

CHAPTER 4

HEAT

CLASS NOTE

- Woollen clothes are obtained from animal fibers. Woollen clothes are generally dark in colour and are worn in the winter season as they protect us from the cold environment.
- Cotton clothes are obtained from the plant fibres. The cotton clothes are generally light in colour and are worn in summer season so that we can feel cool.

Hot and Cold

- We can understand if an object is hot or cold by the sense of touch. However, it can trick us sometimes. Therefore, we use a **thermometer**.
- **The temperature of an object:** It is the degree of hotness or coldness of an object.
- **Thermometer:** It is a device that can be used to find out how hot an object is. In other words, we use a thermometer to measure the temperature of an object.

Measuring the temperature of an object using a thermometer

Clinical thermometer

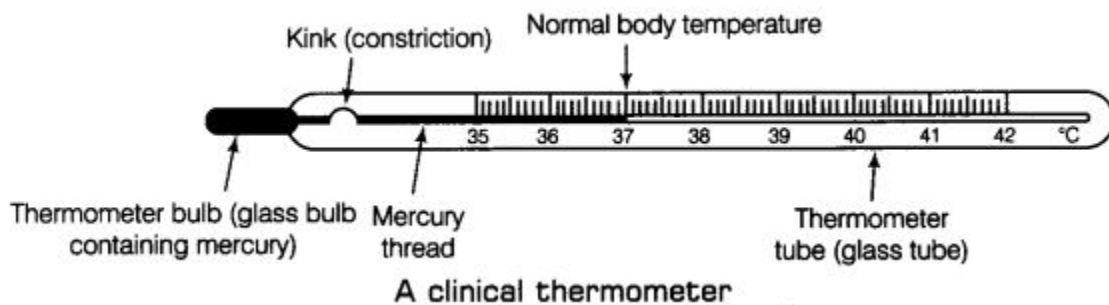


Figure 1 Clinical thermometer

- It is a device that is used to measure the body temperature of a person.
- It is made up of a glass tube of uniform thickness.
- The glass tube contains a bulb at one end which is filled with Mercury.
- The Mercury level in the thermometer rises up in the thread-like portion of the thermometer which therefore indicates the temperature of the body.
- The level of the Mercury can be measured by reading the scale given on the thermometer.
- The scale of the thermometer records the temperature in degree Celsius, generally, 35° C to 45° C, which is the range of human body temperature.
- On an average, the temperature of the human body is around 37° C.
- The clinical thermometer has a small sharp curve (kink) present near the bulb. This prevents the Mercury level from falling down on its own in the thermometer.

How to use the clinical thermometer?

- Firstly, wash the thermometer with an antiseptic solution.
- Before taking the temperature the thermometer is given a few jerks to bring down the level of Mercury below 35° C.
- Then the thermometer is placed beneath the tongue for about a minute.
- Then you can take it out and observe the temperature reading on the thermometer.

What precautions should be taken while using a clinical thermometer?

- Wash the thermometer before and after using it.
- Make sure the temperature of the thermometer is below 35° C before taking the temperature.
- Keep the thermometer straight in order to see the Mercury level precisely.
- It should always be held with care or it can break down. You should not touch the bulb of the thermometer at all.

Laboratory thermometer

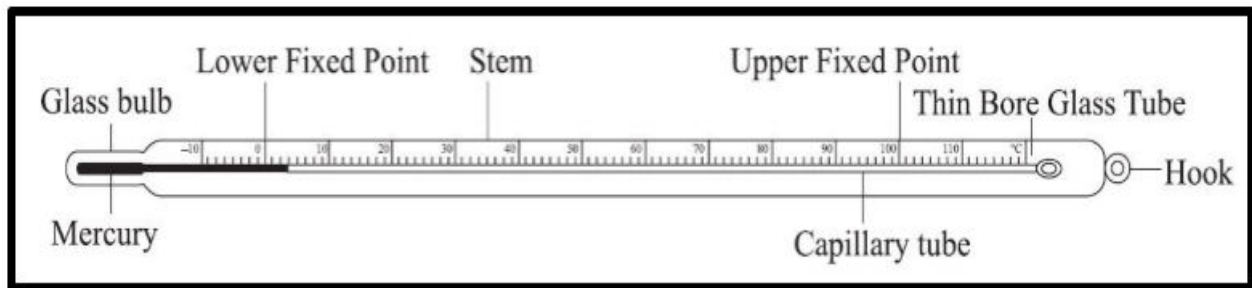


Figure 2 Laboratory thermometer

The laboratory thermometer is used to find out the temperature of the other objects such as water rather than human body temperature. It can measure the temperature from -10° C to 110° C.

What precautions should be taken when using a laboratory thermometer?



