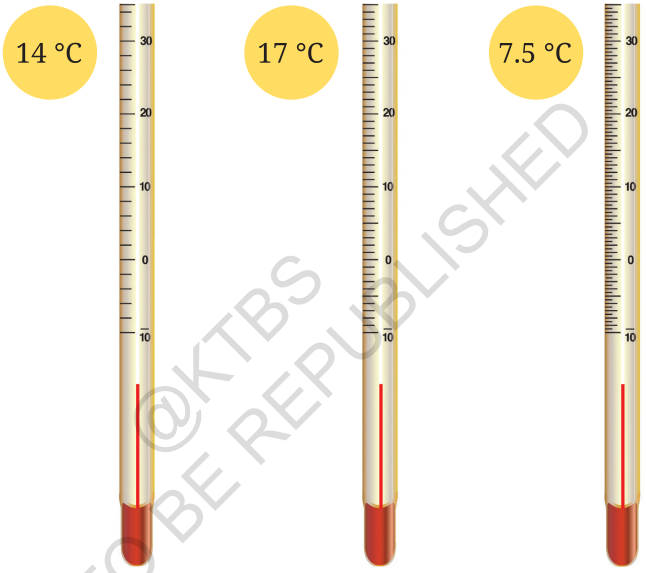


Fig. 7.7

7. Observe the part of thermometer shown in Fig. 7.8 and answer the following questions:



Fig. 7.8

(i) What type of thermometer is it?

(ii) What is the reading of the thermometer?

(iii) What is the smallest value that this thermometer can measure?

8. A laboratory thermometer is not used to measure our body temperature. Give a reason.

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9. Vaishnavi has not gone to school as she is ill. Her mother has kept a record of her body temperature for three days as shown in Table 7.4.

Table 7.4: Body temperature record of Vaishnavi

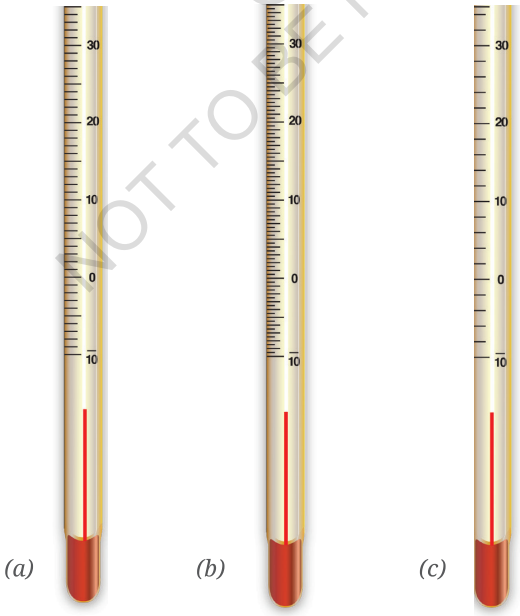
DAY	Temperature at					
	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm
One	38.0 °C	37.8 °C	38.0 °C	38.0 °C	40.0 °C	39.0 °C
Two	38.6 °C	38.8 °C	39.0 °C	39.0 °C	39.0 °C	38.0 °C
Three	37.6 °C	37.4 °C	37.2 °C	37.0 °C	36.8 °C	36.6 °C

(i) What was Vaishnavi's highest recorded temperature?

(ii) On which day and at what time was Vaishnavi's highest temperature recorded?

(iii) On which day did Vaishnavi's temperature return to normal?

10. If you have to measure the temperature 22.5 °C, which of the following three thermometers will you use (Fig. 7.9)? Explain.



(a) (b) (c)

Fig. 7.9: Three thermometers

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11. The temperature shown by the thermometer in Fig. 7.10 is

(i) 28.0 °C
(ii) 27.5 °C
(iii) 26.5 °C
(iv) 25.3 °C



Fig. 7.10

12. A laboratory thermometer has 50 divisions between 0 °C and 100 °C. What does each division of this thermometer measure?

13. Draw the scale of a thermometer in which the smallest division reads 0.5 °C. You may draw only the portion between 10 °C and 20 °C.

14. Komal tells you that she has a fever of 101 degrees. Does she mean it on the Celsius scale or Fahrenheit scale?

Learning further

- Gather information from the Internet and find out how the body temperature of animals, such as a cat, dog, horse, camel, cow and buffalo, is measured. If there is any veterinary hospital in your vicinity, you may visit to see the body temperature of animals being measured.
- Find out which places in India are usually regarded to be the coldest and hottest. Also, find out the minimum and the maximum temperatures recorded for these places.
- Various planets in our Solar System are at different distances from the Sun. Search the Internet and make a table with the planets, their distances from the Sun (in increasing order) and their temperatures written. Does the average temperature of planets decrease as their distance from the Sun increases? If it is not true for any planet, find out for which planet and why.
- Hang a room thermometer in your classroom. Set up the apparatus, as shown in Fig. 7.11, near the thermometer hung on the wall.

  Take the readings of thermometers 1 and 2 three times during the day, say, first period, lunch break, and last period.

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Record your readings. Compare the readings and draw your conclusions. Repeat this for two weeks.

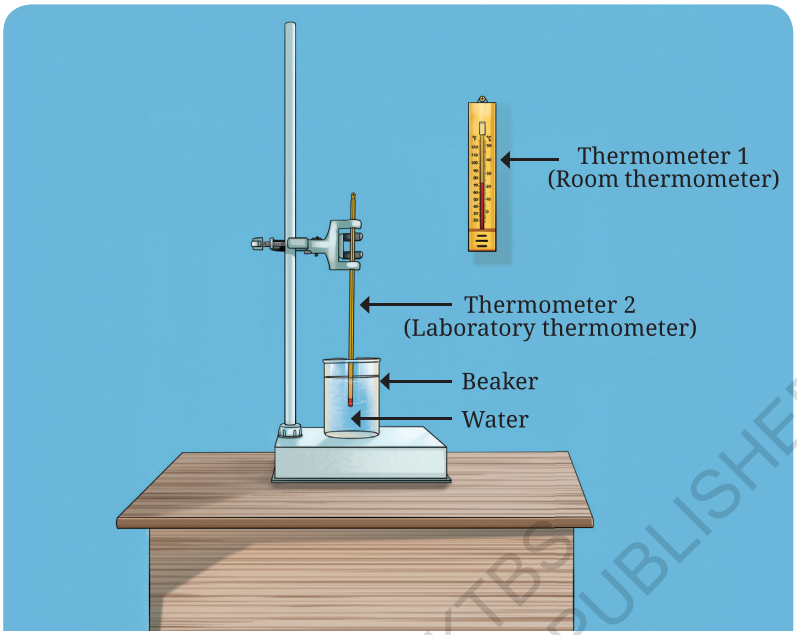


Fig. 7.11: Set up to measure temperature of water and room temperature

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More to know!

The temperature at the core of the Sun reaches as high as 15 million degrees Celsius. Are there objects in the sky that have even higher temperatures? There is no limit on the highest temperature that can exist. However, as per scientific understanding, there is a limit to the lowest temperature that can be achieved. It is close to –273.15 °C (0 kelvin) and is called absolute zero.

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Chapter 8

A Journey through States of Water

"நெடுங்கடலும் தன்நீர்மை குன்றும் தடிந்தெழிலி
தான்நல்கா தாகி விடின்"

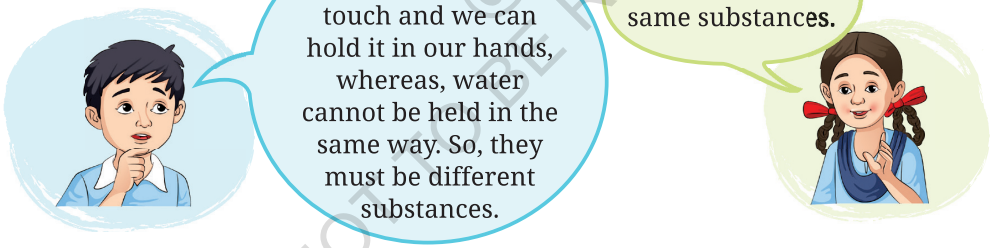
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If it does not rain well, even the mighty ocean will be drained.

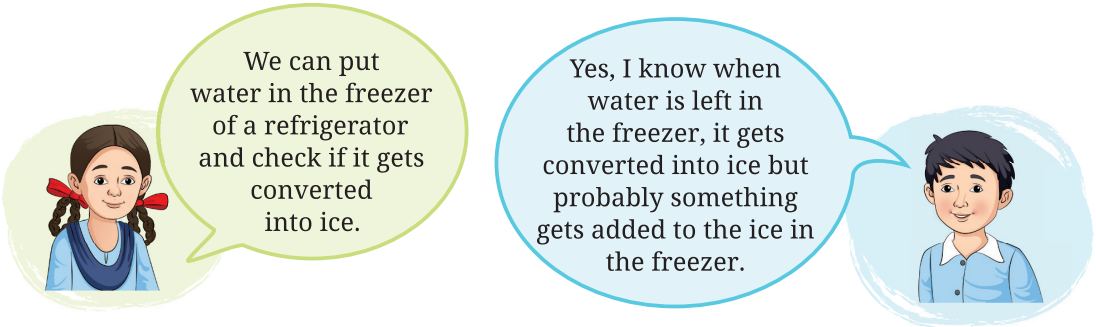
(Thirukkural)"

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On a bright summer afternoon, Aavi and Thirav enjoy their *shikanji* (lemonade). After looking at the ice in the lemonade, Thirav wonders about the nature of ice and water.



Aavi has a counterview to Thirav. What do you think? Why?



Do you think Thirav is right? How can you find out?

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Activity 8.1: Let us observe

- Put an ice cube in a cup, leave it on the table and observe.

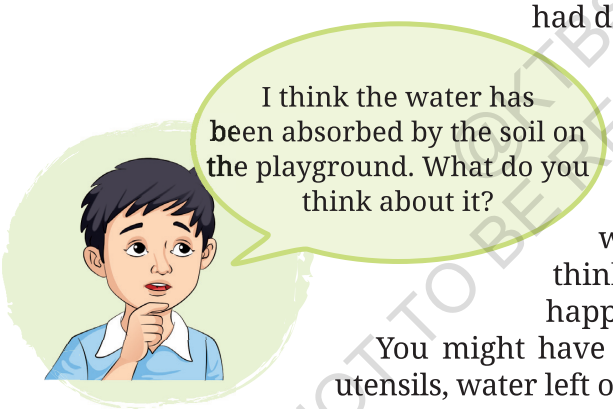
Ice gets converted into water.

What can you conclude from the observations?

Does this mean that ice and water are the same substance? Yes, ice and water are the two forms of the same substance. These forms are also called states. These different states of water show many differences in their behaviour. Water flows but ice does not. Water splashes but ice does not.

8.1 Investigating Water's Disappearing Act

It is a rainy morning. While going to school, Aavi and Thirav observe that there are a lot of water puddles in the playground. That evening, when they go to play, they are surprised to observe that some of the water in the puddles had disappeared.



Have you ever noticed water in the puddles disappearing? Where does it go? Discuss with your friends.

Where else have you seen water disappearing? Can you think of a possible **reason** why this happens?

You might have observed that after washing the utensils, water left on the surface of the utensils, dries up after some time. Does the reason you thought earlier to explain water disappearance apply in this case also?

Aavi wonders if water has seeped through the surface of the utensils.

Thirav thinks that water does not seep through the surface of the utensils. Design an activity to **investigate** whose idea is correct.

Activity 8.2: Let us investigate

- Take a tablespoon of water on a steel plate as shown in Fig. 8.1.

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- Observe whether water seeps through to the other side of the plate or not.
- Keep observing this at regular intervals until the water completely disappears.

What do you infer? Is this activity enough to come to the conclusion that water does not seep through a steel plate?

If water does not seep through the steel plate. Then, where has the water gone?

This water gets converted into gaseous state called **water vapour**. The water vapour is another state of water. Let us think of another observation where you notice the water disappearing.



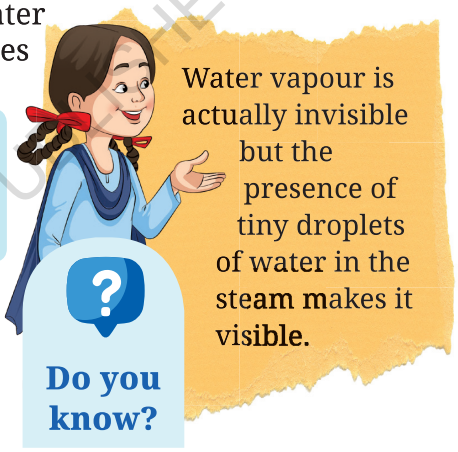
Fig. 8.1: Steel plate with a tablespoon of water

While making dosa, we sprinkle some water on the hot pan and it disappears. Where does it go?

Let us draw

Draw a detailed sketch (with labels and caption) about what happens to the water.

The water which is sprinkled on the hot pan gets converted into steam. Steam is actually water vapour, some part of which converts into water droplets.



The process of conversion of water into its vapour state is called **evaporation**.

The process of evaporation takes place continuously, even at room temperature. Can you think of other examples of evaporation?

Drying of wet clothes, mopped floor, and sweat on our body are some examples of it.

Now what do you think is the reason for the disappearance of water from the puddles? Is it due to: (i) seeping of water into the ground or (ii) evaporation of water or (iii) both of these?

Hand sanitiser disappears as you rub it on your hands. What happens to it?

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8.2 Another Mystery

Next day, Aavi, Thirav and their friends decide to make lemonade. During the preparation, they take cold water in a glass tumbler and add ice cubes into it. After a few minutes, they notice something exciting about the outer surface of the glass tumbler.

Let us find out by conducting a similar activity ourselves.

Activity 8.3: Let us experiment

- Take cold water in a glass tumbler.
- Add a few ice cubes into it as shown in Fig. 8.2.



Fig. 8.2: A glass tumbler containing cold water and ice cubes

- Leave it undisturbed for five minutes and observe it.
- **Record** your observations and the questions that arise in your mind in Table 8.1. You can also touch the outer surface of the glass tumbler to feel if there is any change.

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You may have many observations and questions here.

Table 8.1: Record the observations and questions

I observe	I wonder

One observation that arises in Aavi's mind is, "There are some water droplets (tiny drops) appearing on the outer surface of the glass tumbler." Initially, water droplets are deposited and these droplets combine together to form bigger drops. You can also try the above process with a metal container. You may be curious about where the water droplets come from.

Suggest possible reasons explaining the appearance of water droplets on the outer surface of the glass tumbler.

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Discuss with your friends. Write down the possible reasons in Fig. 8.3.



Fig. 8.3: Provide your possible reasons explaining the appearance of water droplets on the outer surface of the glass tumbler

You may have various possible reasons. You may agree or disagree with the reasons of others. Aavi and Thirav argued with a chain of reasons. What do you think about the possible reasons mentioned in Fig. 8.4?

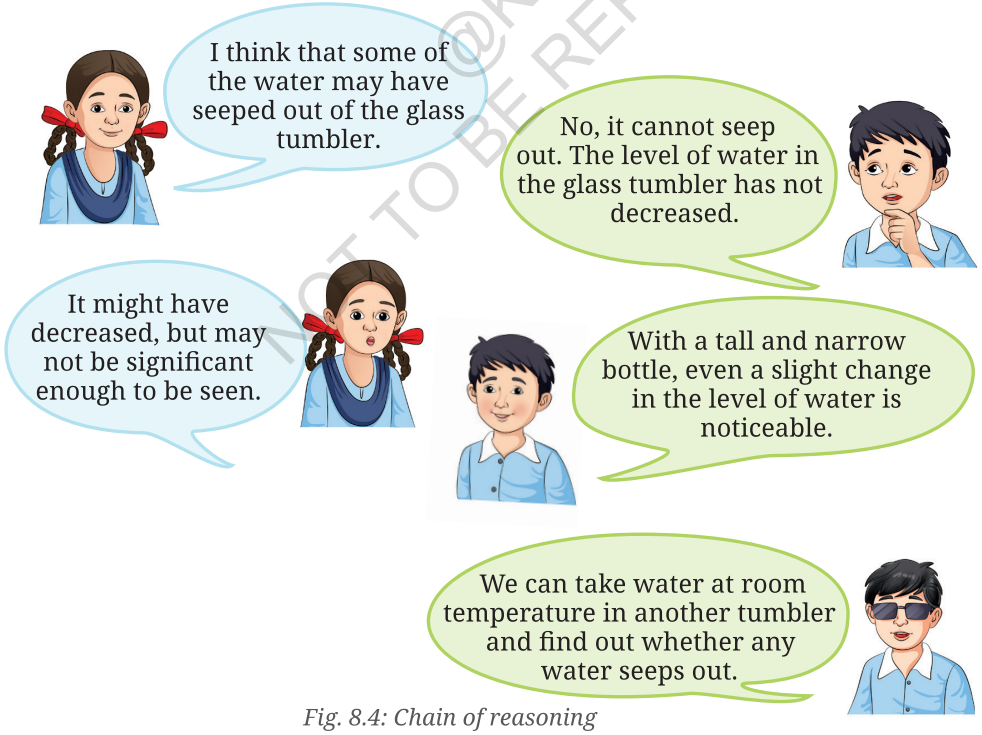


Fig. 8.4: Chain of reasoning

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Continue the discussion on the given reasons or conduct activities to find evidence for the reasons given to help in this discussion. Where else have you seen water droplets like this?



Dew drops on plants

You might have seen dew drops on plants. Why do we see dew drops more in the morning? When we boil the water in a half-filled utensil and cover it with a steel plate, some water drops accumulate on the inner side of the steel plate. Where do these water drops come from? What do you think?

When the water vapour present in the air comes in contact with a cold surface, it forms water droplets. The process of conversion of water vapour into its liquid state is called **condensation**.

After understanding the concept of condensation of water, let us go back to Activity 8.3. Could the water appearing on the outer surface of the glass tumbler in Activity 8.3 also be due to condensation of water vapour present in the air? Let us investigate it.

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Activity 8.4: Let us measure

Aavi and Thirav conduct an activity to find evidence for their reasons. You can also conduct the activity by following the steps given below. Record your data in Table 8.2.

- Take a glass tumbler half-filled with water containing a few ice cubes. Cover it with a small steel plate. Weigh it on a digital weighing balance.
- Observe the reading on the balance and record the weight after every five minutes.
- Continue observing for 30 minutes. Record your observations in Table 8.2.

Predict what will happen to the mass of cold water kept on the digital weighing balance. Will it increase or decrease or remain the same?

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Table 8.2: Measurement of mass in condensation experiment using a digital weighing balance

Time	Mass of water
0 min	
5 min	
10 min	
15 min	
20 min	
25 min	
30 min	

Do your findings match with your predictions? Explain your observations.

You may observe some water droplets on the glass tumbler. Water vapour from the air comes in contact with the cold surface of the glass tumbler and gets converted into water droplets on the glass tumbler through condensation. There is an increase in the reading on the digital weighing balance. Can we conclude that water is not seeping through the wall of the tumbler? Can we also conclude that the water collected outside the tumbler is only due to condensation? No, we cannot say that conclusively from Activity 8.4. What more can you do to show that water is not seeping from the glass tumbler? How would you modify Activity 8.4 to find the answer?

Repeat Activity 8.4 with the following modifications—

- Mark the water level on the glass tumbler with a permanent marker or a visible tape.

What do you observe? Water level in the glass tumbler does not go down but the extra water gets collected on the outer surface of the glass tumbler. What can you conclude



More to do!

The amount of water vapour in the air is also known as humidity. The daily humidity data for your area is reported in the newspapers and other sources. Compile the data for the year and study any patterns, if present.

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from this? This activity shows that water is not seeping from the glass tumbler and the extra water is getting collected because of condensation.

8.3 What are the Different States of Water?

Water is a substance that can be observed in three different states in our daily life. In the solid state, it exists as ice. On heating, the ice melts and gets converted into its liquid state. On further heating, water gets converted into its gaseous state. Let us perform Activity 8.5 to identify the properties of different states of water.

Activity 8.5: Let us identify

- Put an ice cube in one container and transfer it to another container of different shape. What changes do you notice in the shape of the ice cube? Record your observations in Table 8.3.
- Pour water from one container to another container of a different shape. Observe how water behaves compared to the ice cube and make a record. Did you notice how water flows from one container to the other? What happens to its shape?
- Pour water on a clean surface and observe how it spreads.
- When water gets converted into water vapour, how does this water vapour spread? Compare this with the spreading behaviour of water.

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Table 8.3: Compare different states of water

Property	Ice (Solid state)	Water (Liquid state)	Water vapour (Gaseous state)
Shape			
Ability to flow			
Ability to spread			

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What are the differences in the properties of water in solid, liquid and gaseous states?

Ice (solid state) retains its shape irrespective of the container in which it is placed while water takes the shape of the container. Ice does not flow or spread.

Water (liquid state) flows and changes its shape. Water does not have a fixed shape. It takes up the shape of the container in which it is kept, but the volume of water remains constant. Does water also possess the property to spread? Yes, water also has the property to spread while keeping the volume constant.

Water vapour (gaseous state) exhibits a property of spreading out in the entire available space. Gases do not possess a fixed shape. Water vapour exists even at room temperature; though it is invisible to us. It is present in the air around us. The water that evaporates during processes like drying of clothes or mopping of floors contribute to the water vapour in the air around us.

You are now familiar with the three states of water. Some other substances also exhibit these states. For example, wax, oil and ghee. Let us look at some more examples of solids, liquids and gases.

Look around and find some examples of solid substances. Some examples could be stones, wood and glass.

What are the other examples of liquids you can think of? Here are two examples—milk and oil. Think of five more examples.

Have you ever noticed that you can smell the food being cooked even without entering the kitchen? How does this smell reach us?

It is because the smell of yummy food from cooking spreads through the air and reaches our nostrils, even if we are not in the kitchen.

What are the other examples of gases you can think of? What about oxygen and carbon dioxide?

8.4 How can We Change the States of Water?

So far we have learnt that water can exist in solid, liquid and gaseous states. How can you change the state of water?

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Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) machines collect water from humid air to produce drinkable water. This is done through condensation of water vapour by cooling the air. This process is similar to the formation of drops of water outside the glass tumbler filled with ice cold water.

More to know!

How can you quickly change ice to its liquid state, water?

