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Cooling curve for stearic acid as it changes from a liquid to a solid

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- 2. Place in the water a boiling tube a quarter filled with stearic acid.
- 3. Place the beaker on a tripod and gauze.
- 4. Heat the water using a Bunsen burner until the stearic acid melts.
- 5. Use test tube holder to remove the boiling tube from the beaker to a rack and put in a thermometer.
- 6. Record the temperature every minute until it reaches 50 °C.
- 7. Record the temperature at which you see the stearic acid solidify here:

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0		8	
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2		10	
3		11	
4		12	
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6		14	
7		15	

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Use the graph to determine the melting point of stearic acid.



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Challenge

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Students' own results

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Expected to be in range of 55-57 °C. See how calculated on next page



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