Figure 3 Using Laboratory thermometer

- You should always follow the same precautions as that of the clinical thermometer.
- You should always hold the laboratory thermometer in a straight upright position without tilting it.
- The bulb of the thermometer should never touch the surface of the container in which the substance is kept.
- However, the bulb of the thermometer should be completely immersed in the substance so that it covers the bulb from all the sides.

Other types of thermometers

Minimum-maximum thermometer: It is a thermometer used to measure the minimum and maximum temperature of the day by weather forecasters.

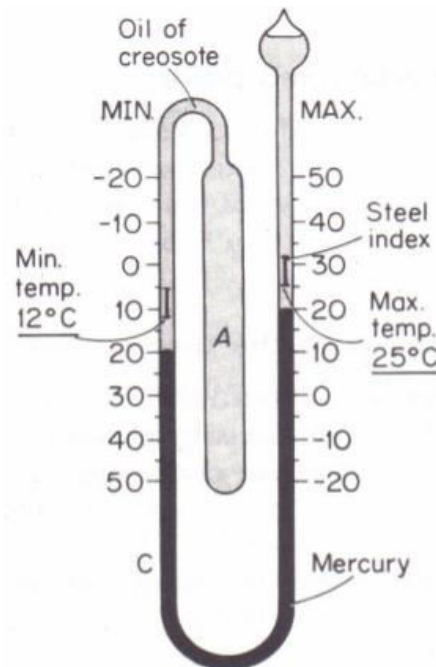


Figure 4 Minimum-maximum thermometer.

Digital thermometer: It is sometimes difficult to handle a Mercury filled thermometer especially when it breaks and the mercury falls out. However, nowadays digital thermometers are available to use. This type of thermometer does not contain Mercury. It directly displays the correct temperature on a display screen.



Figure 5 Digital thermometer

The transfer of heat

- The flow of heat always takes place from and hot object to a cold object.
- **Conduction:** The process of flow of heat from a hot object to a cold object is called **Conduction**. Some objects can conduct heat while others cannot.

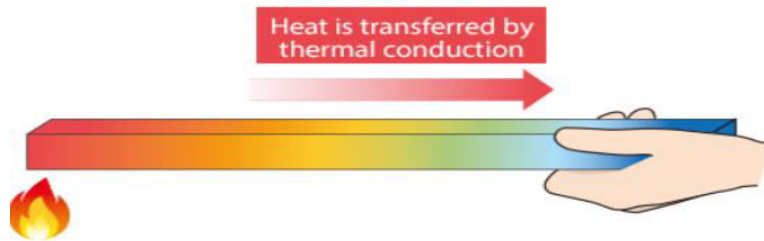


Figure 6 Conduction

- **Conductors:** The objects that can allow the heat to flow through them are called **Conductors**. For Example, metals such as copper and aluminum.



Figure 7 Conductors

- **Insulators:** The objects that do not allow the flow of heat from them are called **Insulators**. For Example, Wood and Plastic.



Figure 8 Insulators

- **Convection:** The transfer of heat in liquids and gases is called **Convection**. The molecules of the liquid or gases that are near the source of the heat get heated first. They become lighter due to the heat and move upwards. The colder particles being heavier take the place and this

process continue until the whole liquid or the gas gets heated. That is why the area above the flame of a candle always feels hot but the area on the sides of the candle does not.

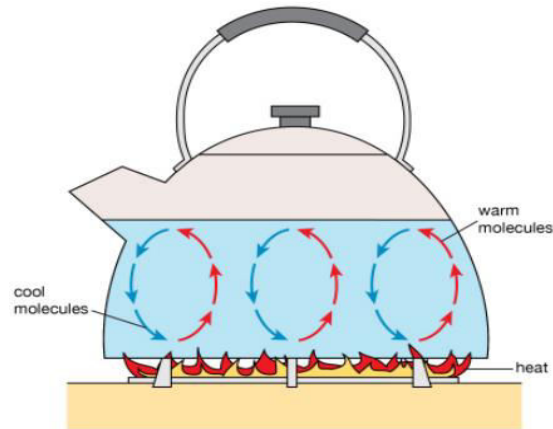


Figure 9 Convection

- **Radiation:** It is a process of transfer of heat in the form of waves. In radiation heat is transferring from one object to another without any medium. For Example, the sun's heat reaches the Earth's surface through radiation. Every hot object radiates some heat into the environment. Hence, many times an object gets heated just by being near to a hot object.