If we have to change ice into water, and water into water vapour, we have to supply heat to it. If we want to change water into ice, what should be done?

It can be done by placing water in a cold environment, such as a freezer. Water freezes and is converted into ice. If we take the ice out of the freezer, it melts and is converted into water.

Can you think of any other example, besides water, that can change from solid to liquid?

A candle, which is made of wax, is one such example.

How can we turn candle wax into liquid state? How can we change the liquid wax back into solid state? We should cool the liquid wax to change it into a solid. What are the other liquids you have seen which get converted into a solid? Have you ever seen coconut oil getting converted into its solid state during the winter season?

Hence, we can see that water and other substances change their states on heating or cooling. The process of conversion of a solid into liquid state is called **melting**. The process of conversion of liquid into solid state is called **freezing**.

Let us check the connection between different states of water through Activity 8.6.

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Activity 8.6: Let us complete the diagram

Fill up the blank boxes in Fig. 8.5 marked as A, B, C and 1, 2, 3, 4 for conversion of different states of water using the words given in the box. Two words have been filled for you.

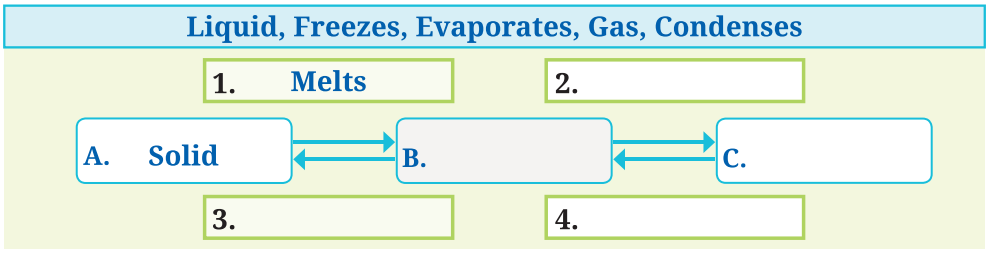


Fig. 8.5: Conversion of different states of water

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8.5 How can Water be Evaporated Faster or Slower?

In section 8.1, we have learnt about evaporation. Let us explore it more!

Observe your surroundings. What are the conditions that affect how fast water evaporates? What differences do you see in evaporation on a cold day versus a hot day? Discuss with your friends. The following words may help in your discussion—fan, drying cloth, sweating, windy day, hot day, rainy day.

Let us perform Activity 8.7 to investigate conditions that will affect how fast water will evaporate.

Activity 8.7: Let us investigate

- Take water in a small cap of a bottle (you may use sanitiser in place of water).
- Take the same amount of water in a plate. The exposed area of water in the bottle cap and the plate are different.
- Keep both of them near each other.
- Record the time taken for the water to completely evaporate in each case in Table 8.4.

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Let us investigate

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Reflect on what you did really well in this activity. ?

Table 8.4: Findings of the investigation

Exposed area of water	Time taken for complete evaporation
Less (bottle cap)	
More (plate)	

What can you conclude from this investigation?

If you spread out water on a plate, its area exposed to air is larger. Therefore, evaporation is faster.

What would happen if milk is taken instead of water in the above activity?

Other conditions which affect how fast water evaporates

Design an activity similar to Activity 8.7 to find out what are the other conditions which can affect how fast water will evaporate. What would you change? What would you keep the same? Perform this activity, use Table 8.5 to record the data and discuss your observations.

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Table 8.5: Record the data of an investigation where one condition is changed and other condition remains the same

Condition that is kept the same: _____

Condition that is changed	Time taken for complete evaporation

Other than the conditions you have explored to find how water can be made to evaporate faster or slower, you can also conduct Activity 8.8 to explore it further.

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Activity 8.8: Let us explore

- Take identical caps of two bottles.
- Pour equal amount of water in each of the cap.
- Place one of the cap in sunlight and keep the other in shade as shown in Fig. 8.6.
- Observe the two caps of bottles after every 15 minutes.
- Record the time taken for the water to completely evaporate in each case.
- You can also repeat this activity on a windy or a rainy day, and record your observations.

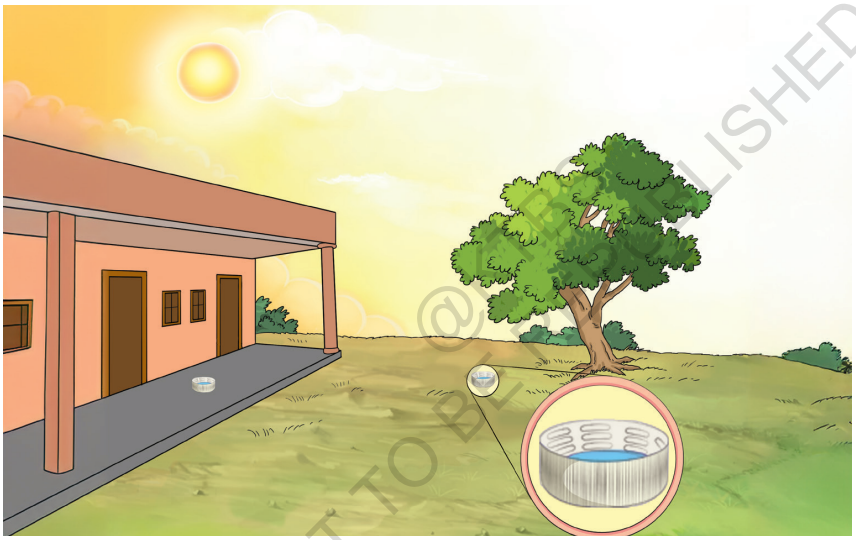


Fig. 8.6: Evaporation of water in sunlight and in shade

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What conclusions can you draw from Activity 8.8 and other similar experiences?

- Water evaporates faster from the cap kept in sunlight compared to the cap kept in shade.
- It is a common observation that clothes dry faster on a hot sunny day. Do clothes dry faster or slower on a windy day? It is once again a common observation that clothes dry faster on a windy day. With the increase in the movement of air, water evaporates faster.

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Do you know?

The amount of water vapour in the air is more on rainy days and hence rainy days are more humid.

- It is also a common observation that clothes dry slowly on a rainy day. On a rainy day, water evaporates slowly. If the amount of water in the air is already high (more **humidity**), water evaporates slowly.

If you want to dry your clothes on a rainy day, how can you make it faster?

8.6 Cooling Effect

Aavi's mother purchased a new *matka* (earthen pot) to replace the stainless steel pot for storing drinking water. Upon returning from school, Aavi notices the earthen pot and drinks water from it. Aavi expresses surprise and asks, "Why is the water in the earthen pot so cold? I never observed water getting cold in a stainless steel pot." What do you think is the reason?



Water seeps through the surface of the earthen pot and evaporates, which imparts a cooling effect on the water. What are the other examples of cooling effect? Sprinkling water on the floor or the roof during summer to cool it, is another example.

How do you feel when you rub sanitiser on your hands?

Let us perform Activity 8.9 to observe the cooling effect by making a simple and electricity-free model of pot-in-pot cooler.

Activity 8.9: Let us make a model

- Take two earthen pots of different sizes.
- Fill the bottom of the larger pot with a layer of sand.
- Place the smaller pot into the centre of the larger one as shown in Fig. 8.7.
- Fill the gap between the pots with more sand.
- Pour water in the sand area.

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- Place a lid or wet jute sack to cover the top of the smaller pot.
- You can also make a drawing of the pot-in-pot cooler once it is ready.

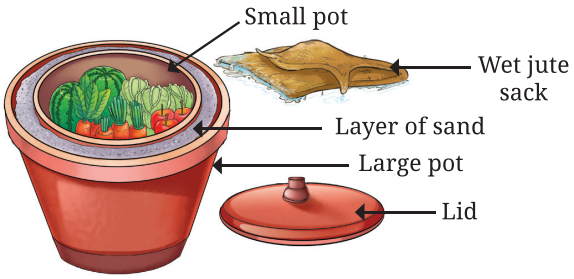


Fig. 8.7: A pot-in-pot cooler

Allow 4–5 hours for the mini pot-in-pot cooler to cool down. The time range can be influenced by many conditions. Observe and discuss how it creates a cooling effect inside the pots. Keep some vegetables and fruits in it and observe for a week on a daily basis to check for the freshness of the vegetables and fruits kept inside the cooler. You will have to add water regularly to keep the sand moist. For how many days can the vegetables and fruits be kept fresh in it? What are the conditions which can affect the number of these days? What else can be used in place of sand for better cooling?

You all may be familiar with this unique clay pot which is called *Surahi* (Fig. 8.8). In summers, *surahi* is used to keep the water cold.



Fig. 8.8: A surahi

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8.7 How Do Clouds Give Us Rain?

Condensation plays a significant role in the process of bringing evaporated water back to the Earth's surface. How does this happen? When air moves higher above the Earth's surface, it becomes cooler and cooler. At certain heights, the air gets so cool that the water vapour in it turns into droplets which are generally formed around dust particles. These small droplets float in the air and form clouds. Many droplets join together to form bigger drops of water. Some drops get so heavy that they start falling. These falling water drops are what we call rain.

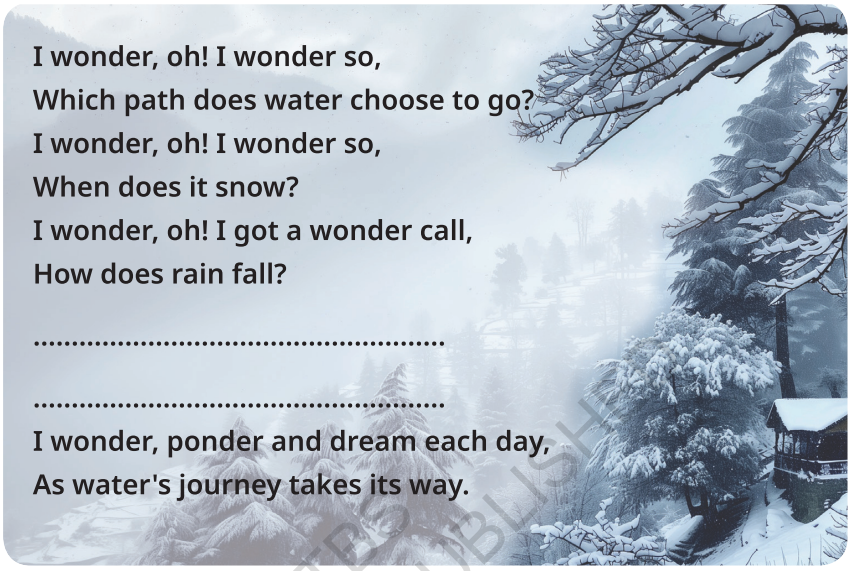
Do you know?

Why does air containing water vapour go up in the atmosphere (thin layer of air that surrounds the Earth)?

As we know, gas balloons containing lighter gases go up in the air. Similarly, water vapour is lighter than air, causing it to rise.

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Under special conditions, it might also fall as hail or snow. Aavi enjoys the rain and creates a poem. You can complete the poem and present it in your class.



I wonder, oh! I wonder so,
Which path does water choose to go?
I wonder, oh! I wonder so,
When does it snow?
I wonder, oh! I got a wonder call,
How does rain fall?

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I wonder, ponder and dream each day,
As water's journey takes its way.

Activity 8.10 demonstrates the role of dust particles in the formation of clouds.



Caution
Handle burning paper carefully.

Activity 8.10: Let us engage in a group activity

- Take an empty discarded one litre plastic bottle. Pour about one cup of water into it.
- Close the lid tightly. Now quickly squeeze and release the bottle continuously for about 2–3 minutes. Observe the space above the water in the bottle.
- Repeat the same activity after adding a small burnt piece of newspaper into the water.
- What will you observe?
- In this case, you will observe some haziness (clouds) above the water in the bottle.
- The burnt newspaper provides very small invisible dust particles, around which water vapour condenses and forms clouds.

Let us perform Activity 8.11 to represent our understanding of how water changes its state and its movement.

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Activity 8.11: Let us understand the process

Label Fig. 8.9 using arrows shown and the words given in the box to show where water is stored, how water changes its state and where it moves.

Cloud, Lake, Ocean, River, Groundwater, Evaporation, Condensation, Rain, Snow

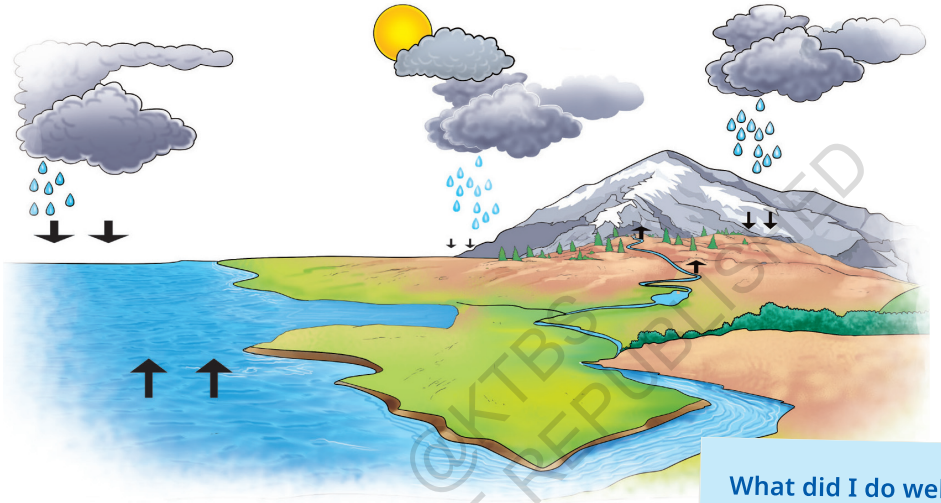


Fig. 8.9: Change of states and movement of water

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The water from the ocean and the Earth's surface evaporates into the atmosphere as vapour and returns as rain, hail or snow, ultimately flowing back to the oceans. This circulation of water is known as the **water cycle**.

Only a small portion of water available on the Earth is fit for use by plants, animals and humans. Most of the water is in the oceans and it cannot be used directly. We use water for drinking and also for many other activities. The number of people using water is increasing with a rise in population. The increasing demand for water causes its shortage in many parts of the world. Hence, it is very important to use water wisely and avoid wasting it. Let us keep our water bodies free from pollution. You will learn more about water and its conservation in the chapter 'Nature's Treasures'.

What did I do well? Was I able to label all the parts of the water cycle? Which parts of the water cycle were unclear to me?

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Keywords

Condensation	Experiment
Evaporation	Investigate
Freezing	Observe
Gas	Predict
Humidity	Question
Liquid	Reason
Melting	Record
Solid	
Water cycle	
Water vapour	

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Summary

Key Points

- The process of conversion of water into its vapour state is called evaporation.
- The process of conversion of water vapour into its liquid state is called condensation.
- Water is found in different states—solid, liquid and gas.
- Water changes its state on heating or cooling.
- Conditions which make the evaporation faster or slower are exposed area, humidity, air movement, etc.
- Evaporation causes cooling effect.

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- The water vapour in the air condenses to form tiny droplets of water, which appear as clouds. Many tiny water droplets come together and fall down as rain, hail or snow.
- The circulation of water between the Earth surface and atmosphere is known as the water cycle.
- We have used the process of observation, questioning, possible reason and experimenting to find out the concepts of evaporation and condensation.

Let us enhance our learning



1. Which of the following best describes condensation?
   (i) The conversion of water into its vapour state.
   (ii) The process of water changing from a liquid into gaseous state.
   (iii) The formation of clouds from tiny water droplets.
   (iv) The conversion of water vapour into its liquid state.
2. Identify in which of the given processes, evaporation is very important—
   (i) Colouring with
   (a) crayons (b) water colours
   (c) acrylic colours (d) pencil colours
   (ii) Writing on paper with
   (a) pencil (b) ink pen (c) ball point pen
3. We see green coloured plastic grass at many places these days. Space around natural grass feels cooler than space around the plastic grass. Can you find out why?
4. Give examples of liquids other than water that evaporate.
5. Fans move air around, creating a cooling sensation. It might seem strange to use a fan to dry wet clothes since fans usually make things cooler, not warmer. Normally, when water evaporates, it requires heat, not cold air. What do you think about this?
6. Usually, when sludge is removed from drains, it is left in heaps next to the drain for 3–4 days. Afterward, it is transported to a garden or a field where it can be used as

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manure. This approach reduces transportation cost of the sludge and enhances the safety of individuals handling it. Reflect upon it and explain how.

7. Observe the activities in your house for a day. Identify the activities that involve evaporation. How does understanding the process of evaporation help us in our daily activities?

8. How is water present in the solid state in nature?

9. Reflect on the statement "Water is our responsibility before it is our right." Share your thoughts.

10. The seat of a two-wheeler parked on a sunny day has become very hot. How can you cool it down?

Learning further

- Wet one hand with water and leave the other dry. Blow air across both hands and feel the cooling effect. Find out the reasons for it.
- Make a game to navigate through different states of water and water related concepts to reach the finish line. Challenge cards with questions related to water cycle, evaporation, condensation, etc., can be some game elements.
- Discuss with your teacher and act out the stages of the water cycle through a role-playing activity in your school assembly.

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Chapter 9

Methods of Separation in Everyday Life

“साधु ऐसा चाहिए जैसा सूप सुभाय ।
सार सार को गहि रहै थोथा दई उड़ाय ।।

—कबीर

Just like winnowing makes the husk blow away while retaining the grains, similarly, sages let the virtues stay while discarding the vices.

—Kabir”

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Malli and his sister Valli are excited for their summer vacations. Their parents have planned a trip to visit their relatives and friends living across India. They always stay in touch with their relatives and friends. Do you also keep in touch with your loved ones?

Their first halt is at their *Nani's* (maternal grandmother's) house in Haryana. It is surrounded by large fields. Malli and Valli are fascinated by the variety of grains piled up in the courtyard. Their *Mami* (maternal aunt) and *Mama* (maternal uncle), along with other community members, are busy separating small stones and husk from the grains with their hands.



Malli and Valli are curious to know why this is being done. Their *Nani* notices their curiosity and explains, “We are removing these stones so that the grains are fit for cooking.”

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They go around the house to see the fields and the cattle. To keep them busy, *Nani* gives them a challenge of handpicking small stones from grains while keeping their eyes closed.

The method of picking by hand from a **mixture** (when two or more substances are mixed) such as small stones and husk from wheat and rice is called **handpicking.** It is done on the basis of differences in size, colour and shape of the particles. If the particles to be removed are present in small quantities and can easily be picked by hand, handpicking proves to be a convenient method.



Fig. 9.1: Handpicking

At lunch, Malli and Valli are served steaming hot vegetable pulao. While eating the pulao, *Nani* observes that Malli is separating whole black peppers from the pulao and is placing them aside on his plate (Fig. 9.1). Valli playfully teases, "Wow! This is a handpicking method, nice one!" *Nani* tells them about the benefits of black pepper and encourages Malli to eat it.

Later in the day, their *Mama* takes them to the fields where they **observe** bundles of harvested wheat stalks lying in the fields. Some stalks are spread in the sun for drying. Both of them pick up a stalk each and notice numerous grains attached to it. A group of farmers are beating the stalks on a large wooden log. Curiously, Valli asks *Mama*, "Why are they doing this?"



Fig. 9.2: Threshing

Mama explains, "They are beating the stalks to separate the grains" (Fig. 9.2). This process of separating grains from the stalks is known as **threshing**. Farmers work hard, yet they enjoy their work. From time to time, they sing folk songs while working.

Explore folk songs of your region and try to sing along with your friends.

Have fun while you learn

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The separated grains get mixed with piles of husk.

Valli whispers to Malli, "Will the farmers handpick the grains to remove them from so much husk?" She wonders, "How much time will the farmers take to separate these?"

Let us perform an activity to find out the answer to the questions raised by Valli.

A small amount of puffed rice is mixed with chana dal. Can you think of separating the mixture by any method other than handpicking? ?

Activity 9.1: Let us explore

- Take a handful of roasted peanuts and rub them between your palms. What happens?
- Is it possible to separate the removed skin and the peanuts?
- Now, try blowing it. What do you observe?

Which of these components—removed peanut skins or peanuts are blown away?

You observe that blowing air separates the heavier and the lighter components.

How do you think farmers separate so many grains from husk?

Traditionally, a *soop* (bamboo tray) is used for separating heavier and lighter components of a mixture (Fig. 9.3).

Next day, their *Nana* takes them to the fields to show this process at work.

Malli and Valli observe a farmer standing on a raised platform. The farmer is moving the bamboo tray which contains threshed wheat grains in the direction of air or wind (Fig. 9.4).



Fig. 9.3: Bamboo tray

What do you **infer** from Fig. 9.4? Do both the components, wheat grains and husk, fall at the same place? Which of the two components get blown away? Can the wind separate the two components?

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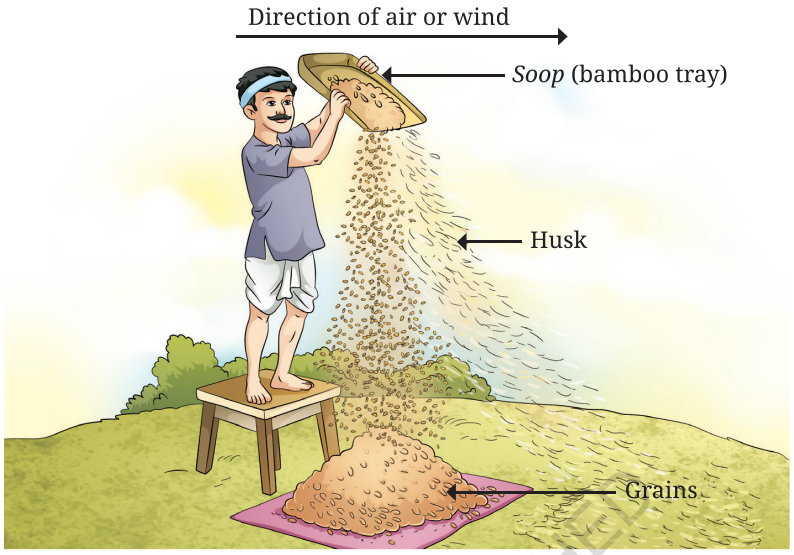


Fig. 9.4: Winnowing

Valli is unable to separate husk from rice in a closed room. How can you help her?

