Water and Its Importance

Name the most important compound in living organisms

WATER



What percentage does this most important compound make up in most organisms?

• 70 – 95 percent

How does this affect you?

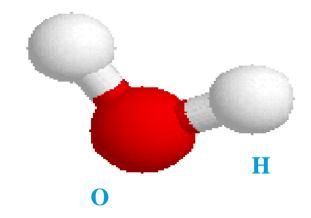
- Allows molecules and ions to collide
- Helps transport materials such as blood.



Write the chemical formula for a water molecule.

H₂O

H



Name the type of bond found in a water molecule.

Covalent Bonds

Describe how the electrons are shared between H and O atoms in a water molecule.

In a covalent bond between hydrogen and oxygen, the electrons spend more time near the negative oxygen nucleus than the positive hydrogen nucleus.

Define polar molecule

• Is a molecule that has an **unequal distribution** of charge; that is, each molecule has a **positive end** and a **negative end**.

What does that really mean?



- Has unequal sharing of electrons which forms shape.
- "V" shape allows water to attract to **other polar** molecules and **water molecules**.
- That's why water is known as a "UNIVERSAL SOLVENT"
 - •Dissolves a **whole** range of substances.

Name the weak bond that can form between polar molecules and molecules themselves.

Hydrogen Bonds

Define **nonpolar molecules**. Hint: Think about the definition for polar molecules.

• A molecule with **equal** distribution of charges.



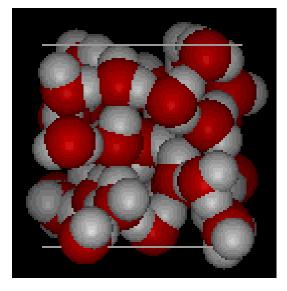
- **\$** Linear shape
 - Therefore it is only attracted to other nonpolar molecules.

Define density.

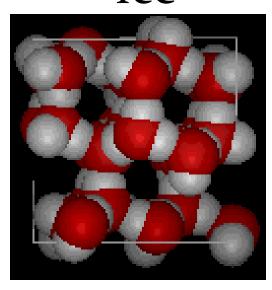
- Mass per unit volume.
 - \bullet D = M/V

Who has the greater density, lce or Liquid Water?

Water

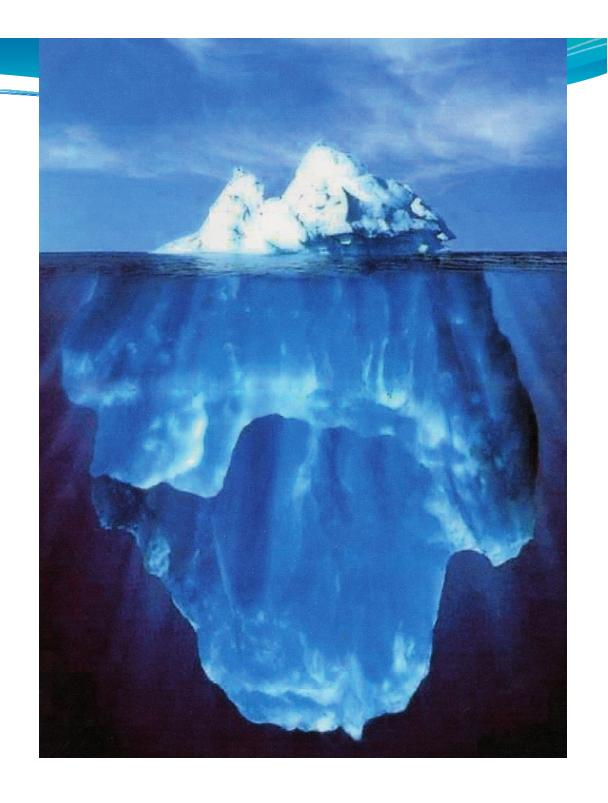


Ice



- **●** Water expands as it freezes vs Liquid Water
 - Mole molecules; heavier the mass.

If density of object is equal to or less than water it will float



What does it mean by the phrase, "water can resist changes in temperature?"

- Water resists changes in the environment.
- Requires more heat to increase its temperature and it loses a lot of heat when it cools.

Specific Heat

• Amount of heat that must be absorbed or lost by 1 gram of substance to change its temperature 1ºC because of hydrogen bonds

When you go the beach in mid July or August, which is hotter, sand or the ocean?

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- Water has a higher specific heat than sand. Takes more energy to raise temperature.
- Who has milder temperatures; coastal cities (e.g. Ocean City) or cities not located near large bodies of water (Salisbury)?

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- Once again large bodies of water need lots and lots of energy to raise temperatures.