Figure 10 Radiation

Sea Breeze and Land Breeze

Sea Breeze

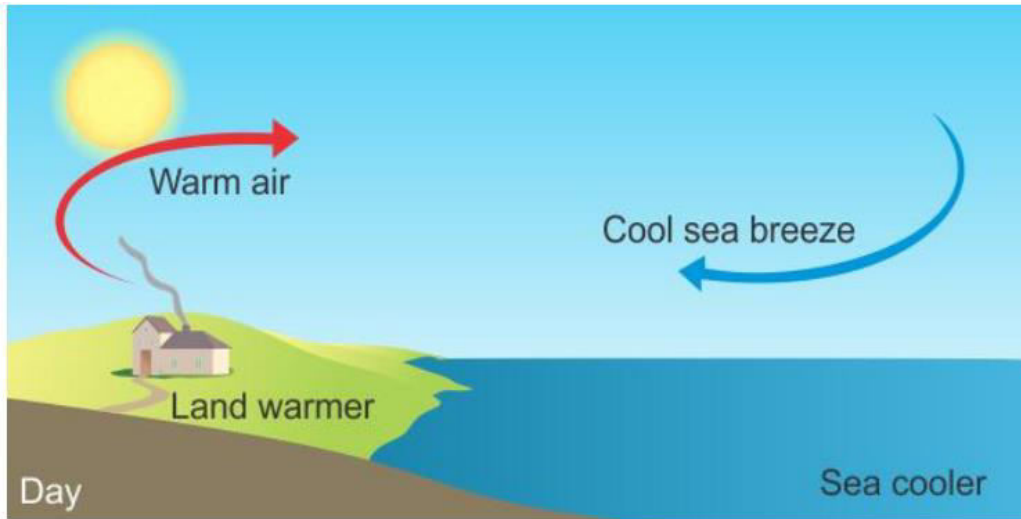


Figure 11 Sea Breeze

- The wind blowing from the sea towards the land is called **Sea Breeze**.
- During the daytime, the land in the coastal area gets heated due to the sun's radiation.
- The sea also gets heated, however it takes more time to get heated up than the land.
- Hence the air above the land gets heated faster than the air above the sea.
- The hot air from the land rises above as it is lighter and the cool air from the sea being heavier takes its place. This results in the sea breeze.

Land Breeze

- The wind blowing from the land towards the sea is called the land breeze.
- During the night time, the land in the coastal areas gets cool down faster than the sea. The air above the sea is hotter than the air above the land.
- Therefore the air above the sea rises and the air from the land being cool flows towards the sea. This results in the land breeze.

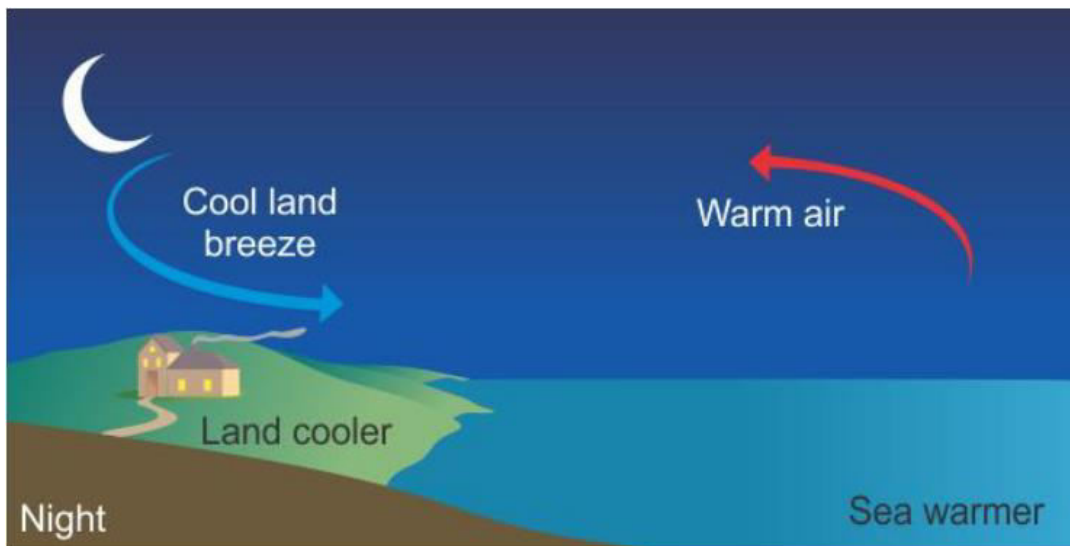


Figure 12 Land breeze

Why do we wear light coloured clothes in summer?

The light coloured clothes reflect the heat back into the environment and keep us cool during the summer time.

Why do we wear dark coloured clothes in winters?

The dark colour clothes absorb the heat from the environment and keep us warm.

How do woollen clothes keep us warm?

- The woollen clothes are a bad conductor of heat.
- Therefore they do not allow the heat from the body to move out in the environment.
- As a result, the air present between the woollen clothes and our body becomes hot and this makes us feel warm.
- Similarly, two thin blankets provide more heat than one thick blanket because air can be trapped between the two thin blankets.