This method of separating heavier and lighter components of a mixture by wind or by blowing air is called **winnowing.** Have you seen any similar kind of activity being done at your home?

More to know!

Technological developments have resulted in developing of threshing machines called threshers. These machines are used for separating grains from the stalks and husk. They perform both the tasks of threshing and winnowing simultaneously.



Next day, Malli and Valli board a train to Ahmedabad to visit their father's friend Ghanshyam bhai. Before leaving, Valli requests her *Mami* to prepare *meethi puri* (sweet Indian bread made from wheat flour) for their journey.

Valli: Shall I help you knead the wheat flour?

Mami: To prepare a dish with flour, first we need to remove bran that may be present in the flour.

Valli: How do we do it?

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Mami: We use a sieve for this purpose.

Sieving allows the fine flour particles to pass through the holes of the sieve as shown in Fig. 9.5. The bigger particles such as bran and small stones remain on the sieve.



Fig. 9.5: Sieving

Carefully observe a sieve. Are all the holes of the sieve the same size? Will sieving work if the holes of the sieve are larger than the substances? Is there any difference in the size between the particles that pass through the sieve and the particles that remain on the sieve? Sieving is used when components of a solid–solid mixture have different sizes.

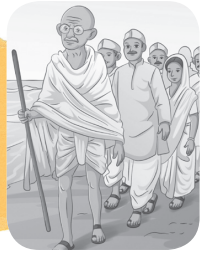
Upon reaching Ahmedabad, they visit Sabarmati Ashram along with Ghanshyam bhai where they learn about the *Namak Satyagrah* (Dandi March).

Have you ever observed sieves being used at construction sites to separate pebbles and stones from the sand? ?

More to do!

What is Sabarmati Ashram famous for?

Draw a poster showing Dandi March and discuss why it was organised.



Malli asks, "Where is *namak* (common salt) obtained from?"

"From seawater", replies Ghanshyam bhai.

Seawater is a mixture of salts and some other substances dissolved in water. To obtain salt, the seawater is kept in shallow pits and exposed to sunlight and air. In a few days, the water

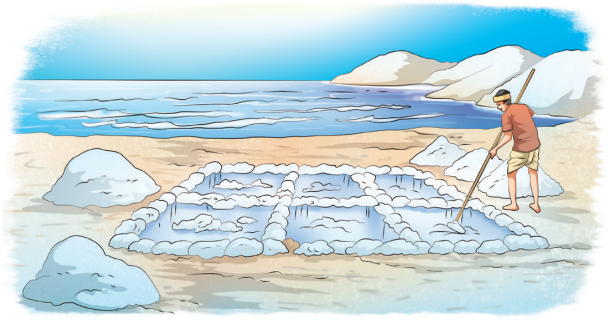


Fig. 9.6: Obtaining salt from seawater

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evaporates completely, leaving behind the solid mixture (Fig. 9.6). Common salt is then obtained from this mixture by further purification.

Find out about some water bodies in India that contain common salt. One such source is Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan.

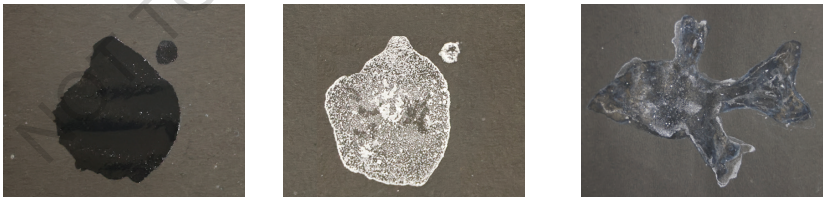
More to do!

Let us explore how salt can be separated from a salt solution.

Activity 9.2: Let us observe and create

Have you ever observed white patches on the dark coloured clothes you wear during hot summers? How are these patches formed?

- Take a bowl or any container and fill it half with water.
- Add 2–3 teaspoons of salt into it and stir till the salt dissolves to form a solution.
- Take a small piece of black or dark coloured thick paper and spread a few drops of the salt solution on it (Fig. 9.7a).
- You can also create any art of your choice with this salt solution.
- Allow it to dry and then observe it (Fig. 9.7b and Fig. 9.7c).



(a) Before drying *(b) After drying* *(c) Art created*

Fig. 9.7: A few drops of salt solution spread on thick black paper

Do you observe some patches on the paper? What do you think is left on the paper? You can feel the presence of salt by touching the paper. Where has the water disappeared? Recall the chapter 'A Journey through States of Water'.

Let us probe further to get the answer.

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In the traditional Indian system of holistic health and medicine called Ayurveda, the herbs or parts of plants are prescribed as remedies. These ingredients like roots, leaves, flowers or seeds of various medicinal plants are often dried in the shade. This practice facilitates the evaporation of excess water, leaving behind the important part of the medicine.

Do you know?

Activity 9.3: Let us investigate

This activity may be demonstrated by the teacher.

- Take some salt solution (prepared in Activity 9.2) in a china dish. If a china dish is not available, another suitable vessel may be used.
- Heat and let the water boil away as shown in Fig. 9.8.
- Allow the china dish to cool down.
- What do you observe? What is left in the china dish?

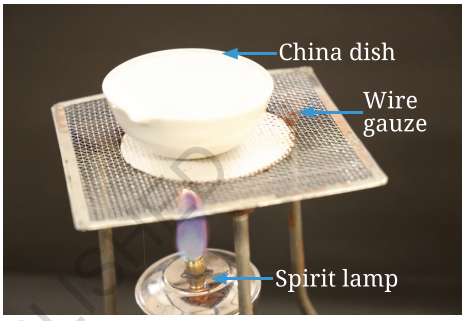
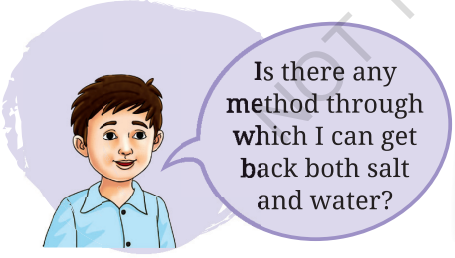


Fig. 9.8: Heating of china dish containing salt solution

Caution
Be careful while heating the china dish.

Did you get the salt back? You can feel the presence of salt in the china dish by touching the salt with your fingers.



Observe the figure. Does it answer the question? Can you name the process involved?



It is now time for Malli and Valli to visit *Dada* and *Dadi* (paternal grandparents) residing in Puducherry, located in southern India. They are excited to meet their old neighbourhood friend, Balan. After reaching Puducherry, they start talking about the old times and do not realise that it is already evening, *Dadi's* tea time.

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Fig. 9.9: Decantation

Dada: I shall prepare tea for you.

Children: We will also help you.

As *Dada* makes the tea, he shares tips on how to make a cup of tea.

Balan: After preparing tea, how do you remove the tea leaves?

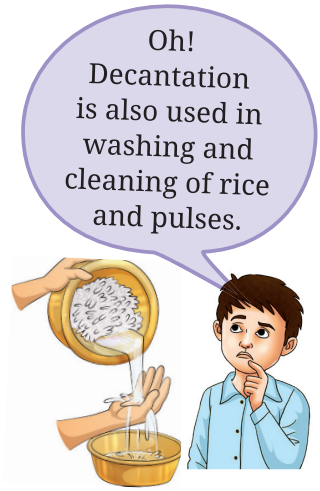
Dada: Obviously, with a strainer. You know if we do not have a strainer, we can still remove most of the tea leaves.

Valli: How?

Dada: Leave the sauce pan (vessel) containing tea undisturbed for some time and gently pour the tea in a cup (Fig. 9.9).

Valli: Oh Yes! And then the tea leaves will be settled at the bottom.

The process of settling down of heavier insoluble component at the bottom of a liquid is called **sedimentation**. When the water (liquid) is removed by tilting the vessel, the process is called **decantation**.



? In the chapter 'Materials Around Us', you have studied that oil does not mix with water and forms a separate layer when left undisturbed for some time. Which method of separation would you use to separate oil and water?

Dada: But I can still get a few tea leaves in my mouth because decantation does not completely separate all the tea leaves from the tea.

Balan: Oh! It means it is not a proper method of separation.

Dada: Yes, you are right. The tea is ready now.

Malli picks up the tea-strainer from the shelf and gives it to his *Dada*.

Dada: Let me pour the tea through this strainer. You can see all the tea leaves collected in the strainer.

This process of separating tea leaves from tea is called **filtration**.

Balan asks Malli if he could use a tea strainer to filter muddy water. Let us try and find out.

Dada: Also, try to filter the muddy water through a piece of cloth and observe the difference.

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Malli: Why should we use a piece of cloth?

Dada: In a piece of cloth, there are very small holes or pores between the woven threads. These pores in the cloth can be used as a filter. People in ancient times also followed this practice.

But if the water is still muddy, impurities can be separated using a filter with even smaller holes or pores. A filter paper is one such filter that has very fine pores in it.

Activity 9.4: Let us experiment

- Try to fold the filter paper yourself and make a cone as shown in Fig. 9.10.



A filter paper *One-fold* *Two-folds* *Cone*

Fig. 9.10: Folding a filter paper to form a cone

- Place it inside a funnel kept on a conical flask and pour muddy water into it (Fig. 9.11).

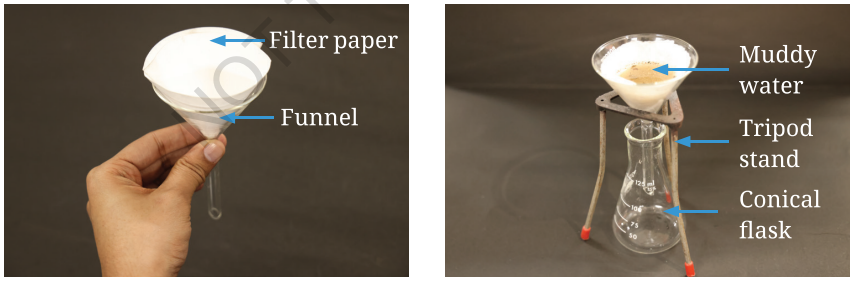


Fig. 9.11: Filtration

- What do you observe? Do the mud particles pass through the filter paper?
- The water coming from the funnel will be collected in the conical flask.

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- You will get mud as a residue on the filter paper and clear water as filtrate in the conical flask.

More to know!

Other than the filter paper, many materials such as cotton, charcoal, and sand can be used as filters. The choice of filter depends upon the size of the particles of the materials to be removed.

Activity 9.5: Let us design and create

Valli goes for a nature walk with her *Dadi* and collects some water from a pond in a container. She observes some unwanted substances in it. **Design** and **create** a working model of water filter using low-cost materials.

Do you know?



Tea bags were initially made of soft cloth, like silk, because it could hold the tea leaves and let water pass through. Silk was strong and did not fall apart when it touched hot water. Later, people started using gauze or muslin. Eventually they began using filter paper, which is what most tea bags are made of today.



Malli and Valli go on a boat ride in a nearby river with their *Dada* and his friend, Otukkam. Otukkam is a fisherman. As they cast the fishing net, water drains out through the mesh. Valli recalls the filtration method she had learnt and realises that this method of catching the fish is somewhat similar. Malli is taken aback when he sees plastic bags, broken bottles, a large fish with a straw stuck in its mouth, and food wrappers along with the other fish trapped in the net.

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Let us raise awareness about the issues related to river and ocean pollution by composing a poem.

A few lines have been written here, add more lines—

Piece of plastic in my neck,
As in pain I cry,
Koilas, Koilas...where are you dear?
Papa fish cries and Mama fish has tears.



Aware of the harm, yet they let it flow,
Koilas faintly hears mother's sorrow,

Stop plastic pollution at source,
Rivers are our huge resource.



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Discuss with your parents

A bowl of milk in your home has gone sour. Discuss with your parents how you can use it in another way. Also, which method of separation will you use in the process?

Malli and Valli take blessings from their *Dada* and *Dadi*, bid goodbye to Balan and travel to Madhya Pradesh.

The train reaches Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. The sun is rising and it is getting hot. On their way to *Maasi's* (maternal aunt's) home, they drink *chhach* (buttermilk) in the *dhaba* (roadside eatery). Malli asks the shopkeeper about the big painting, hanging on the wall of the *dhaba.* The shopkeeper explains that the picture shows a lady performing



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the process of **churning** curd using a big *mathni* (churner) to separate butter. In this process, the butter being lighter floats at the top, while the buttermilk is left behind.

Their stay at *Maasi's* place has become enjoyable and they are looking forward to share all their memories with their friends upon returning home. Now, it is time for them to reach their final destination of the trip, Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya.

On their arrival at their *Bua's* (paternal aunt's) house in Shillong, they notice a carpenter making a wooden door. While working, he accidentally drops a few iron nails in the sawdust.

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Fig. 9.12: Magnetic separation

The carpenter starts handpicking the iron nails. The children tell the carpenter to wait. They get a magnet from their *Bua*. They ask the carpenter to move the magnet through the sawdust. All the nails get attracted to it (Fig. 9.12). Which method of separation did the carpenter use? Recall the chapter 'Exploring Magnets'.

The substances which are attracted towards a magnet are called magnetic substances. Iron is a common example

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of a magnetic substance. Separation of magnetic and non-magnetic substances by using a magnet is called **magnetic separation.**

More to know!

Nowadays, recyclers use magnets to separate iron articles from a heap of waste.

In many industries, the waste material often contains scrap iron. This is separated from the heap of waste materials using magnets fitted to a crane.

The scrap iron can be recycled and reused.



Magnetic separation

Malli and Valli had delightful holidays and the '*Bharat ki Yatra*' (tour of India) filled with fun will be an ever lasting memory for them.

They not only enjoyed exploring different regions of India but also gained a lot of knowledge about various methods of separation of substances.

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Activity 9.6: Let us play

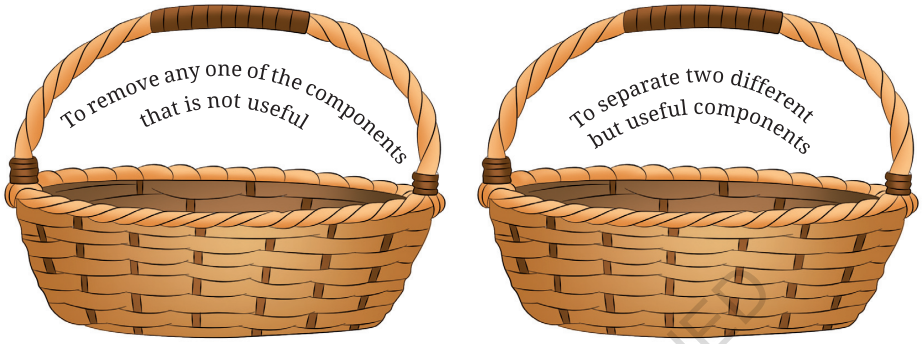
Write the following phrases on small slips of paper—

1. Separating small stones from pulses.
2. Churning curd to obtain butter.
3. Taking out green chillies from cooked *dalia* (dish made of broken wheat) or *poha* (dish made of flattened rice).
4. Taking out seeds from watermelon.
5. Sorting piles of sawdust and iron nails from a mixed heap of building material.
6. Picking marigold flowers from a heap of other flowers to make a garland.
7. Separating pebbles from sand.
8. Separating coconut pieces from rice flour.
9. Separating oil from water.
10. Separating salt from salt solution.

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Now, take two baskets, each representing one of the two purposes for which we separate substances. Form two teams and see who will get the maximum correct entries.

Think and start



This activity helps in assessing your understanding as to why we separate substances.

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Summary

Key Points

- Handpicking is used for separating solid materials on the basis of differences in size, colour and shape from a mixture.
- The process in which the stalks are beaten to separate grains from them is called threshing.
- The method of separating lighter husk from heavier grains by wind or blowing air is called winnowing.
- The process of separating solids from a mixture based on variations in particle size using a sieve is called sieving.
- Evaporation is the process in which a liquid gets converted into its vapour. It can be used to separate a solid dissolved in a liquid.
- The process of settling down of heavier insoluble component at the bottom of a liquid is called sedimentation. When the liquid is removed by tilting the vessel, the process is called decantation.
- Filtration can be used to separate insoluble solid components from a liquid.
- Churning is used to extract butter from curd.
- Separation of magnetic and non-magnetic substances by using a magnet is called magnetic separation.

Play a Game—WISE FISH

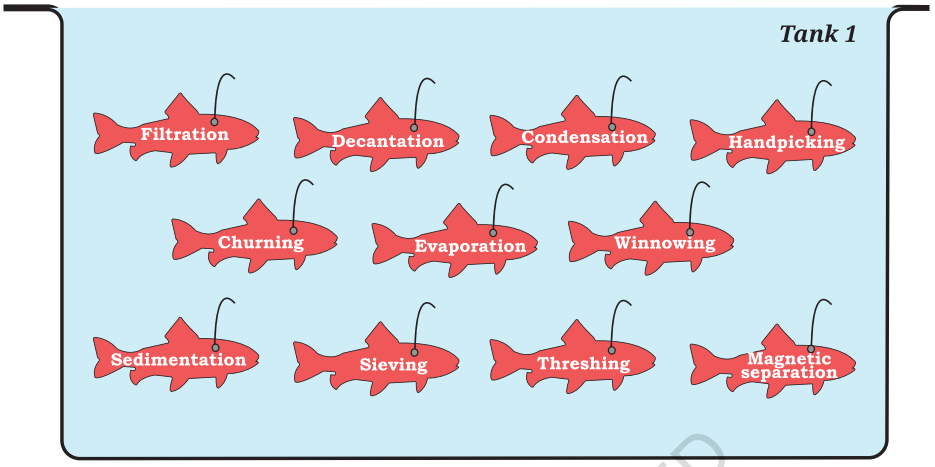
Prepare your own fishing rod with locally available eco-friendly materials. Tie a thread to one end of the rod and a magnet to the free end of the thread. The Tank 1 has red cardboard fish and Tank 2 has blue cardboard slips attached to iron clips. Fish out a red fish representing the method of separation first and then fish out one blue slip related to the red one.

Watch out for your friends. Are they fishing out correctly?

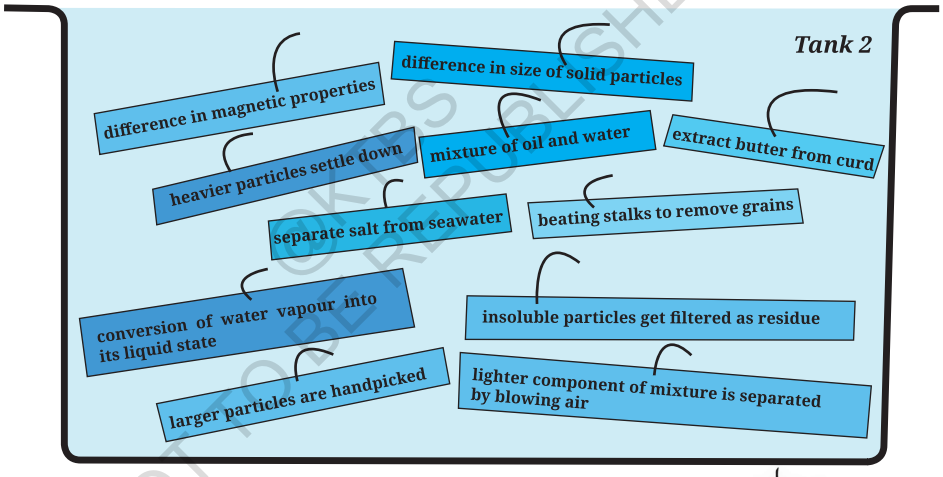
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Catch me first!



Then me!



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Let us enhance our learning

1. What purpose does handpicking serve in the process of separation?
   (i) Filtration (ii) Sorting
   (iii) Evaporation (iv) Decantation

2. Which of the following substances are commonly separated using the churning method?
   (i) Oil from water (ii) Sand from water
   (iii) Cream from milk (iv) Oxygen from air

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3. Which factor is usually essential for the filtration?

(i) Apparatus size (ii) Presence of air
(iii) Pore size (iv) Temperature of the mixture

4. State with reason(s) whether the following statements are True [T] or False [F]. Also, correct the False statement(s).

(i) Salt can be separated from salt solution by keeping it under the Sun. [ ]
(ii) Handpicking should be used only when the quantity of one component is less. [ ]
(iii) A mixture of puffed rice and rice grains can be separated by threshing. [ ]
(iv) A mixture of mustard oil and lemon water can be separated by decantation. [ ]
(v) Sieving is used to separate a mixture of rice flour and water. [ ]

5. Match the mixtures in Column I with their method of separation in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(i) Gram flour mixed with black gram	(a) Handpicking
(ii) Chalk powder mixed with water	(b) Magnetic separation
(iii) Corn mixed with potatoes	(c) Decantation
(iv) Iron powder mixed with sawdust	(d) Sieving
(v) Oil mixed with water	(e) Filtration

6. In what situations would you use decantation instead of filtration to separate solids from liquids?
7. Can you relate the presence of nasal hair to any separation process?
8. During the COVID-19 pandemic, all of us wore masks. Generally, what material are they made of? What is the role of these masks?

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9. A mixture containing potatoes, salt and sawdust has been given to you. Outline a stepwise procedure for separating each component from this mixture.

10. Read the following story titled 'Intelligent Leela' and tick the most appropriate options. Provide a suitable title of your choice for the paragraph.

Leela was working in the farm with her father when she realised that they left their drinking water at home. Before her father felt **thirsty/hungry**, she went to the nearby pond to fetch some **water/grains**. After obtaining some water in the container, she noticed that the water was muddy and **fit/unfit** for drinking. To purify the water, she kept it for some time and then she **filtered/churned** the muddy water using a piece of **paper/muslin cloth**. Leela, then, **cooled/boiled** the water for about 10 minutes in a covered pan. After **cooling/boiling**, she **filtered/churned** it again and made it **fit/unfit** for drinking. She served this water to her father while having food, who blessed her and appreciated her efforts.

