



# Thermal Energy

## Part A. Vocabulary Review

**Directions:** In the space at the left, write the term from the word list that best completes each statement. Use each term once.

second law of thermodynamics    thermal energy    solar collector    conduction  
 insulators    radiation    heat    temperature  
 heat engine    convection

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ increases when the average kinetic energy of the particles in a material increases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Thermal energy transfer that does not require matter is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Thermal energy that flows from a higher to a lower temperature is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Thermal energy is transferred through matter by direct contact of particles by \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. According to the \_\_\_\_\_, heat never flows spontaneously from a lower to a higher temperature.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the total kinetic and potential energy of the particles in a material.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Materials in which thermal energy does not move easily are \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The transfer of thermal energy by movement of matter is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A device that absorbs radiant energy from the Sun is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A device that changes thermal energy into mechanical energy is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:** Explain the difference between the terms in each pair. Write your answers on the lines provided.

11. air conditioner, heat pump

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**Chapter Review (continued)**

12. internal combustion engine, external combustion engine

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**Part B. Concept Review**

**Directions:** Determine whether the italicized term makes each statement true or false. If the statement is true, write **true** in the blank. If the statement is false, write in the blank the term that makes the statement true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The transfer of thermal energy by conduction and convection *does not* require matter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The transfer of thermal energy by radiation *does not* require matter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A material in which thermal energy moves easily is *an insulator*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Solar collectors are used in *passive* solar heating systems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A heat engine converts thermal energy into *radiation*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. According to the *second* law of thermodynamics, the thermal energy of a system changes when work is done on the system.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The thermal energy of a material *increases* when the temperature of the material increases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. *Refrigerators* transfer thermal energy from a cooler area to a warmer area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. At the same temperature, 1 kg of water has *the same amount of* thermal energy as 2 kg of water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Because dark colors *reflect* more radiant energy than light colors, solar collectors are usually painted black.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Thermal energy is transferred by radiation more easily in *gases*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. *Temperature* is a measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles that make up an object.