

S07.15.02 Mission Objective: Compare exothermic and endothermic reactions.

Investigating exothermic and endothermic reactions

Method

Test 1

- 1. Measure 25 ml of hydrochloric acid into a 400 ml beaker.
- 2. Place a thermometer into the beaker and record the temperature.
- 3. Add 5 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate to the beaker.
- 4. After 30 seconds, record the temperature again.

Test 2

- 1. Measure 25 ml of hydrochloric acid into a 400 ml beaker.
- 2. Place a thermometer in the beaker and record the temperature.
- 3. Add 25 ml of sodium hydroxide solution to the beaker.
- 4. After 30 seconds, record the temperature again.

Results

	Initial Temp (°C)	Final Temp (ºC)	Temp Change (°C)
Test 1			
Test 2			

Questions.

- 1. Which of the reactions was exothermic? Explain how you know.
- 2. Which of the reactions was endothermic? Explain how you know.
- 3. If you did not observe a temperature change, is there anyway that you could tell that a chemical change was taking place?

Stretch Yourself

Do you think that it is possible to observe a temperature change during a physical change such as dissolving?