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Learning further

- **Fun with parents:** We are proud of our Indian heritage. Under supervision of your elders, try to prepare some herbal remedies using various parts of plants. For example—*tulsi kadha*. Which methods of separation will you use while preparing herbal *kadha*?
- **Stage play:** Imagine you and your friend are Malli and Valli. Write dialogues of a play presenting their entire *'Bharat ki Yatra'*, highlighting the different methods of separation of substances that they observed. Enact the play in your school assembly.
- **Group activity:** Observe and list separation methods you employed and noticed in your surroundings throughout a week. Explain the reasons behind using these methods and compile the ones you utilised or observed the most. Compare your observations with your group members.
- **Be a stalwart of your community:** Interview a ragpicker(s) and prepare a case study about the method(s) of separation he/she uses in his/her daily life. Encourage children of your community below the age of 14 to join a neighbourhood school.

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- **Be a reporter**: (i) Gather newspaper clippings and articles related to various methods of separation implemented in your society, such as in agricultural fields or at construction sites. (ii) Conduct interviews with local farmers to explore the latest agricultural separation methods that they use.

- **Think like a scientist:** You are provided with a mixture of iron nails, sand, black pepper, stones, common salt and water. Which steps will you follow to separate each component of a mixture?

The given steps may help you to think like a scientist.

Reflection Steps

I observe _____. I wonder _____.

You might have wondered about questions such as—

- Which component should I separate first?
- What method of separation should I use first?
- How can we separate these components effectively?
- Will some of the components be soluble in water?
- What properties of the components can help us in their separation?
- What is the most appropriate sequence?

Activity Steps

- Some possible answers to the questions which occurred in my mind are _____

_____.

- I performed the following methods of separation—

_____

- My findings are _____.

Hint: A mixture that has more than two components requires a combination of several methods of separation.

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10 Living Creatures: Exploring their Characteristics

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Avadhi and Aayush go for a morning walk with their parents. Avadhi notices some shells and tries to pick them up. Her mother advises her not to do so and explains that the shell could be home to a living snail and is actually a part of its body. Avadhi and Aayush wonder how the shell that is not even moving could have a living being inside! Later that day in school, Avadhi and Aayush share this incident with their friends. They approach the teacher to understand how a shell which is not even moving could be a body part of a living snail. The teacher initiates a discussion in the class on living and non-living.

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Activity 10.1: Let us record

We are surrounded by numerous things. Just look around in your classroom and you may find many examples—the pencil that you are holding, the book that you are reading or the pigeon near the window.

- List them in Table 10.1 and **identify** each of them as living or non-living on the basis of your understanding in column II.
- Write a reason for grouping them as living or non living in column III.

Table 10.1: Living beings and non-living things in our surroundings

(I) Name	(II) My guess (Living/ Non-living)	(III) Reason/ Remarks	(IV) Correct answer	(V) Reason/ Remarks for the correct answer
Pencil	Non-living			
Book				
Pigeon	Living			
Car				
Plant				
Any other				

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10.1 What Sets the Living Apart from the Non-living?

Look at Table 10.1. Why do you think a pencil is non-living but a pigeon is living? What do you think are the differences between living beings and non-living things according to you? What similarities do the identified living beings share with each other?

You may have identified movement as one of the similarities among living beings. You have also seen cars moving on a road. Does it mean that a car is living? List the

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tasks that you can do but a car cannot. You are a wonderful example of a living being. Whenever you attempt to group things around you as living or non-living, you can compare them with yourself. Which characteristics help you in differentiating yourself from a car? For instance, a car does not grow. Does it mean it is non-living? Now, which characteristics have you used to classify a car as non-living? Continue your discussion in a similar way to identify the essential characteristics of living beings.

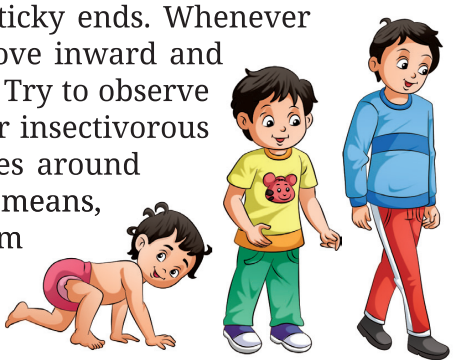
What are some common characteristics that make living beings very different from the non-living things? Let us learn about them.

Can we consider **movement** as one of the characteristics to differentiate between the living and the non-living? List five things around you that can move on their own. Do you think that all five things that you have listed can be considered as living just because they can move on their own? However, unlike animals, plants do not move from one place to another. Do you consider them as living?



Drosera

Even though plants do not move from one place to another, they do show certain types of movements. Opening of flowers is one of the examples of movement in plants. Another example of movement in plants is seen in insectivorous plants. Insectivorous plants are dependent on insects for their nutrition. Drosera is one of the examples of an insectivorous plant. Drosera is featured with saucer-shaped leaves having many hair-like projections of unequal length with sticky ends. Whenever an insect enters the saucer, hairs move inward and trap the insect with their sticky ends. Try to observe the mechanism of movement in other insectivorous plants. Climbers also wind themselves around any object placed close to them. That means, even though plants do not move from one place to another, they do show some movements.



Growth of a child

Compare yourself with the picture of your childhood. Can you

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wear the dress that you used to wear four years ago? No, because you have become larger in size. This is due to **growth** in your body. Plants and other living beings also grow. Can we consider growth as a characteristic of living beings?

Living beings need food (**nutrition**) for their growth and development. List five living beings that require food to grow.

Now, think of a process without which we cannot live. Count the number of breaths you take per minute after a normal walk, after a run, and after a few dance steps. Record the data and observe. Do you notice any difference in the number of breaths after each situation? Do you notice the process of breathing in other animals like dogs, cats, cows and buffaloes? Notice the movement of their abdomen while they are taking rest.

In the process of breathing, when we inhale, the air moves from outside to inside our body. When we breathe out, the air moves from inside our body to outside. Breathing is part of a process called **respiration**. Do plants also respire? There are tiny pores called stomata on the surface of leaves. These pores help plants in taking air in and out. Interact with senior class students in your school and request if they can demonstrate stomata using a microscope in your class. All living beings respire.

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Have you noticed white patches forming on shirts around the armpits during summers? These patches are formed due to sweat. The sweat consists of water and salts removed by the body as waste products. Removal of waste products from the body is called **excretion**. Urine is also formed as a product of excretion in animals. Do you know that plants also excrete? You may notice plants excrete excess water and minerals in the form of small droplets on leaves. For example, grasses and roses. All living beings excrete.



Water droplets on grass

Let us look at another characteristic. What is your reaction if you unexpectedly step on a sharp object, such as a thorn,

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while walking without shoes, or you accidentally touch a hot cup of tea? Stepping on a thorn and touching a hot object are stimuli. Any thing or any event that prompts living beings to respond is called a **stimulus**. List three stimuli (plural of stimulus) and your body's instant **response** to them.



Touch-me-not (chhui-mui) plant

Do plants also respond to stimuli? Yes, plants also respond to stimuli. For example, touch-me-not (mimosa, *chhui-mui, lajjalu)* plants fold their leaves when we touch them. Have you also observed that certain plants fold their leaves after sunset? Specifically, the leaves of certain plants facing each other tend to come together. This can be observed in the sleeping leaves of *amla* (Indian gooseberry) tree. All living beings **respond to stimuli**. Find a few more plants in your neighbourhood which fold their leaves after sunset.

Why do the leaves of *chhui-mui* and *amla* plants respond in this way? Which stimulus could be responsible for their behaviour?

Have you seen young ones of cats, dogs or other animals? List young ones of five different animals. Have you seen young ones of any non-living things such as a pencil, a chair or an electric bulb?

All living beings reproduce. **Reproduction** is the process of producing new ones of one's own kind. Why is reproduction necessary? It is necessary for the continuity of life.

When a living being is not able to exhibit all of the above mentioned characteristics, despite the availability of all resources (like food, air and water) needed for being alive, it is said to be **dead**.

From the above discussion, we can understand that all **living** beings share some common characteristics. For example, all living beings show movement, they need

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food, and they grow. They also respire, reproduce, excrete, respond to stimuli, and eventually, die. Absence of any of these features indicates that they are **non-living** things.

Now that you know how to identify a living being, fill up the remaining two columns (IV and V) of Table 10.1 and complete the activity.

In which category would you place a seed—living or non-living? Why?

Let us **explore** how a seed germinates to observe some of these essential characteristics in plants.

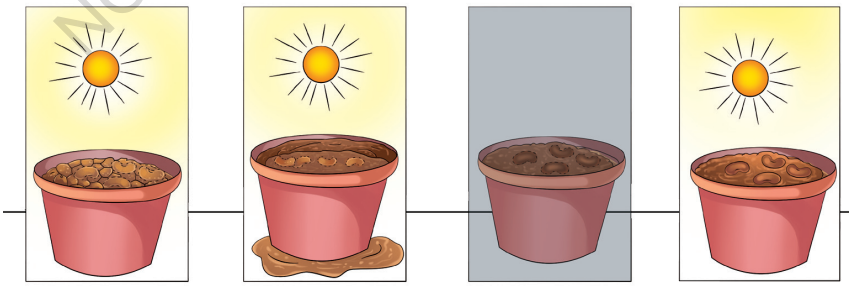
10.2 Essential Conditions for Germination of a Seed

Have you observed a seed germinating? You might have wondered what conditions are required for **germination** of a seed. What conditions do you think are required for seed germination? How will you investigate whether these conditions have an effect on the germination of a seed?
Let us find out by performing Activity 10.2.

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Activity 10.2: Let us experiment

- Take four identical pots filled with garden soil. Sow four bean seeds in each pot. Now, keep these pots in the following conditions for 15 days.
  - Pot A: Do not water the soil. Place this pot in direct sunlight.



(a) Pot A kept in direct sunlight, no water | *(b) Pot B kept in direct sunlight, excess water* | *(c) Pot C with moist soil, kept in the dark* | *(d) Pot D with moist soil, kept in direct sunlight*

Fig 10.1: Bean seeds exposed to different conditions

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- Pot B: Add excess water to the soil such that water is always present above the soil. Keep adding water on a regular basis if water reduces. Place this pot in direct sunlight.
- Pot C: Keep the soil in this pot slightly moist by adding a moderate amount of water on a regular basis. Place this pot in a dark location.
- Pot D: Maintain the soil in this pot slightly moist by adding a moderate amount of water on a regular basis. Place this pot in direct sunlight.

- Indicate the availability of air, sunlight and water for the seeds in each of these cases in Table 10.2.
- When a seed turns into a sprout, it is said to have germinated. Predict whether the seeds in each pot will germinate. Record your **predictions** for each pot kept under different conditions in Table 10.2.

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Table 10.2: Effect of certain conditions on seed germination

Pot with bean seeds	Availability of			Seed germination		Possible reason for the observation
	Air	Sunlight	Water	Prediction	Observation	
A: In direct sunlight and without water			No			
B: In direct sunlight and excess water						
C: In complete dark and moist soil						
D: In direct sunlight and moist soil						

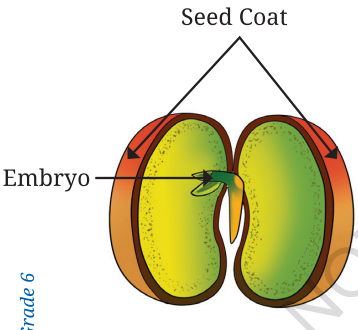
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- Regularly observe the pots for 7–10 days to check the status of germination of the seeds. Record your **observations** in Table 10.2.
- Compare your predictions with your observations.

Do you think sunlight is necessary for germination of seeds? Do the seeds in all the pots receive air, water and sunlight? Is there any pot in which air is not available to the seeds? If so, why is it not available? What happens to the seeds in the pot where water is provided in excess? Which seeds receive both air and water? Identify the pots where you can notice the germination of seeds.

Do your observations match with your predictions? Write possible reasons in favour of your observations in Table 10.2. Based on your observations, state the conditions which favour seed germination.

Which of the following are essential for seed germination– air, water and sunlight? Compare the available conditions in each pot. Germination of bean seeds requires the right amount of water and air. Why do seeds require these conditions for germination? Do you think that the absence of one or more of these conditions will affect seed germination?



Germinated bean seed

Let us understand how these conditions help in seed germination. The effects of the following conditions have been seen in Activity 10.2.

Water: Seeds require water for germination. Water enables the seeds to carry out the processes necessary for their growth. The outer covering of the seed is called seed coat. Water softens the seed coat and helps the tiny embryo inside it to develop into a plant.

Air and Soil: Seeds need air for germination. They use the air available in the spaces between soil particles. Moreover, spaces between the soil particles allow roots to grow easily.

Light and/or dark conditions: We have learnt that for the bean seeds, presence of light is not essential for their germination. In general, most seeds do not require light for germination. But after germination, sunlight is required for further growth of the seedling.

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Do you know?

Some seeds of flowering plants, like Coleus and Petunia, require light to germinate. Covering these seeds with soil inhibits their sprouting. Seeds of flowering plants, like Calendula and Zinnia, need darkness to germinate. These seeds should be covered with sufficient soil.

In the Chapter 'Mindful Eating: A Path to a Healthy Body', you have learnt that human beings need a balanced diet for good health and proper growth. Similarly, plants too need favourable conditions and nutrients for their proper growth and development. What other conditions do you think would affect seed germination?

In Activity 10.1, what are the characteristics of living beings which made you place plants in living beings? Do plants show growth in Activity 10.2? Are there any other characteristics of living beings that these plants show?

How would you now categorise a seed, as living or non-living?

Let us study another characteristic that can be seen clearly in plants—growth and movement.

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10.3 Growth and Movement in Plants

How do plants respond to sunlight? Does sunlight affect the direction of growth of different parts of plants? In which direction would the root and shoot of a plant grow and move if the plant is placed inverted? How would you **design** an activity to find answers to these questions?

Activity 10.3: Let us design

- Take some bean or gram seeds and allow them to germinate on a moist cloth or a moist tissue paper.
- Let them germinate until each of them develop into a seedling having a small root and a small shoot.
- Now, take three glass beakers or tumblers, and label them as A, B and C.

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- Take three glass plates and attach a thick blotting paper to one side of each plate using a thick soft cotton thread.
- Fix one seedling on each plate using a thick soft cotton thread, as shown in Fig. 10.2, ensuring that the plant is not damaged.
- Now, place one glass plate upright with a seedling attached into each of the beaker A and beaker C, as shown in Fig. 10.2a and Fig. 10.2c.
- In beaker B, arrange the plate such that the shoot of a seedling is directed downwards and the root is directed upwards, as shown in Fig. 10.2b.

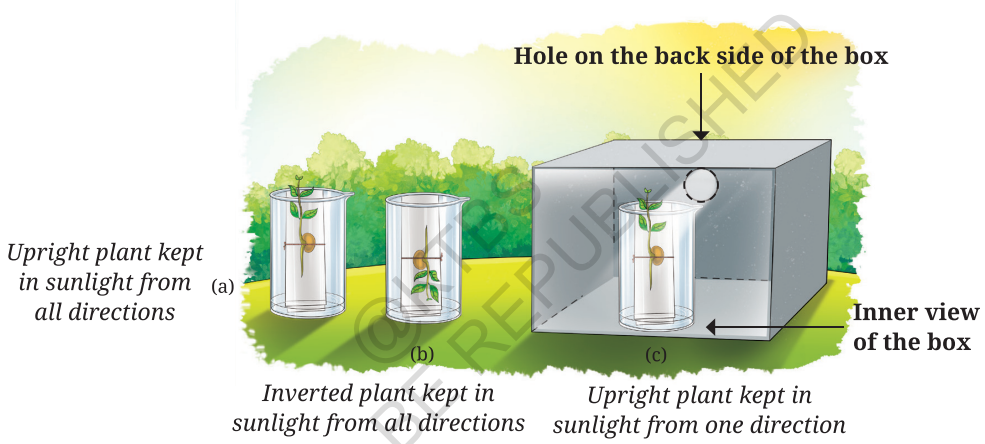


Fig. 10.2: Set-up showing plants kept in different conditions

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- Pour water into all the three beakers to ensure that the seedling in each beaker remains above the water level.
- In each case, let the bottom of the blotting paper get completely wet by soaking in the water. In this way, the seedling will get the moisture from the wet blotting paper.
- Place beaker A and beaker B in sunlight as shown in Fig. 10.2a and Fig. 10.2b.
- Position beaker C as shown in Fig. 10.2c. Place a cardboard box in such a way that the seedling gets light from one direction only through a small circular hole.
- Fill Table 10.3 with your predictions and observations.

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Table 10.3: Growth of root and shoot under different conditions

Beakers	Direction of sunlight	Direction of plant	Direction of growth of root and shoot		
			Shoot/ Root	Predictions	Observations
A	All directions	Upright	Shoot		
			Root		
B	All directions	Inverted	Shoot		
			Root		
C	Only from one direction	Upright	Shoot		
			Root		

What is the direction of growth of root and shoot in beakers A, B and C based on your observations? Do your predictions match your observations? What do you **conclude** from this activity?

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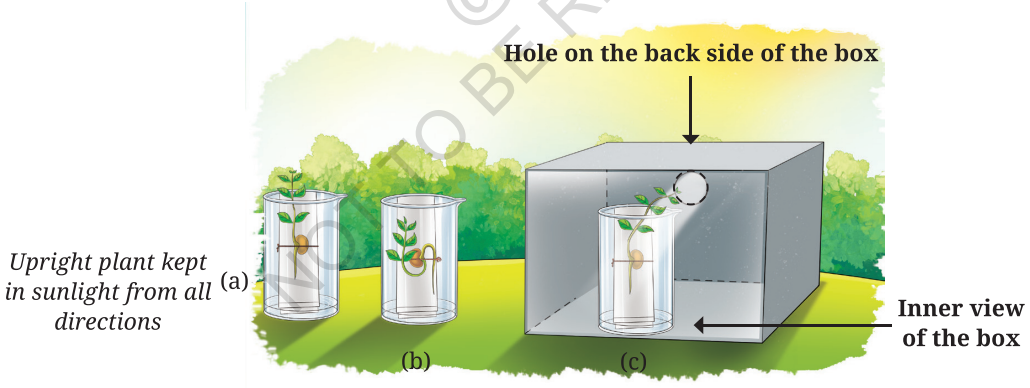


Fig. 10.3: Direction of growth of root and shoot under different conditions

From the results of this **experiment** (Table 10.3 and Fig. 10.3), we note that—

1. When the plant is kept upright, the root grows downwards and the shoot grows upwards.

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2. When the plant is kept inverted, the root bends and grows downwards. Also, the shoot bends and grows upwards.
3. When the plant gets sunlight only from one direction, the shoot grows in the direction of light while the root continues to grow downwards.

After conducting Activity 10.3, we can conclude that shoots of plants grow upward and exhibit movement towards sunlight but roots of plants grow downwards.

Know a scientist

Jagadish Chandra Bose (1858–1937) was an Indian scientist who did some fascinating experiments with plants. He built a machine called a crescograph to record how plants respond to stimuli like light, heat, electricity and gravity. With this machine, he could measure how fast plants grow. He also showed that plants can sense and respond to stimuli.



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10.4 Life Cycle of a Plant

We have learnt about conditions required for germination and how plants grow and exhibit movement. Let us now explore the changes a plant undergoes in its whole life.

Activity 10.4: Let us explore

- Plant a bean seed and provide suitable conditions for its growth. Observe regularly for three months.
- Record your observations in Table 10.4 as and when changes become visible.
- Note the date when any change is observed. Record answers for the following questions—
  - How long does it take for any change to occur? Make sketches of various changes that you observe in Table 10.4.
  - After how many days does the first flower appear?

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- After some parts of the flower have dried, can you see any further growth?
- Which structure do the remaining parts of flower develop into?
- Can you notice a pod or a fruit with seeds develop from a flower?
- What happens to the plant after the fruits containing seeds are formed?

Table 10.4: Changes observed during the growth of the plant

Date	Observations	Sketches
	Seeds are sown	

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Go through the observations you recorded regarding the growth of the bean plant in Table 10.4. What changes do you observe after the fruits are formed? Does the plant become yellow and dry even when you continue watering it? Sow the seeds obtained from your bean plant. Watch how the seeds give rise to a new generation of bean plants. Compare the sketches that you have drawn in Table 10.4 with Fig. 10.4.

A seed grows into a young plant and matures to produce flowers and fruit. The fruit, in this case a pod, contains seeds which give rise to a new generation of bean plants. The entire process from a seed to a plant, and then, to the next generation of seeds is called the **life cycle** of a plant (Fig. 10.4). When a plant stops growing and all activities of life gradually come to an end, even after the availability of all the necessary conditions, the plant is considered dead.

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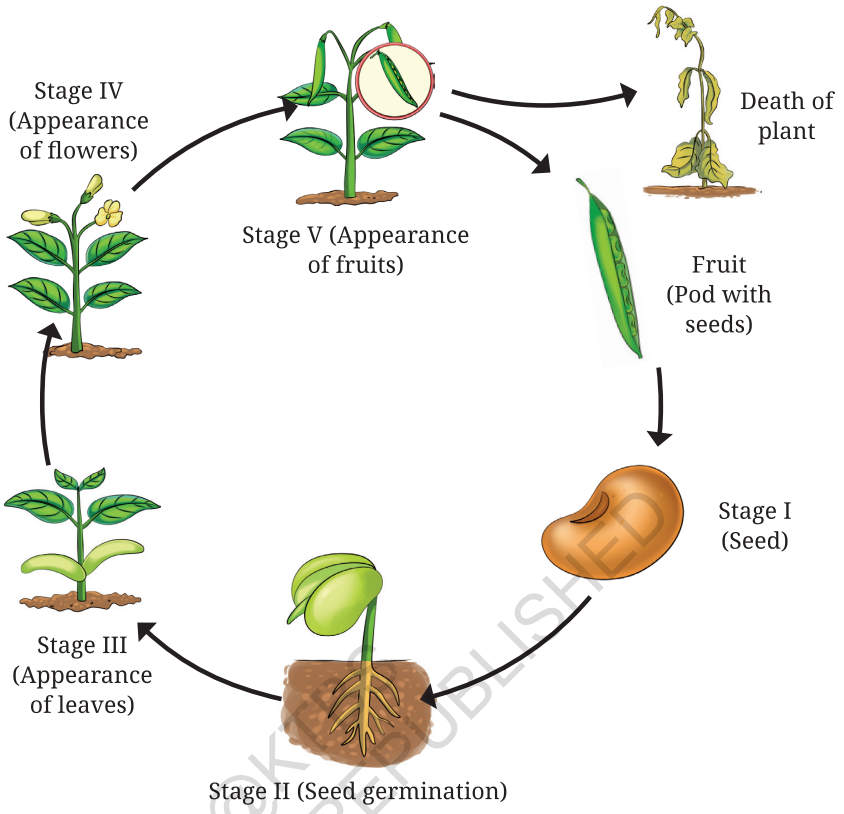


Fig. 10.4: Life cycle of a bean plant

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10.5 Life Cycle of Animals

We have learnt about the life cycle of a plant. We have seen that a plant goes through many changes in its life cycle. Have you ever observed how animals grow over time? Draw sketches of their young ones and name them.

10.5.1 Life cycle of a mosquito

Mosquitoes buzzing around is a common experience for all of us. Female mosquitoes are bloodsucking insects that transmit several diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya. You might have learnt from newspapers, school noticeboards or awareness campaigns that mosquito breeding should be prevented. We are advised not to allow water to stagnate anywhere in our surroundings. Why is it so? Does stagnant water have any relation with mosquitoes laying eggs?

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Conduct a safety audit in your school, or at your home and surroundings to check for stagnant water (if available, carry a hand lens to observe any small creatures). Some common places where stagnant water is likely to gather are desert coolers, planted pots and any open container. You may find two different types of worm-like creatures (Fig. 10.5). They are **larva** and **pupa**, two distinct life stages during the development of mosquito. In case you observe larvae and pupae, report to your teacher. Discuss with the teacher and classmates about the necessary measures one can take to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. What differences do you observe in the shape of larvae and pupae?

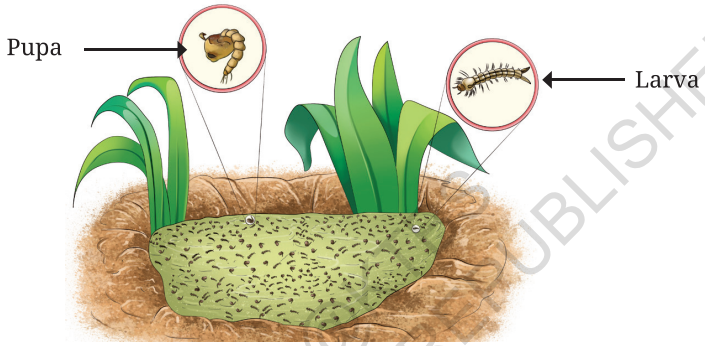


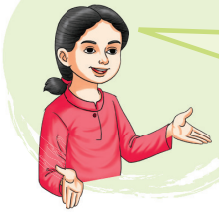
Fig. 10.5: Larvae and pupae of mosquitoes in a stagnant water body

Mosquito larvae and pupae observed in water bodies repeatedly come to the water surface. What can be the reason for this? Mosquito larvae and pupae live in water and require air to respire. They move to the surface of the water for air.

How can the life cycle of a mosquito be disrupted?

I have seen my mother spraying kerosene oil on stagnant water. Why does she do so?





Kerosene oil forms a thin layer over the water surface. This layer separates water from air, and does not allow larvae and pupae to inhale air. As a result, they die.

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Activity 10.5: Let us analyse

Let us solve an interesting puzzle.

How will you decide which stage (larva or pupa) comes immediately after the egg stage?

Suppose you are given a container with water from a puddle containing larvae and pupae. Design an activity to find out the correct sequence of these stages.



You can take help of the following activity designed by Avadhi to **create** your own activity—

Step 1: I have a water container with mosquito larvae and pupae.

Step 2: I will separate 4–5 larvae and pupae into two separate containers with the same water.

Step 3: I will observe them every day until I see them changing to the next stage.

Step 4: If the larvae change into pupae, it would mean that the larval stage comes before the pupal stage or vice-versa.

Step 5: I will keep watching both the containers to see in which one a mosquito appears first.

These observations will help us to learn the correct sequence of growth.

Now, suppose you are given a container filled with water from a puddle which contains larvae and pupae. Without separating them from the container, how would you design an activity to decide which stage, out of the two, gives way to the next?

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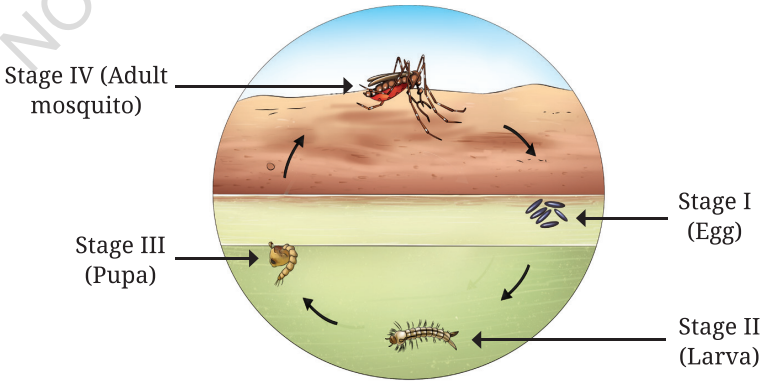


Fig. 10.6: Life cycle of a mosquito

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Let us learn more about these stages in the life cycle of a mosquito.

Mosquitoes pass through four stages in their life cycle—egg, larva, pupa and adult (Fig. 10.6).

The adult mosquito that emerges from the pupa rests briefly on the surface of water and then flies away. The adult mosquito may survive for 10 to 15 days.

We have seen that a mosquito begins its life as an egg (stage I), the egg develops into a larva (stage II), the larva grows into pupa (stage III), and the pupa transforms into an adult mosquito (stage IV). The adult female mosquito lays eggs directly on or near water, and the cycle continues.

Significant changes occur in the appearance, body shape and structure during the various stages in the life cycle of a mosquito. The shape of the egg is quite different from the larva; the larva appears very different from the pupa. The pupa appears very distinct from the adult mosquito. Is it easy to imagine that a mosquito emerges from a pupa?

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Do you know?

The silk moth also passes through four life stages—egg, larva, pupa and adult. Eggs hatch into larvae, which then grow in size. Larvae secrete thread-like material which they wrap around themselves, before changing to pupae. These are the fibres that are used to make silk fabric. In India, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has set up several centres for silk production.

10.5.2 Life cycle of a frog

Activity 10.6: Let us analyse

Avadhi and Aayush are dressed up in full sleeves shirts and full pants today. It has been raining intermittently for a week. They are going out with their classmates for an activity. After a brief walk led by their science teacher, they reach a shallow pond. It is surrounded by trees and tall grasses. The teacher cautions them to watch everything from a distance

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without causing any disturbance. You may also go to a small water body during the rainy season with a facilitator and explore it by taking due safety precautions.

You may notice a white jelly-like substance on the surface of water towards the edge of the pond (Fig. 10.7). This may also be attached to plants growing in or around the water. This jelly-like substance is actually a cluster of eggs of a frog and is known as **spawn**.

Observe the features of all the stages of a frog shown in Fig. 10.7. How will you decide the sequence of the given stages (A, B, C, D, E, F)? Some of the stages show distinct changes in their initial and final shapes. Record these changes in Table 10.5.

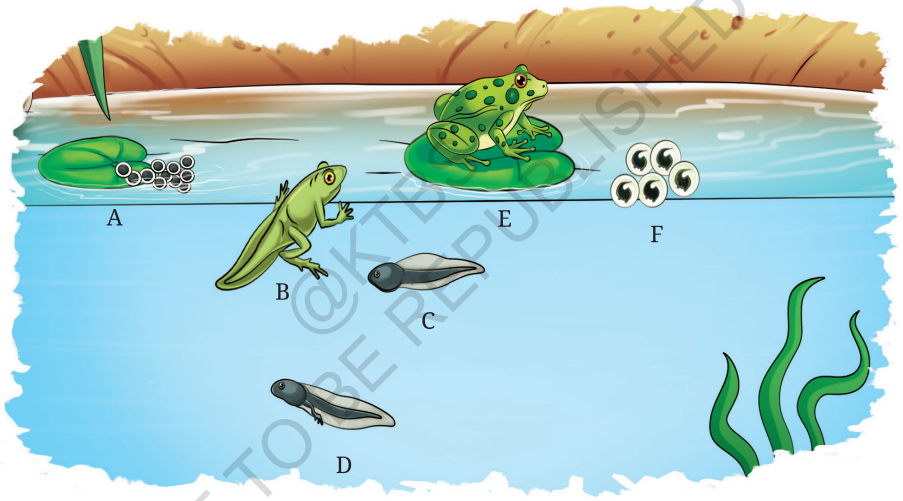


Fig 10.7: Different stages of a frog in a pond

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Based on the observations listed in Table 10.5, draw the life cycle of a frog. Compare the figure drawn by you with Fig. 10.8.

Table 10.5: Changes in different life stages of a frog

A	B	C	D	E	F
			It is similar to 'C' but it has two legs.		

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Some of the stages have been clubbed together, for example, stages A and F in Fig. 10.7 have been kept under stage I. You will find four stages in the life cycle of a frog—the egg stage, which progresses to the embryo stage; the **tadpole** stage, consisting of an early stage with a tail and no legs, and a late stage with hind legs; the **froglet** stage, and the adult frog stage (Fig. 10.8).

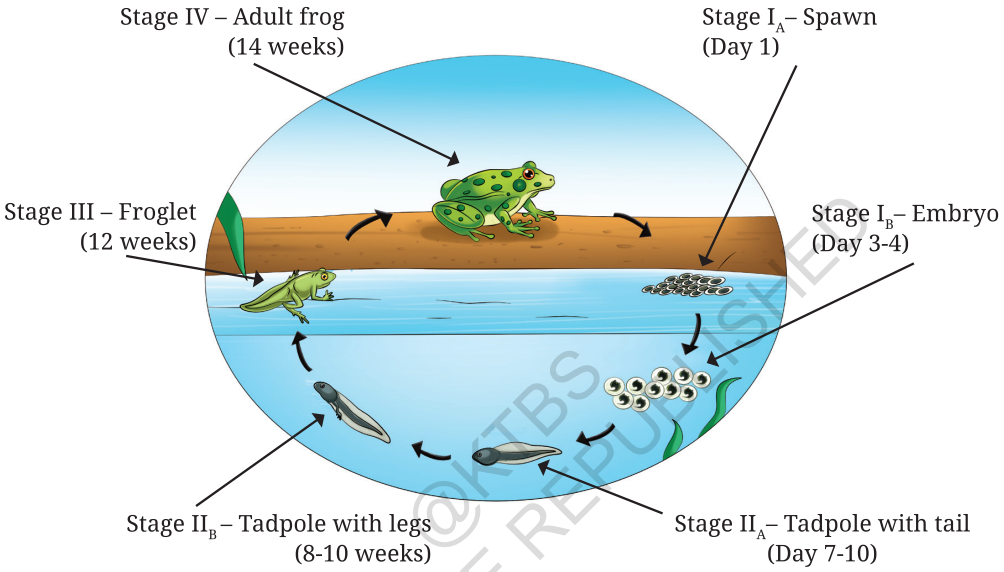


Fig. 10.8: Life cycle of a frog

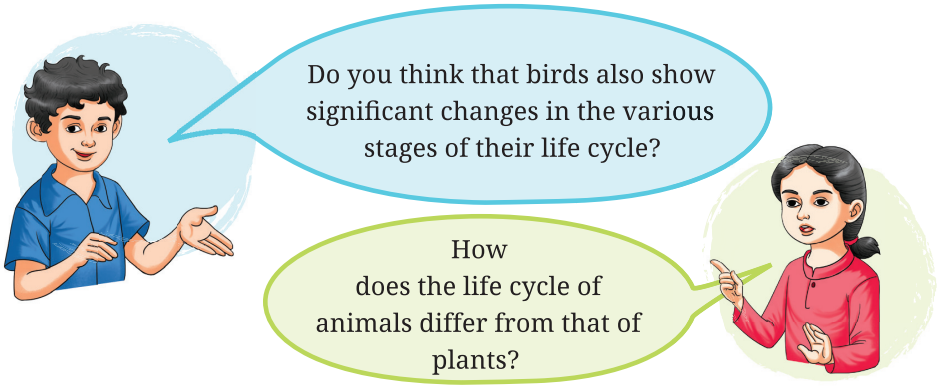
Discuss in the class along the following points:

- How are these eggs of a frog different from the other eggs that you may have seen?
- Which stage has the shortest duration?
- Is there a change in the habitat during the various stages in the life cycle of a frog?
- How do the special features support that stage?

Observe Fig. 10.8. You will see that tadpoles develop legs but still have tails. Tails help them swim in water. Tadpoles grow gradually and start looking like little frogs called froglets. They still live in water but begin to spend some time on land. They continue to grow and lose their tails completely. Their legs become strong to help them jump and land. They become fully developed adult frogs who live both in water and on land.

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Plants and animals are a part of the living world. They go through various changes during the course of their lives. We have learnt that a tiny plant grows and develops into a big tree. We have also learnt how animals grow and change from young ones to adults. This journey varies for each animal, making it unique and special. We have seen pupae change into insects, and tadpoles change into frogs. Such changes are important for plants and animals to survive and to maintain continuity of their kind. We should also take care of them and their homes. By nurturing and preserving their homes, we contribute to this flourishing living world.

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Keywords

Breathing	Movement	Conclude
Death	Non-living	Create
Excretion	Nutrition	Design
Froglet	Pupa	Experiment
Germination	Reproduction	Explore
Growth	Respiration	Identify
Larva	Response	Observation
Life cycle	Stimulus	Prediction
Living	Tadpole	

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Summary

Key Points

- The objects around us can be categorised into two types living and non-living.
- The essential features of living beings are that they move, eat, grow, breathe, excrete, respond to stimuli, reproduce and die. Absence of any of these features indicates that they are not living beings.
- Each living being goes through several stages during its life.
- Germination of seeds depends upon the availability of water, air and suitable light and/or dark conditions.
- During germination of seeds, roots generally grow downwards, while shoots grow upwards.
- A plant's life cycle starts with seed germination, followed by several stages of its growth and development. These include flowering and seed production. Seeds produced during their life cycle would germinate into new plants and the cycle continues.
- The life cycle of an animal as a result of reproduction, begin with a newborn that undergoes various stages of growth and development followed by an adult stage and finally death. The process of reproduction maintains the continuity of its kind.
- Mosquitoes pass through the stages of egg, larva, pupa and adult. The life stages of a frog include eggs, tadpoles, froglets and adults.
- In some living beings, such as mosquitoes and frogs, significant changes occur during the various stages of their life cycles. These changes can be seen in body shape, structure and sometimes even in the habitat.

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Let us enhance our learning



1. List the similarities and differences in life cycles of plants and animals.
2. The table on the next page shows some data. Study the data and try to find out examples appropriate for the conditions given in the second and third columns. If you think that

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an example for any of the conditions given below is not possible, explain why.

S. no.	Does it grow?	Does it respire?	Example	Remarks
1.	No	No		
2.	No	Yes		
3.	Yes	No		
4.	Yes	Yes		

3. You have learnt that different conditions are required for seed germination. How can we use this knowledge for proper storage of grains and pulses?
4. You have learnt that a tail is present in a tadpole but it disappears as it grows into a frog. What is the advantage of having a tail in the tadpole stage?
5. Charan says that a wooden log is non-living as it cannot move. Charu counters it by saying that it is living because it is made of wood obtained from trees. Give your arguments in favour or against the two statements given by Charan and Charu.

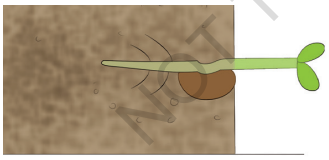


Fig. 10.9: Pot kept along the ground

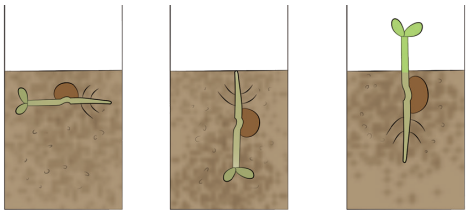


Fig. 10.10: Experimental set-up

6. What are the similarities and distinguishing features in the life cycles of a mosquito and a frog?
7. A plant is provided with all the conditions suitable for its growth (Fig. 10.9). Draw what you expect to see in the shoot and the root of the plant after one week. Write down the reasons.
8. Tara and Vijay set up the experiment shown in the picture (Fig. 10.10). What do you think they want to find out? How will they know if they are correct?
9. Design an experiment to check if temperature has an effect on seed germination.

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Learning further

- Make a field trip to a local garden. Interact with a gardener to learn about various conditions and the time required for the growth of various plants.
- Can we grow plants without germinating their seeds? Explore and cite some examples.
- Observe the life cycle of five plants grown at home, school, or in a nearby garden. Create a picture book containing pictures of various stages of their growth. Write the name of each plant and the duration of each of its stage.
- Try to observe some of the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly or a moth. Are these stages similar to the stages in the life cycle of a mosquito?
- In your opinion, would the environment affect the life cycles of insects? Explore and list the factors that affect the life cycles of insects.

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Let us create

Add more lines to the incomplete poem given below. Include information on the different stages in development of a frog. You may also draw and paint each stage as it appears in your poem.

In shaded and grassy bogs,
There lived a group of frogs.
They happily sang from dusk to dawn,
In double bass going on and on.
One day sitting beside a reed,
Female frogs think it's time to breed .....
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Chapter 11

Nature's Treasures

School vacations are always fun for Bhoomi and Surya. This vacation, they visit their *Ajji* (grandmother). *Ajji* lives in a village on the edge of a forest in the Western Ghats. The air in the village is fresh and cooler than in the city. They can see beautiful hills, streams, and many interesting plants, animals and birds around them.

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One afternoon, Bhoomi and Surya ask *Ajji* to tell them more about the place. *Ajji* says, "Children, do you know that this place has several treasures of nature that enrich our lives? The pure air is refreshing and the soil is so fertile that it supports a variety of living beings. Moreover, this place gets plenty of sunlight which is useful in many ways. Different varieties of trees provide food and shelter to animals including various birds and insects. Can you think of more such treasures of nature?"

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A village

Bhoomi replies, "*Ajji*, we use water for drinking and growing vegetables." *Ajji* says, "Yes. We need these treasures for our survival and for making our lives more comfortable. Without these treasures of nature, any form of life on Earth is not possible." We all are a part of nature.

Ajji explains the importance of air around us and how it is essential for our survival. Let us find out more about air.

11.1 Air

One morning, Bhoomi and Surya see *Ajji* performing some breathing exercises. *Ajji* asks them to join her. She says, "I am taking deep breaths in, and letting them out. This helps in getting more fresh air in the lungs to stay healthy." Bhoomi and Surya sit with *Ajji* and start taking deep breaths.

Let us also perform a breathing exercise.



Breathing exercise

Activity 11.1: Let us experience

- Take a deep breath in, and then breathe out slowly.
- Take a deeper breath in again.
- Hold your breath for as long as you can and then breathe out slowly.
- How long can you hold your breath?
- How do you feel when you hold your breath?

Caution

Do not hold your breath for so long that you start feeling uncomfortable.

From this activity, we find that it is difficult to hold our breath for a long time. The air which we breathe in has oxygen. Our body needs oxygen to perform its functions. When we hold our breath for a long time, the body does not get enough oxygen to perform its functions. Thus, we need oxygen for our survival. Similarly, most of the living beings also need oxygen for their survival.

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Do you know?

We can survive without food or water for a few days, but we cannot survive without oxygen for even a few minutes.

The air which surrounds the Earth is a mixture of gases. Can you name some gases which are present in the air? Air contains nitrogen, oxygen, argon, carbon dioxide and other gases in small quantities. Fig. 11.1 gives the composition of air in percentage. Notice that in Fig. 11.1 there are 100 squares. Out of 100 squares, 78 are occupied by nitrogen, 21 are occupied by oxygen, and 1 by argon, carbon dioxide and other gases.

More to know!

Percentage is the number of parts in 100. It is denoted by the symbol '%'.

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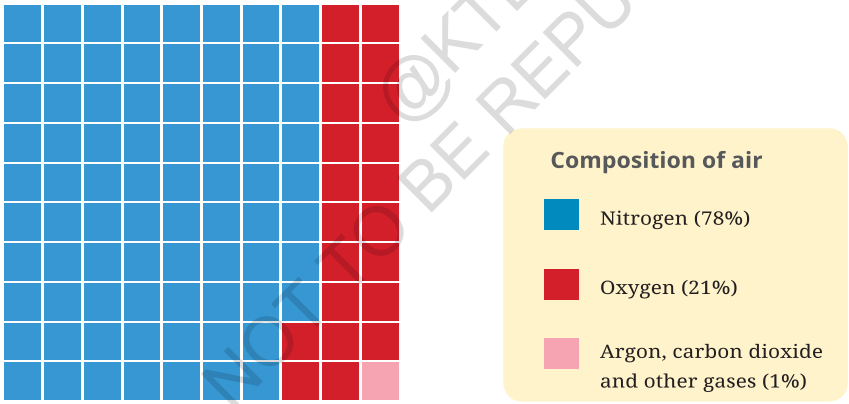


Fig. 11.1: Composition of air

You notice the presence of air when the leaves of a tree rustle, the clothes hanging on a clothes line sway, or the pages of an open book begin to flutter once a fan is switched on.

Moving air is called wind. Sometimes it blows fast, for example, during a storm, and sometimes it blows gently as a breeze. You must have played with a *firki* (paper pinwheel) many times. Let us make a *firki* by performing Activity 11.2.

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Activity 11.2: Let us make and decorate

- Take a square paper of size 15 cm x 15 cm, a pair of scissors, an all-pin and a soft stick.
- Follow the instructions shown in Fig. 11.2 to make a *firki*.

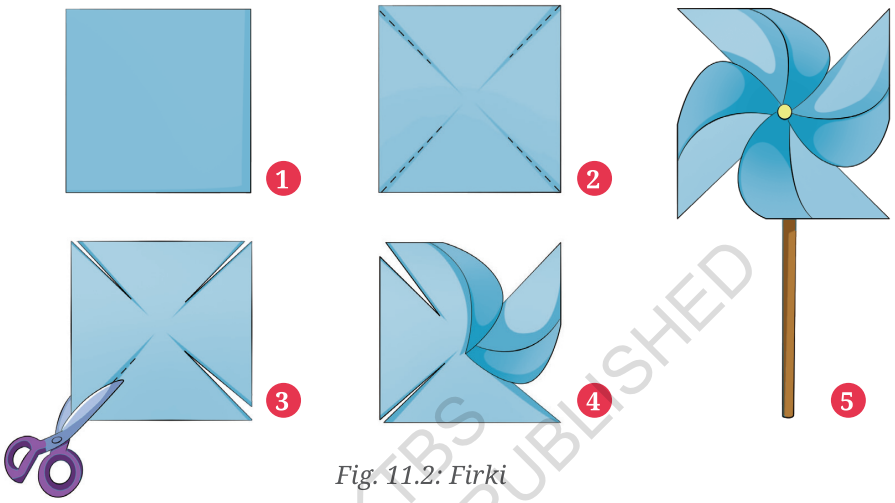


Fig. 11.2: Firki

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Now, you can hold the *firki* in your hand and run. You can also blow air on it. What do you observe? Does the *firki* rotate? When you move it a little back and forth, the *firki* rotates. What makes a *firki* rotate? It is the wind that makes a *firki* rotate.

The working of a windmill is similar to that of a *firki*. Wind rotates the wings of a windmill. Windmills can be used to run flour mills, to pull up water from a well, or to generate electricity. In India, there are many windmill farms. A windmill farm is an area that has a large number of windmills which use the energy of the wind to generate electricity (Fig. 11.3).

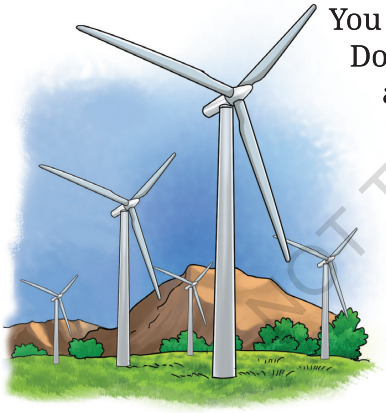


Fig 11.3: A windmill farm

More to know!

Muppandal Wind Farm in Tamil Nadu, Jaisalmer Wind Park in Rajasthan and Brahmanvel Wind Farm in Maharashtra are some of the leading windmill farms in our country. Find out more other windmill farms in our country.

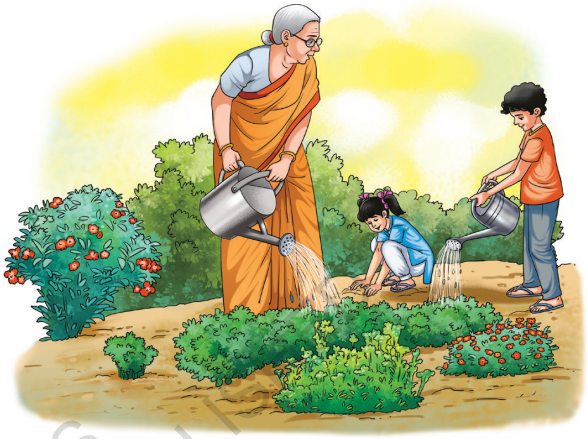
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We have learnt that air is very important for us. Water too is essential and precious for us. How do you feel when you cannot get water to drink, especially when you are thirsty? Let us find out more about water.

11.2 Water

Bhoomi and Surya help *Ajji* in filling the troughs of water for the cows. They also help her in watering plants such as vegetables and medicinal herbs in the garden. *Ajji* teaches them how to water the plants so that every drop is used and none of it goes waste.

Can you think of some more uses of water in your daily life? Write down your responses in the blank bubble.



Watering the plants



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We need water for many daily activities, such as drinking, cooking, bathing, washing and cleaning. It is also used for growing crops and for industrial purposes. Where do we get water from? Make a list of the different sources of water.

Water covers about two-thirds of the Earth's surface. Most of the water is found in oceans and seas. However, this water is saline or salty. This saline water is not fit for domestic, agricultural and industrial use. For all these activities, we need freshwater, which is present in the form of ice sheets or snow, rivers or lakes on the surface of the Earth, and underground. Freshwater present in ice sheets

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and snow, or underground water is difficult to access. A very small fraction of the freshwater present in ponds, rivers, lakes and wells is easily accessible. Water is precious, that is why *Ajji* guides them to use it with care.

Do you feel that water is being used efficiently in our daily activities? Have you observed water being wasted in your daily activities? Let us find out activities where water is wasted and how this wastage can be reduced.

Activity 11.3: Let us find out

Fill the Column II and Column III in Table 11.1.

Table 11.1: Wastage of water in your daily activities

Column I	Column II	Column III
Activity	How is water wasted?	Suggest ways to reduce wastage of water.
1. Hand washing		
2. Washing clothes		
3. Washing utensils		
4. Taking shower		
5. Cooking		
6. Gardening		
7. Brushing teeth		

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What conclusion can you draw from the information you gathered in the table? What can you and your family do to reduce this wastage of water? There are many ways to reduce wastage of water. For example, turning off taps when not in use and fixing water leakages. Recycling water and water harvesting also help in saving water.

Our country is blessed with numerous rivers, streams and lakes. Have you ever noticed plastic bags and wrappers floating on the surface of water? We pollute freshwater

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sources by throwing trash (waste materials) in them. Waste from homes and industries pollute our water sources when it is dumped into them. Identify other human activities that lead to water pollution. Discuss with your friends in the class what you can do to reduce water pollution. Polluted water is not fit for consumption by living beings.

As freshwater sources are limited, there is a shortage of water in many parts of India. At some places, people have to walk long distances to fetch drinking water. Everyone does not have the same kind of access to water. It is important for us to conserve water and use it judiciously. We must also prevent it from being polluted so that water remains fit for consumption by all living beings. In what ways can you conserve water?

Water harvesting is one of the methods for conserving water. In many buildings, rainwater is collected and stored in large quantities for later use. This is called **rainwater harvesting** (Fig. 11.4a). Do you know that rainwater is also harvested in many homes, residential societies or schools? It is an age-old practice in India.

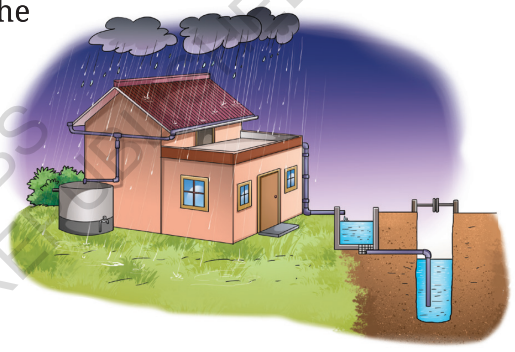


Fig. 11.4 (a): Rainwater harvesting

For example, stepwells (Fig. 11.4b), commonly known as *Bawadi* in Rajasthan and *Vav* in Gujarat are built for water harvesting as a response to the scarcity of water in these regions. These stepwells have a unique system of water harvesting. They store not only rainwater but also water seeping from nearby lakes, ponds and rivers. The walls of the trenches (long deep holes dug in the ground) are lined with blocks of stones that allow seepage of water. Find traditional water harvesting practices in your locality. Discuss with your teachers and parents to learn more about it.



Fig. 11.4 (b): Bawadi (Toorji ka Jhalra, Jodhpur in Rajasthan)

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Do you know?

World Water Day is observed on 22nd March every year. Find out its importance.

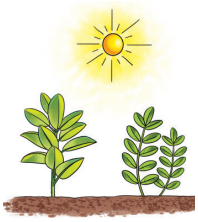
In the chapter 'A Journey through States of Water', we have learnt about the water cycle, where the Sun plays an important role in the evaporation of water. Have you ever observed your mother or grandmother cut raw mangoes and expose them to the hot sun for several days to dry? Let us explore more about energy from the Sun.

11.3 Energy from the Sun

On a sunny day, Bhoomi and Surya are helping *Ajji* dry chillies in the Sun. *Ajji* says, "We use the heat from the Sun to dry it. We can use dried chillies when fresh ones are not available. I will give you some to take home. Do you know that the Sun is the main source of energy on Earth? All plants and animals are dependent on it."

We use heat and light from the Sun for various purposes. What are some of the activities for which we need heat and light? Bhoomi draws some pictures to show the uses of heat and light from the Sun. Help her by adding more examples. Draw the pictures and write their descriptions in the space provided.

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Plants make food

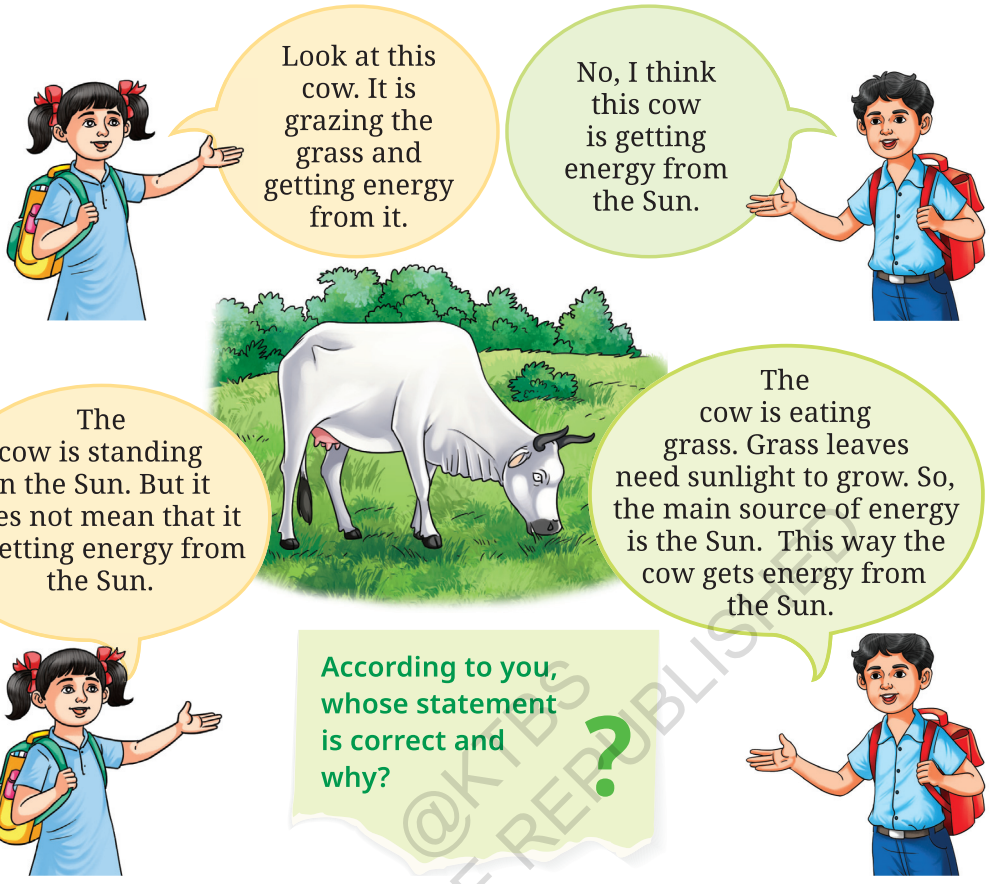


Drying of clothes

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One afternoon, Bhoomi and Surya pass by the field near *Ajji's* house, where they see a cow grazing the grass. They talk about the Sun being the main source of energy. Read the conversation carefully and answer.

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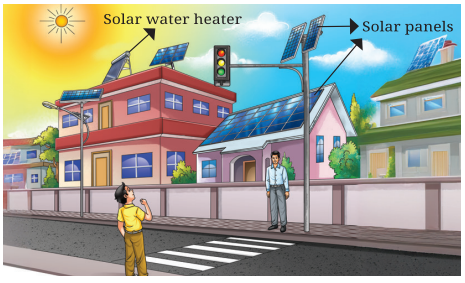
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Sunlight helps plants prepare food. The Sun also provides all the living beings on Earth with heat and light. It is their main source of energy.

Do you know?

In many households in India, water is offered to the Sun early in the morning as an expression of gratitude to the Sun.

Have you seen solar panels on rooftops, on top of street lights or on traffic signals? The solar panels capture the Sun's energy and produce electricity. Energy from the Sun can also be directly used for cooking in a solar cooker or for heating water in a solar water heater.



Uses of solar energy

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What will happen if the Sun is not visible for a few days?

1. We may have to depend on artificial lighting during day time also.
2. ----------
3. ----------

One cannot imagine life on Earth without the Sun. The Sun is the main source of energy on the Earth. Plants get energy from the Sun and produce food. Animals eat plants and grow. We get food from both plants and animals. This cycle on Earth is possible due to the Sun. So, we all are dependent on the Sun as the main source of energy. Where do we find a large variety of plants or animals? Let us explore.

11.4 Forests

One morning, *Ajji* takes Bhoomi and Surya for a walk in the forest. They find a variety of herbs, shrubs and trees in the forest. *Ajji* explains, "Forests are large areas with dense growth of various types of plants." On the way, they collect some *nellikai* (Kannada term for Indian gooseberries) that have fallen on the ground. *Ajji* tells them, "We have a tradition in the village not to pluck fruits from the trees; they are left for animals and birds to eat."

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A forest

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Discuss with your friends and make a list of at least five products that we get from forests.

Forests are a natural home for many wild animals, including birds and insects. Forests provide food and shelter to them. In nature, every animal depends on other life forms for survival. The diversity of life forms ensures food for every living being. However, over the years, the forest cover has been decreasing, mainly due to human activities like large scale cutting of trees. It takes many years to grow a new forest or restore lost forests. Therefore, we must preserve and use forests responsibly so that they get enough time to regenerate.

Van Mahotsav is a week-long event celebrated across the country during the month of July. It is a forest festival during which new plants and trees are planted, and awareness about respecting forests is raised. The aim of the event is to increase the green cover. You too can plan a *Van Mahotsav* in your community.

What are the consequences of cutting a large forest area? Make a presentation or do a role play, or write a story or a poem that shows what could happen if we continue to cut down trees in our forests.

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Do you know?

From ancient times, India had a tradition of respecting, protecting and preserving forests. You have already learnt about sacred groves in the chapter 'Diversity in the Living World'. Many efforts have been made by common people to prevent the cutting of trees, and thus, saving forests. One such effort is the famous Chipko movement. It started in the early 1970s in Uttarakhand (previously part of Uttar Pradesh). Local women actively participated in this movement. They encircled and hugged the trees to protect them from being felled.



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During their walk in the forests, Bhoomi and Surya notice that there are a lot of leaves on the ground and the soil feels damp. *Ajji* explains, "The roots of plants hold on to the soil and prevent it from being washed away. The leaves that fall from the trees decay and enrich the soil with nutrients. This soil is used by new plants and trees to grow. This is an example of recycling in nature." Let us investigate the soil in more detail.

11.5 Soil, Rocks and Minerals



Fig. 11.5: Soil preparation for planting vegetables

Bhoomi, Surya and *Ajji* come back home from the forest. Bhoomi and Surya help *Ajji* in preparing the soil in the garden for planting some vegetables (Fig. 11.5). *Ajji* asks them to dig the soil gently and loosen the lumps. You have already learnt in the chapter 'Living Creatures: Exploring their Characteristics' that for plants to grow, the space between the soil particles not only provides sufficient air but also space for the roots to grow easily. Bhoomi and Surya could see small pebbles, the roots of plants and a few earthworms too in the soil. Do you realise that earthworms are natural agents that help in turning and loosening the soil?

While Bhoomi and Surya help *Ajji*, let us do our own experiment by performing Activity 11.4.

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Activity 11.4: Let us investigate

Caution

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after touching the soil collected from different places. Sometimes soil that has garbage carries germs that may be harmful to us.

- Collect samples of soils from different areas around your home and school.
- Guess what could be there in different soils.
- Observe carefully each soil sample and note its colour.
- Touch each soil sample and feel its texture.

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- Observe the soil samples with your naked eye. If you have a magnifying lens, look at the soil through it.
- Record your observations in Table 11.2.

Table 11.2: Soil samples

Location from which soil sample was collected	What I guessed about the soil?	Observation of soil with naked eye including its colour and texture	Observation of soil with magnifying lens
Soil from a farm after ploughing			

- Is there any difference between your guess and what you can actually observe when you look closely?
- Do you see any differences in the soil samples taken from different places?
- Do you see differences in what you are able to observe with your naked eye and what you can observe with a magnifying lens?

There are many things in the soil, such as sand, insects and worms. There may be many small organisms that we cannot see with our naked eyes. Plants and animals also become part of the soil as they decompose and decay. The soil samples collected from different places may be of different colours because they may contain different materials.

Have you ever wondered how soil is formed? Soil is formed by the disintegration (breaking apart) of rocks by actions of the Sun, water and living organisms over a long time (thousands of years). There are different types of soils. Some are good for growing certain types of



Ploughing

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plants while some are good for making bricks for buildings. Forests have a variety of soils. Soil is a precious treasure that supports biodiversity.

You may have seen rocks in your surroundings. Rocks are used in the construction of houses, buildings, temples, roads, dams and table tops. Some rocks, like slate, are used for roofing (Fig. 11.6) and laterite can be used as a building material, like bricks (Fig. 11.7). Some of the important rocks are granite, sandstone and marble. Human beings have been using rocks to make tools such as hand axes (Fig. 11.8a) and arrowheads (Fig. 11.8b) since thousands of years.



Fig. 11.6: Rocks used for roofing



Fig. 11.7: Laterite rocks used as bricks



Fig. 11.8 (a): Hand axes



Fig. 11.8 (b): Arrowheads made from stone

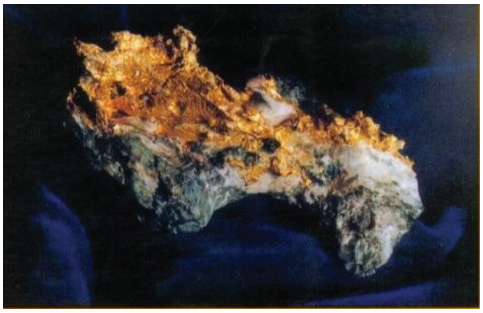


Mining of marble

What are rocks made up of? They are made up of minerals. Important metals, such as aluminium, gold, copper and iron are extracted from minerals. Minerals are used in the manufacturing of airplanes, cars, jewellery, cosmetics, and

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electrical and electronic equipment. For example, the basic mobile phones that we use contain about a dozen minerals like gold, silver, copper, cobalt, etc.



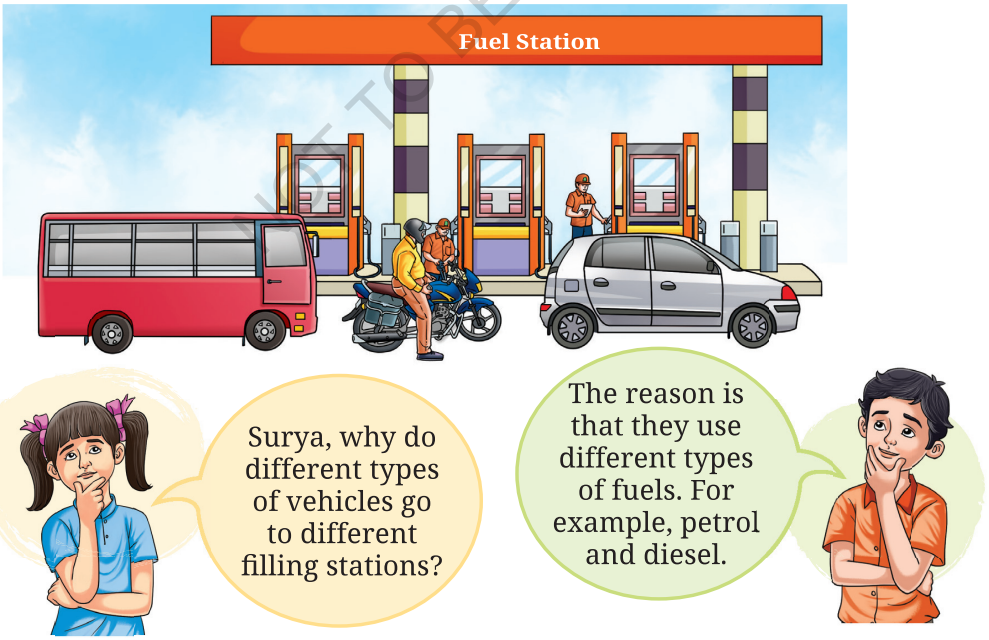
Naturally occurring gold



Some minerals found in nature

Rocks play a vital role in our lives. It takes thousands to millions of years to form rocks. Therefore, it is important to conserve and use them responsibly. Do you know how rocks and minerals are transported from one location to another? Most vehicles that we use for transportation use fossil fuels. Let us explore more about fossil fuels.

11.6 Fossil Fuels



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Let us explore more about it by performing Activity 11.5.

Activity 11.5: Let us conduct a survey

- Conduct a survey of vehicles in your neighbourhood.
- Which types of vehicles are there? What types of fuels do they use?
- Record the information that you collect in Table 11.3.

Table 11.3: Types of vehicles and fuels used

Type of vehicle	Type of fuel used

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What are the most common types of fuels used? Petrol and diesel are the two most widely used fuels for vehicles. Petrol, diesel and kerosene are obtained from petroleum. Petroleum along with natural gas and coal are commonly called **fossil fuels.** They are formed essentially from the remains of microorganisms and plants that got buried deep inside the earth, and were converted to petroleum, natural gas and coal. It takes millions of years for these fuels to form.

Natural gas is used for cooking and generating electricity. Nowadays, it is also used in the form of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a fuel for vehicles. It is a cleaner fuel than petrol or diesel. Coal is mainly used for the production of electricity. It is found in several parts of India. Find out the major coal-producing states and mark them in a map of India.

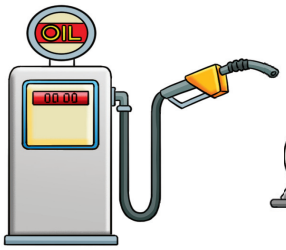
Do you know?

Earlier, coal, wood and dung cakes were used as fuels for cooking. Nowadays, less polluting natural gas and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) have gradually replaced these domestic fuels.

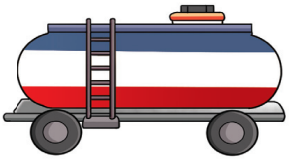
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Coal



Petrol



Natural gas

Fossil fuels are found in limited quantities. Hence, we will soon run out of fossil fuels if we continue to use them in the manner that we currently do. To avoid such a situation, we need to explore alternate sources of energy. When fossil fuels are burnt, smoke and carbon dioxide gas are produced which pollutes the air. Over-dependence on fossil fuels for transportation and as domestic fuels has resulted in large scale air pollution.

