

# Lab: Liquid Density Layers 1 pt ec printing

**Purpose:** Determine the order of density, most dense to least dense, of the five colored solutions

**Pre-Lab Questions:**

1. List 2 liquids that have different densities: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  2. How may one determine whether a liquid is more or less dense than another liquid?
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**Materials:** six test tubes labeled 1-6, colored pencils, & five pipettes with the following solutions:

- Solution 1: Brown Karo syrup
- Solution 2: Palmolive dish-washing detergent (yellow)
- Solution 3: Water (dyed with red food coloring)
- Solution 4: Mineral Oil (Clear)
- Solution 5: Alcohol (dyed with blue food coloring)

**Procedures:**

1. Make sure the test tubes are labeled 1-5 & place them in order on a piece of white paper.
2. In test tube #1, use the pipette to place a SMALL amount (about 1 cm of the test tube) of solution #1 (brown).
3. Then, SLOWLY and carefully add a small amount of solution #2 (yellow) to the same test tube.
4. Which solution is on top? Which is on the bottom? **Color in the answer** on the table below.
5. Repeat with the remaining 4 combinations in test tubes #2-5

	1	2	3	4	5
Solutions	<b>Brown &amp; Yellow</b>	<b>Yellow &amp; Red</b>	<b>Red &amp; Clear</b>	<b>Clear &amp; Blue</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Brown</b>
Top					
Bottom					

6. After completing all combinations, think about how all six solutions would stack upon another. The densest solution will lie on the bottom, while the least dense solution will float on the top.

**Color your hypothesis in the box labeled "Hypothesis."**

7. Combine all solutions in test tube 6 according to this order. Add the densest first so it lies on the bottom. If added carefully, you should see the correct layers.

8. Please clean up by washing each test tube thoroughly. Return your test tube & pipettes to your teacher.

**Conclusion:**

1. Does the order in which you squirt the liquids affect how they layer?

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. What makes one solution denser than another?

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Does "thick and heavy" mean the same thing as "dense"? Explain.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

	Hypothesis	Actual
TOP		
Bottom		

# Lab: Determining Density

## Part 1: Mystery Cubes

1. Find the mass, volume, & density of each cube.
2. