## Density:

measures how tightly matter is packed

Mass per unit volume

• 
$$\rho = \underline{m}$$
 OR  $D = \underline{m}$   
V

• Units: g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Also, recall  $mL = cm^3$ 

Everything has a unique density

Determines whether something will "float or sink" in anything else

## Concept Application

- You are at Chuck E. Cheese's, playing in the ball pit, when someone tosses a skee-ball into the pit.
  - Will the skee-ball probably end up on the top or the bottom, and why?
  - What about a beach ball that's big but weighs more than a typical ball pit ball?

## Sample Problems

A ball has a mass of 10g and a volume of 5cm<sup>3</sup>

$$\rho = \underline{m} =$$

A block has a density of 3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and a volume of 10 cm<sup>3</sup>. Find its mass.

Values to know

$$\rho$$
 of water = 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

(At STP - Standard Temperature and Pressure)

(@ 4°C and sea level)

$$\rho$$
 of air = .0012 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (STP)

- 1. What is the mass of 1L of water?
- 2. Will a block with a density of 1.3g/cm<sup>3</sup> float or sink in water?
- 3. What is the density of an item with a volume of 30mL and a mass of 15g?
- 4. How can materials such as steel or concrete with a relatively high density be made to float in water?

## Demonstrations

Equal volume set

Equal mass set

Practice 1

A rock displaces 450 mL when measured with a graduated cylinder. Its mass is 425g.

What is its density?

Will it float in water?

Practice 2

Find the density of a cube measuring 2cm on each side with a mass of 10g

Will it float in water?

Practice 3

What is the density of a sample of aluminum that has a mass of 8.4g and a volume of 3.1 cm<sup>3</sup>?

Algebra Practice

Some problems will require you to know more algebra.

- Isolating the denominator
- Dividing by a fraction

Isolate the Denominator

$$X = \underline{Y}$$
 Rearrange this so  $Z = is$   
 $Z$  by itself on one side of the " = "

You will see with more practice that X and Z can trade places in a situation like this...

Divide by a fraction

Try these out:

$$\frac{4}{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 and  $\frac{X}{(Y/Z)}$ 

The rule: Dividing by a fraction is the same as multiplying by its reciprocal

— (reciprocal means the fraction upside-down)

Algebra Trouble

Aluminum has a density of 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Find the volume of a piece of aluminum with mass = 11.5g

Challenge (group work)

Find the mass of 350 mL of water

Challenge (group work)

A triangular tent is 100cm tall, 120 cm wide, and 250cm long.

Determine its volume.

Super bonus challenge (finish at home and turn in tomorrow) (this will be online too!)

Find the volume of a pencil with radius 0.25cm and length 30cm. What is the largest mass it could have and still float in water?

Calculate the density of an object that has a length of 23.5 mm, a width of 2.59 cm, and a height of 44.7 mm with a mass of 1234 g. WATCH UNITS