Let us do our bit to conserve the fossil fuels by—

- Walking or cycling to nearby places.
- Using public transport.

Suggest some more ways.

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11.7 Natural Resources: Renewable and Non-renewable

Nature's treasures fulfill our needs. They are essential resources to sustain all life forms on the Earth. For example, we get heat and light from the Sun, water from rivers, and food from plants and animals. These resources which we get from nature are called **natural resources.** We also use natural resources to make many useful things for our convenience. For example, electric bulbs, furniture, solar panels, bicycles, etc., make our lives comfortable. All such resources created by human beings are called **human-made resources.**

You have learnt about various natural resources, such as air, water, energy from the Sun, forests, soil, rocks, minerals and fossil fuels. Some of these natural resources

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get replenished through natural processes over a period of time. If you remember, *Ajji* told Bhoomi and Surya that they could collect only those *nellikai* that had fallen on the ground. This makes sure that there would be enough fruits for other animals and birds. The seeds from the droppings of animals and birds would enable new trees to grow, though it would take some years before we get fruits from these new trees. Thus, resources which get renewed, replenished or restored within a reasonable period of time are called **renewable resources.** Air, water and forest are some of the examples of renewable natural resources. Nature renews them. We should use our natural resources judiciously.

On the other hand, fossil fuels take millions of years to form. They are found in limited quantities and once used, they get exhausted. They are not produced or replenished within a reasonable period of time. These resources are called **non-renewable resources.** Examples of non-renewable natural resources are minerals, soil, rocks, coal, petroleum and natural gas.

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11.8 Resources We Use

It is time for Bhoomi and Surya to go back home after a wonderful holiday at their *Ajji's* home. Their *Amma* (mother) comes to pick them up. Bhoomi and Surya show her the vegetable plants that have started to grow in the garden and the dried chillies given by *Ajji* to take home.

They notice changes in the colour of the skyline and the smell of the air once they reach the city. There are very few trees. The air does not smell as good as the air at *Ajji's* place. They can smell smoke from the vehicles. The air is polluted. *Amma* says, "Yes. When we use fossil fuels in our vehicles, smoke is generated. Now, there are vehicles which cause less pollution. For example, there are electric vehicles that do not release any smoke. So, people are making an effort to create alternatives."

Can you list some alternatives for reducing air pollution?

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We use many natural resources in our everyday life. Let us identify some resources that we use by performing Activity 11.6.

Activity 11.6: Let us make a list of natural resources used

Make a list of activities you do in your daily life and write down the natural resources used directly or indirectly for each activity. In Table 11.4, some items are already filled in. Using them as a guide, fill the remaining blank rows.

Table 11.4: Natural resources used

Activity	Natural resource
Washing clothes	Water
Making clay toys	
Collecting firewood	
Making kites	
Having breakfast	

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How many natural resources did you list? Compare your list with that of your friend.

You and your friends have listed many natural resources that we use everyday. These resources are air, water, soil, and food from plants and animals. We get these resources from nature and also make things using them for our consumption. Therefore, we must conserve our natural resources and use them responsibly without wasting them. This way, we can continue to fulfill our present needs while also saving for the future, without harming the environment.

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need but not for every man's greed."

– M. K. Gandhi

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Keywords

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Natural resources
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Renewable resources
Resources
Rocks
Soil
Sun
Water
Classify
Experience
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Summary

Key Points

- Resources required for our survival are provided by nature.
- Resources provided by nature are called natural resources.
- Some important natural resources are air, water, energy from the Sun, forests, soil, rocks, minerals and fossil fuels.
- Resources created by human beings to meet their needs are called human-made resources.
- Natural resources can be classified as renewable resources and non-renewable resources.
- Resources that get renewed, replenished or restored by natural processes within a reasonable period are called renewable resources.
- Resources that are in limited quantities and do not get replenished within a reasonable period are called non-renewable resources.
- All living beings, including humans, depend on natural resources for their survival so we should use them judiciously.

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Let us enhance our learning

1. Fig. 11.9 shows items related to natural resources. Match them with their jumbled up names. Make another table and write the names of these resources. Classify these resources as renewable or non-renewable.

Item	Jumbled up name
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	refost
	ndiw
	atwre

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Fig. 11.9: Natural resources

2. State whether the following statements are True [T] or False [F]. If False, correct them.
   (i) Nature has all the resources to meet human needs. [ ]
   (ii) Machines are a resource found in nature. [ ]
   (iii) Natural gas is a non-renewable resource. [ ]
   (iv) Air is a renewable resource. [ ]

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3. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate option—

   (i) A fuel that is commonly used in two wheelers like scooters or bikes is.....

   (a) Kerosene

   (b) Petrol

   (c) Diesel

   (d) LPG

   (ii) An example of a renewable resource is .....

   (a) Coal

   (b) Water

   (c) Natural gas

   (d) Petrol

4. Classify the following as renewable or non-renewable resources—coal, natural gas, forests and minerals.

5. Why do we say that petroleum is a non-renewable resource?

6. It is difficult to regrow forests. Justify this statement.

7. Make a list of five daily activities in which you use natural resources. Suggest ways by which you can reduce their use.

8. List four activities that are possible due to the presence of air.

9. How can you contribute towards enhancing the green cover of your locality? Make a list of actions to be taken.

10. In the given illustration, we see that food is being cooked.

    Answer the following questions—

    (i) What type of energy is being used for cooking?

    (ii) Name one benefit and one drawback of using this type of energy for cooking.



11. Cutting down trees on a large scale impacts the quality of the soil. Why do you think it is so?

12. Explain two ways in which human activities pollute the air. Propose one action which can help in reducing air pollution.

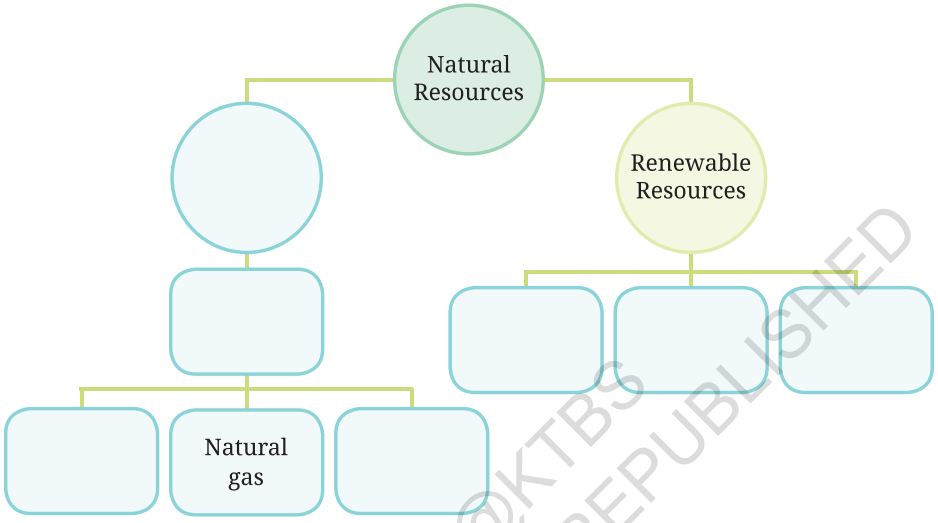
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13. A family uses solar panels to generate electricity, a gas stove to cook food and a windmill for pumping water from a well. What would happen if there were no sunlight for a week?

14. Fill up the blanks using the following terms—

(fossil fuels, forest, air, petroleum, coal, water and non-renewable resource)



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15. There is an increasing demand of trees to meet the requirements of industries and for housing. Therefore, trees are being felled. Is it justified? Discuss and prepare a brief report.

16. Propose a plan to use less water in your school. What steps would you take to make this plan happen and how would it help the environment?

Learning further

- Rainwater harvesting is an age-old practice in India. Find out some of the traditional rainwater harvesting techniques being used in your state or in other parts of the country.

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- Investigate the effect of air pollution on human health by interacting with your elders or community members and identify the main sources of air pollution in your local area. Based on your findings, suggest two practical steps that your school or community could take to help reduce air pollution.
- Prepare a list of the names and uses of important minerals and rocks that are used in your village/town/city for various purposes.
- You are an eco-club monitor. Organise a tree plantation drive in your school with the help of your teacher. List the steps required for organising this activity. Prepare a one-page report listing the names of the trees planted along with their importance.

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Chapter 12

Beyond Earth

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Nubra is a beautiful region in Ladakh. An eleven-year old girl Yangdol and her twin brother Dorjay live in one of the villages of this region.



Nubra in Ladakh, India

They love their surroundings—the majestic mountain peaks, and the glaciers, but their favourite is the night sky when the entire sky is lit up with thousands of stars (Fig. 12.1). The weather in Nubra is almost cloudless. With almost no air or light pollution, the night sky is very clearly visible. Night after night, Yangdol and Dorjay observe the stars and experience an immense sense of awe.



Fig. 12.1: The beauty of night sky from a very dark location in Ladakh, India

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Growing up, Yangdol and Dorjay have been hearing interesting stories about stars from their elders. They have heard how some particular stars in the clear skies helped the caravans passing through Nubra in finding direction in the ancient days. They wonder how far away and how big the stars are. They also enjoy trying to find some patterns among the stars that remind them of familiar objects. Have you ever looked at the stars in the night sky and tried to connect them with imaginary lines, just like dots and lines in a drawing?

Activity 12.1: Let us draw

- Fig. 12.2 shows bright stars in one part of the night sky.
- Look at it carefully and try to imagine a pattern formed by a group of stars.
- Draw lines to connect the stars and make the pattern.
- Think of an animal or an object that is similar to the pattern drawn by you. Write its name near your pattern.



Fig. 12.2: A part of the night sky

- Repeat the above steps and make some more patterns.
- Now think of an interesting story about your patterns.

Compare your patterns with the patterns drawn by your friends. Are the patterns same or different? Narrate your story to others and listen to their stories. Do you notice that everyone's patterns, names and stories are different? Is it not fun?

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12.1 Stars and Constellations

At night, when we look up at the sky, we see many stars. Some stars are bright and others are dim. Stars shine with their own light.

Some groups of stars appear to form patterns which are like shapes of familiar things. Long ago, when watching stars in the night sky was a favourite pastime of our ancestors, they identified these star patterns with animals, things or characters in stories. Many cultures had names for patterns based on their own stories. These imaginary shapes helped them in recognising stars in the sky.



Recognising stars and their patterns was a useful skill for navigation in the olden times. Before the arrival of modern technology or even before the invention of the magnetic compass, it helped people, particularly sailors and travellers, in finding directions at sea or on land. It is still used in emergencies as a backup method.

In earlier times, groups of stars forming patterns were called constellations. Currently, the regions of sky, which include these groups of stars, are defined as constellations. However, since in constellations, the patterns of stars are often the most prominent, the term constellation is still commonly used for these groups of stars.

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More to know!

Since different cultures denoted the constellation boundaries in different ways, an internationally agreed set of constellation boundaries were defined by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in the early twentieth century. 88 constellations were officially listed, thus, dividing the entire sky into 88 regions. These regions of sky are now defined as constellations.

Some constellations are shown in Fig. 12.3. The stars are joined by imaginary lines, drawn for easy identification. The constellation Orion is often represented as a hunter. There are three stars in the middle, which represent the belt of the hunter. Some people imagine that the hunter Orion, followed by his dog (constellation Canis Major), is battling a bull (constellation Taurus). Canis Major contains a star

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called Sirius, which is the brightest star in the night sky (Fig. 12.3).

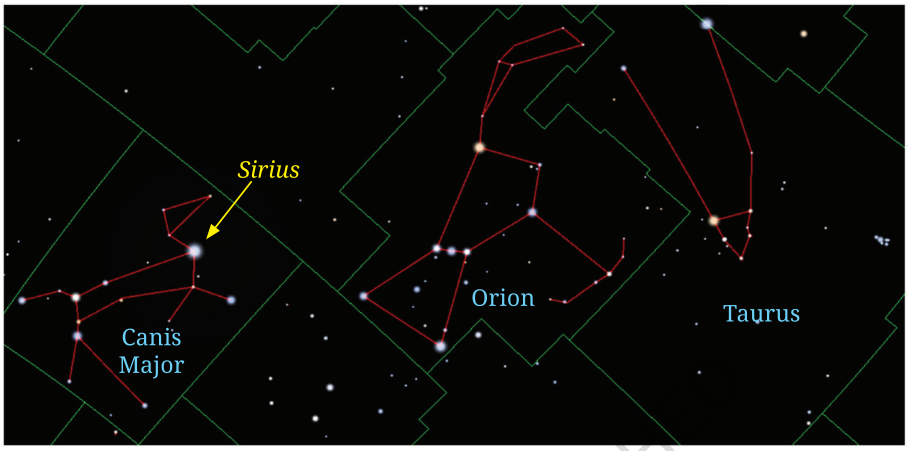
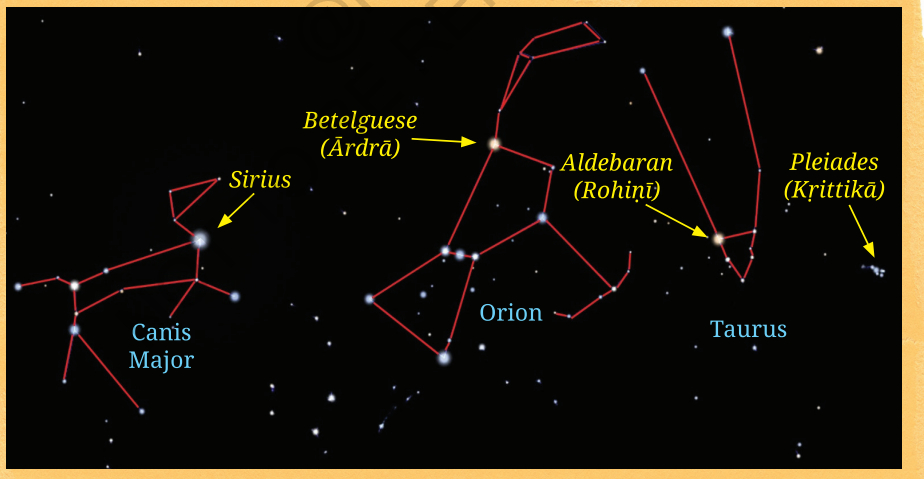


Fig. 12.3: Some constellations and stars

(The red lines indicate the patterns of stars while the green lines indicate the regions of the sky. The lines are not seen in the sky and have been drawn only for easy identification)



More to know!

In Indian astronomy, the term *nakṣhatra* is used to denote either a certain star or a group of stars, such as *Ārdrā* (a star called Betelgeuse in the Orion constellation) and *Kṛittikā* (a group of stars called Pleiades in the Taurus constellation). Aldebaran, a star in the constellation Taurus, is known as *Rohiṇī*.

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Two distinct patterns of stars, the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper, are shown in Fig. 12.4. The **Pole Star** or Polaris, which is part of the Little Dipper is also shown (Fig. 12.4).

The Pole Star appears stationary in the North direction, which helps to locate the North direction in the Northern hemisphere.

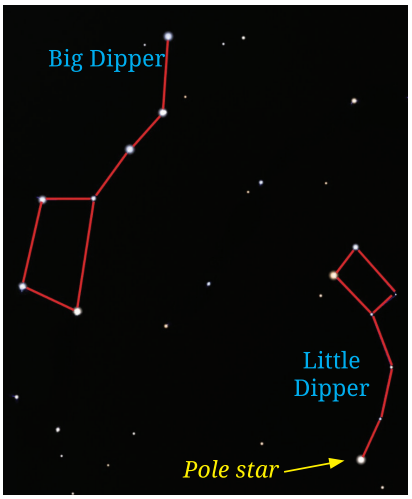


Fig. 12.4: Big Dipper, Little Dipper and Pole Star (The lines are not seen in the sky and have been drawn only for easy identification)

More to know!

The Big Dipper lies in the constellation Ursa Major while the Little Dipper lies in the constellation Ursa Minor. In India, the Big Dipper is known as *Saptaṛiṣhi,* and the Pole Star is known as *Dhruva tārā.*

How can we identify some of these constellations in the night sky?



Do you know?

Apart from common regional stories associated with stars in the constellations, many forest dwelling communities or tribes of India also have their own stories about them. For example, the four stars in the Big Dipper that approximately form a rectangle, are viewed by tribes in Central India as the "grandmother's cot" with the three thieves (other three stars) stealing it. Fishermen along the Konkan coast imagine the four stars as a boat, with the last three stars as the neck of the boat.

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12.2 Night Sky Watching

If it is a clear cloudless night, a large number of stars may be visible in the sky. If you stay in a big city, you may find that the sky is rarely clear and only a few stars are seen in the night sky. This is due to light pollution, smoke and dust. The presence of excessive artificial light at night time is referred to as light pollution. In villages or areas where there is less light pollution, a larger number of stars can be seen. Also, your house may be surrounded by tall buildings and trees, which may block your view. The night sky is best viewed from open dark areas.

Do you know?

Light pollution is growing sharply globally. This is reducing our ability to enjoy and study objects in the night sky. Some dark sky reserves and parks have been established around the world. Light pollution in the reserves is controlled to preserve dark skies for research. There are a few organisations which are working to educate people about reducing light pollution.



Not all stars and constellations are visible from all places on Earth and on all nights in a year. For example, the Pole Star is not visible from the southern hemisphere of Earth. To identify a star or a constellation, you need to know how a particular constellation looks like and where to look for it in the night sky. To get familiar with the pattern of a constellation you may use images such as Fig. 12.3 and Fig. 12.4. To find out when and in which portion of the sky a star or a constellation will be visible from your location, you may take the help of sky mapping apps that can be downloaded on a mobile phone, or other online resources.

More to know!

Sky Map is a very handy app for identification of stars, constellations and planets from mobile phones. Stellarium is another such app. The computer version of Stellarium is free for download and has many features.

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Preparation for night sky watching

- Under the guidance of adults, identify a dark open area for night sky watching. This should be away from lights, tall buildings and trees.
- Choose the date and time based upon what you plan to identify in the night sky.
- Choose a moonless night with no clouds, particularly for the Pole Star which is not very bright.
- It may be useful to have access to a mobile app with a sky map, or print out images of the constellations you plan to view. You may also carry a magnetic compass to find directions and a notebook to note or draw your observations.
- On the particular day and time selected, go to the identified place with an adult, where the night sky watching is to be done.
- After reaching there, wait for about half an hour for your eyes to get adjusted to the darkness. This will help you to see the night sky better (Fig. 12.5).

Caution
Do not go to a dark open place at night time without adults accompanying you.

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Fig. 12.5: Night sky watching

You may easily identify the Big Dipper and the Pole Star in the night sky.

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Activity 12.2: Let us try to locate

- Look for the Big Dipper during summer time in the early part of the night, say, around 9 p.m. View the sky above the horizon towards the northern part of the sky and identify the Big Dipper.
- Once you identify the Big Dipper, try to locate the Pole Star. Look at the two stars present at the end of the Big Dipper's cup and imagine a straight line passing through these towards the north. At about five times the distance between these two stars, the imaginary line will lead to another star which is not very bright. This star is the Pole Star.

You may also locate the bright constellation Orion and the star Sirius in the night sky.

Activity 12.3: Let us try to identify

- In India, Orion is best viewed during the months of December to April after sunset. So, look for it during that period.



- Three bright stars in a short straight line are located around the middle of Orion (imagined to be the belt of a hunter). Identify these three stars first, as this is the easiest way to find Orion.
- Once you identify Orion, it is easy to locate the very bright star Sirius which is located close to Orion. Imagine a straight line passing through the three middle stars of Orion and look along this line towards the east. This will lead to Sirius.

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12.3 Our Solar System

The Sun

The Sun is a star. It is the star closest to us. It is an extremely hot spherical ball of gases. The Sun gives out a huge amount of energy, and that is why it glows so brightly.

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The Sun produces heat and light, and is the main source of energy on the Earth (Fig. 12.6).

How big is the Sun? It is about 100 times bigger than the Earth in diameter. And still, it looks so small because it is very far from the Earth.



Fig. 12.6: The rising Sun

The distance of the Sun from the Earth is about 150 million km. A useful unit for expressing distances within the solar system is 'astronomical unit' (au) which is approximately the distance between the Sun and the Earth.

More to know!

The Sun, being the brightest object and the source of light and heat on Earth, was elevated in most ancient civilizations to the status of a deity. In India, the Sun is worshipped as *Sūrya*. The heat provided by the Sun keeps the Earth at a temperature that makes life possible. Sunlight is essential for plants to grow, which provide food and oxygen to animals, including humans. The Sun is responsible for climate, seasons, weather, water cycle, winds—all of which are important for sustaining life on the Earth.



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However, the Sun is much closer to us than the other stars hence it appears much bigger than the stars. As the stars (other than the Sun) are much farther away, they appear like points, even though some of those stars are much bigger

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than our Sun. During daytime, due to the extreme brightness of the Sun, it is not possible to view the other stars.

More to know!

The star nearest to us after the Sun is Proxima Centauri which lies at a distance of about 269000 au. This means that its distance is about 269000 times our distance to the Sun.



There are many more objects in the sky. Our Earth, along with some of these objects, and the Sun together form our Solar System (Fig. 12.7). Most of these objects move around the Sun. The movement of an object around the Sun is called **revolution**.

Planets

A planet is a large, nearly spherical object that revolves around the Sun. Our Earth is a planet as it revolves around the Sun as shown in Fig. 12.7. The Earth takes nearly one year to complete one revolution. Like the Earth, there are other planets that revolve around the Sun.

More to know!

While revolving around the Sun, the Earth is also rotating about its axis. For one full rotation, the Earth takes about 24 hours which is called a day. Like the Earth, other planets also rotate about their axes while revolving around the Sun. You will learn more about this in the next Grade.

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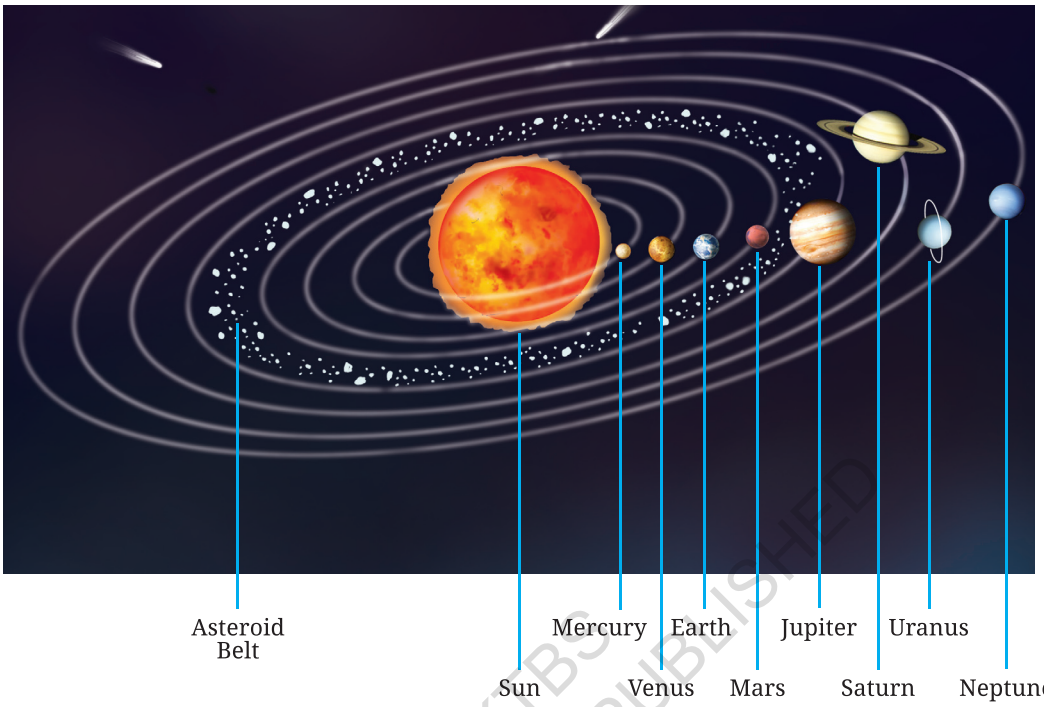


Fig. 12.7: An artist's representation of the Solar System

(To fit this figure within the page, the sizes and distances of various objects are not as per their actual sizes and distances in relation to each other, that is, the sizes and distances are not to scale in the figure)

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The eight planets, in order of their increasing distance from the Sun, are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune (Fig. 12.7).

The inner four planets nearest to the Sun—Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars—are smaller in size. They have solid surfaces with rocks on them.

More to know!

From ancient times, various names have been used across India for the planets visible to the naked eye. For example, *Budha* (Mercury), *Śhukra* (Venus), *Pṛithvī* (Earth), *Mangala* (Mars), *Bṛihaspati* or *Guru* (Jupiter) and *Śhani* (Saturn).

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Venus is usually seen shining brightly at dawn and dusk, and is commonly called the Morning Star or the Evening Star, even though it is not a star. Mars is called the Red Planet because it appears red. This is because the soil on Mars is reddish in colour.

A large portion of the Earth's surface is covered with water and thus, it appears blue from the space. Due to this, the Earth is also called the Blue Planet.

The four outermost planets—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune—are much larger compared to the Earth, and are mostly made of gases. These giant gaseous planets have large flat ring-like structures around them which are made of dust particles and rocky material.

Planets get most of their energy from the Sun. So, the farther they are, the colder they are in general. The presence of an atmosphere on a planet can trap heat which can significantly change the temperature of a planet. That is why Venus, for example, is hotter than Mercury, although it is farther from the Sun.

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More to know!

There is another object called Pluto that lies farther than Neptune, and revolves around the Sun. It is smaller than the Earth's Moon. When it was discovered, it was called a planet of the Solar System. But later, when similar more small objects were discovered, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in 2006 redefined the requirements of an object to be called a planet. As per this definition, these smaller objects, including Pluto, are now called dwarf planets.



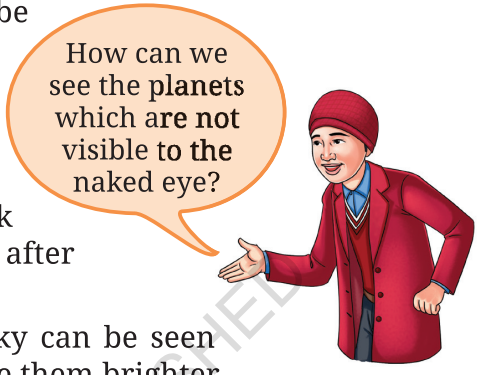
Among the planets, it is easiest to identify Venus which is very bright. After the Sun and the Moon, Venus is the brightest object in the sky. Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn can also be seen with the naked eye. They are

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so far away that they look like shining dots, just like stars. So how can we distinguish between planets and the stars? Unlike planets, the stars appear to twinkle a lot.

Activity 12.4: Let us try to identify

- For most of the year, Venus can be located either at dawn or at dusk.
- When you are viewing at dawn, look for it near the Eastern direction before sunrise.
- When you are viewing at dusk, look for it near the Western direction after sunset.



While many of the objects in the sky can be seen with our naked eyes directly, we can see them brighter and larger using a pair of binoculars or an instrument called a telescope (Fig. 12.8). A telescope also helps us view many dim objects not visible by our naked eyes directly.

You may get an opportunity to view the sky through a telescope whenever a night sky watching event is organised in your region.

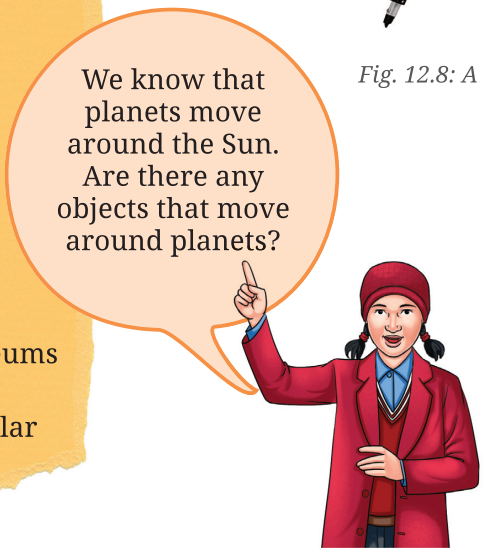


Fig. 12.8: A telescope

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Do you know?

Many Higher Education Institutions conduct night sky watching activities for school students. There are many Amateur Astronomy Clubs all over the country which organise sky watching events periodically. Museums and Planetariums also organise similar events.



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Natural Satellites

Objects that move around planets are commonly called satellites. They are smaller in size than planets. Moons are natural satellites of planets. The Earth has one Moon, while Mars has two moons. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune have a large number of moons.

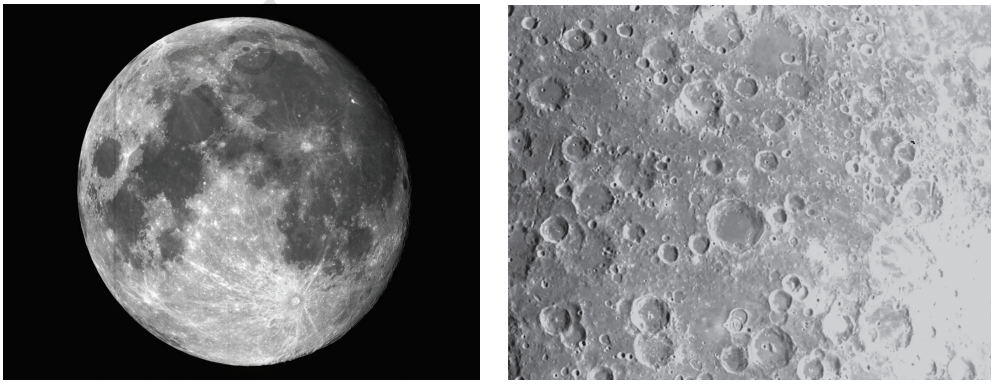
In general, any object that moves around a much larger object can also be called a satellite. For example, Earth can be considered a satellite of the Sun.

More to know!

The Moon is about 3,84,000 km away from the Earth.

The Moon

Earth's natural satellite, the Moon, takes about 27 days to complete one revolution around the Earth. It is our nearest neighbour in the space. Unlike on the Earth, there is hardly any atmosphere on the Moon. How big is the Moon as compared to the Earth? The Moon is about a quarter the size of the Earth in diameter. The Moon's surface shows circular bowl-like structures called craters (Fig. 12.9). Most of these craters have been formed due to the impact of asteroids or rocks from the space hitting the Moon's surface. Since there is no



(a) (b)

Fig. 12.9: The Moon
(a) Image taken by Cartosat, ISRO.
(b) Close-up image by cameras onboard Chandrayaan-3, ISRO.

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atmosphere, water or life on the Moon, these features stay on the Moon's surface for a very long time.

Although the Moon is very far, humans have sent spacecrafts to explore and understand more about the Moon. India has also launched three Chandrayaan missions to study the Moon, and a further mission is being planned.

Do you know?

To improve our understanding of the Moon, India's first mission to the Moon, Chandrayaan-1, was launched in 2008 and the second mission, Chandrayaan-2, in 2019. The third mission, Chandrayaan-3, was launched in July 2023 and its Vikram lander carrying the Pragyan rover successfully soft-landed on the Moon on 23 August 2023. With this mission, India became the first country in the world to achieve a landing near the little explored Moon's south pole. To mark this success, the Government of India declared 23 August to be celebrated as 'National Space Day' in India. A fourth mission, Chandrayaan-4, is being planned which aims to bring back soil and rock samples from the Moon.

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Asteroids

The Sun and the planets are nearly spherical in shape. There are many small objects in the Solar System which are rocky and irregular in shape. These are called asteroids. Many of these asteroids revolve around the Sun in paths that lie between those of Mars and Jupiter. This region is called the asteroid belt (Fig. 12.7). Occasionally, asteroids pass very close to the Earth.

More to know!

The sizes of asteroids are from 10 m to about 500 km.

Comets

Sometimes we have visitors from the outer regions of the Solar System! These objects with long tails are called comets (Fig. 12.10). They are made up of dust, gases, rocks and ice. As a comet approaches close to the Sun, the frozen material in it starts evaporating. This evaporating

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material forms the tail of the comet. Comets appear dim as they move away from the Sun and then, it is not possible to see them with the naked eye.



Fig. 12.10: A Comet

Many comets have been found that revolve around the Sun. These comets approach close to the Sun periodically. However, there are a few comets that escape and move out of the Solar System. Few other comets get broken up, or fall into the Sun or other planets when they approach them.

We have learnt about the objects which form the Solar System. Which are these objects? **The Sun, eight planets, their moons, and many smaller objects including asteroids, and comets, together form the Solar System.**

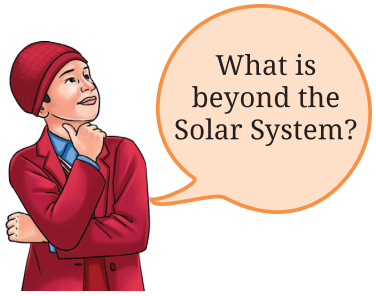
The Sun—our star—is the largest and the heaviest object in the Solar System. The Sun produces almost all the energy in the Solar System. All other objects in our Solar System shine due to the sunlight that they reflect from their surfaces.

One famous comet is the Halley's Comet which appears every 76 years. Its last appearance was in 1986.

More to know!

In Sanskrit and a few other Indian languages, a comet is called *Dhūmaketu*. Various tribes in India also call it *Pucchya-Taro* (star with a tail) or *Zendya-Taro* (star like a flag).

In many cultures, comets have been feared and it was earlier believed that comets bring bad luck. However, thanks to scientists, we now know that these are just icy-rocky visitors making a trip close to the Sun!



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12.4 The Milky Way Galaxy

In the moonless night sky, viewed from dark locations away from city lights, one can see an extended faint band of light from near north to south across the sky (Fig. 12.11). This is our home galaxy called the Milky Way Galaxy or *Ākāśha Gangā*. A galaxy has millions to billions of stars. Our Solar System is part of the Milky Way Galaxy.

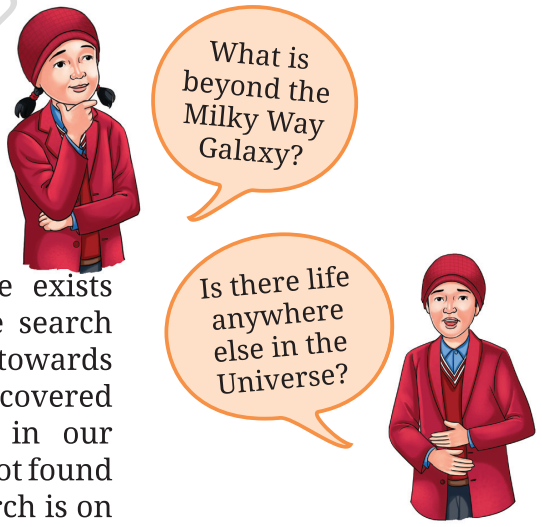


Fig. 12.11: Milky Way Galaxy as seen from a very dark location in Ladakh, India

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12.5 The Universe

There are many galaxies in the outer space beyond the Milky Way Galaxy. Scientists study them to understand the stars, galaxies and the universe.



We do not know yet if life exists elsewhere in the Universe. The search for life has been directed mostly towards exoplanets—the planets discovered revolving around other stars in our galaxy. Till now, scientists have not found any evidence of life but this search is on and continuing.

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Summary

Key Points

- The sky is divided into regions called constellations, which include groups of stars that appear to form patterns.
- The Pole Star appears stationary in the North direction, which helps in locating the North direction in the Northern hemisphere.
- The Sun is a star which produces heat and light.
- A planet is a large, nearly spherical object that revolves around the Sun.

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- The eight planets, in order of their increasing distance from the Sun, are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
- The Earth revolves around the Sun in nearly one year.
- Objects that move around planets are commonly called satellites.
- The Moon is Earth's natural satellite.
- The Moon revolves around the Earth in nearly 27 days.
- The Sun, eight planets, their moons, and many smaller objects including asteroids and comets, together form the Solar System.
- Our Solar System is part of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Let us enhance our learning



1. Match the column:

Column I	Column II
(i) Satellite of Earth	(a) Orion
(ii) Red planet	(b) Venus
(iii) Constellation	(c) Mars
(iv) Planet which is commonly called an evening star	(d) Moon

2. (i) Solve the following riddle.
   My first alphabet is in MAN but not in CAN
   My second alphabet is in ACE and also in FAN
   My third alphabet is in RAT and not in CAT
   My fourth alphabet is in SUN but not in FUN
   I am a planet that moves around the Sun.

   (ii) Make two similar riddles by yourself.

3. Which of the following is not a member of our Solar System?
   (i) Sirius (ii) Comets
   (iii) Asteroids (iv) Pluto

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4. Which of the following is not a planet of the Sun?

(i) Jupiter (ii) Pluto
(iii) Neptune (iv) Saturn

5. Which is the brighter star, the Pole Star or Sirius?

6. An artist's representation of the Solar System is given in Fig. 12.12. Is the order of the planets correct? If not, write the correct order in the boxes in the figure.

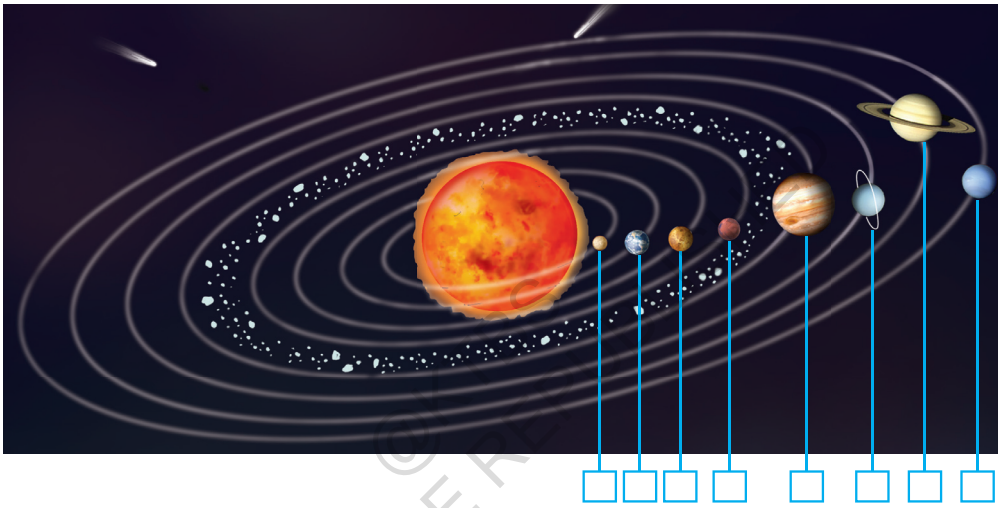


Fig. 12.12

7. A portion of night sky with stars is shown in Fig. 12.13. Look carefully and identify the groups of stars that form the patterns—the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper. Draw lines to connect the stars for these patterns and label them. Also, identify and label the Pole Star. You may refer to Fig. 12.4 for help.

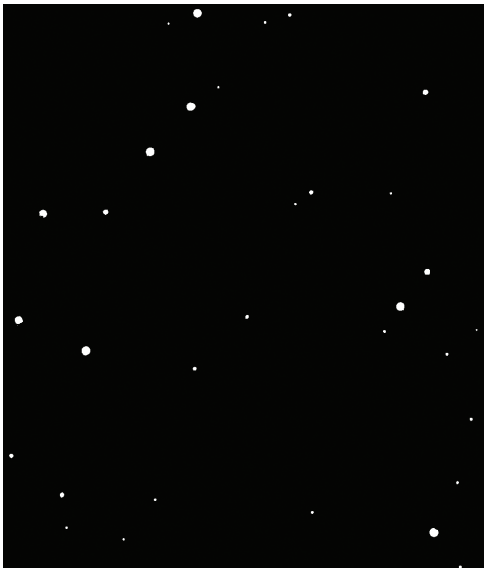


Fig. 12.13

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8. A portion of the night sky is shown in Fig. 12.14. Draw lines to connect the stars for Orion and label the star Sirius. You may refer to Fig. 12.3.

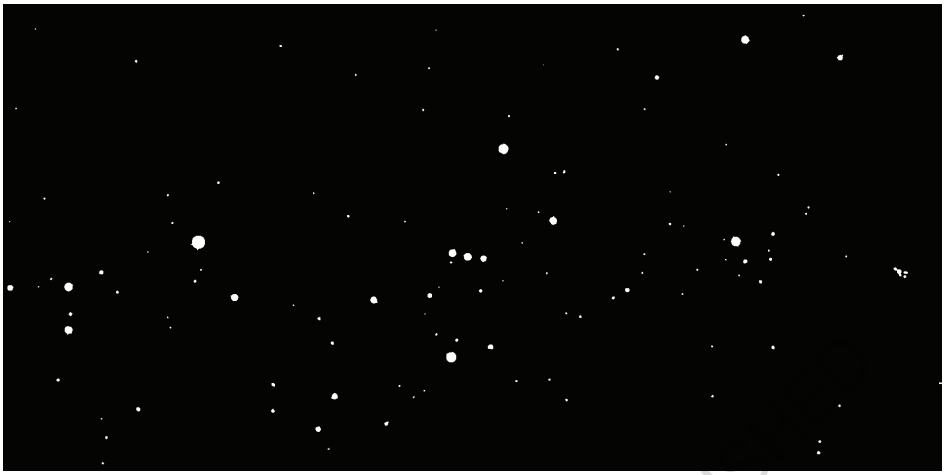


Fig. 12.14

9. You can see stars fading away at dawn and appearing at dusk. During the day we do not see the stars. Explain why.

10. During a clear night, try to observe the Big Dipper 3–4 times at an interval of 2 to 3 hours. Also try to locate the Pole Star each time. Does the Big Dipper appear to move? Draw a rough sketch to illustrate this, mentioning the time in each case.

11. Think about the night sky and write a poem or a story on it.

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Learning further

- Try to find out the names of planets in your local language. Also, find out the stories associated with stars and constellations in your region. Present these stories in a pictorial form.
- If there is a planetarium or a science museum nearby, then you can visit it, especially if a night sky observation session is scheduled by them. You will get to see the Moon, the planets and the stars through a telescope. If you visit the planetarium during daytime, you can also see their models, pictures and sky shows.

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Fig. 12.15: Embroidery of constellations

- Find out if the increasing light pollution is causing problems for humans, wildlife and the environment. Write an action that you would take at the personal level to control light pollution.
- Find out the weather conditions due to which the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) found Hanle, Ladakh a suitable place to set up an observatory.
- If you enjoy doing embroidery, try to embroider on a dark coloured cloth the constellations that you have seen (Fig. 12.15). Otherwise, you may use your creativity and depict constellations in multiple other ways using various art and craft ideas.



More to know!

Indian Astronomical Observatory, Hanle, is situated atop the highest peak of Digpa-ratsa-Ri mountain range in Hanle. This peak has been renamed Mount Saraswati.

It has several telescopes. One of them is called the Himalayan Chandra Telescope, which has been named after the Nobel Prize winning scientist Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar. It is an observatory at one of the highest locations in the world.

The area surrounding this observatory was notified as the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) in December 2022. The reserve is open to the public throughout the year. Local people have been provided with small telescopes and are trained to be Astronomy Ambassadors for visitors by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics. It is expected to promote astro-tourism in the region.



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It is not the end, my friend!

This might be the last page of this book, but it is certainly not the end of our 'Curiosity'. The title of this book not only drives our journey through the amazing world of science, but also defines what it means to be human. As a species, we are curious. We want to find out more about the world we live in and worlds beyond. By now, you have perhaps read a little bit about the world of plants and animals, done some fun activities, learnt about how we measure, wondered about the stars that shine in the night sky, and so on. But remember, this is just the beginning. Science is a never-ending adventure, with new discoveries coming up all the time. And as you progress through the Middle Stage, the things you come across will help you find out even more about the world around you. The key lies in that curiosity you have nurtured throughout this journey. Keep observing the world around you, keep asking questions, and do not be afraid to experiment. Remember, even the most groundbreaking discoveries often begin with a simple "Why?". There are countless questions waiting to be answered, and countless answers waiting to be questioned. You, my young scientist, can find them out. So, go forth and explore! And see you again in the next Grade for more adventures in science!

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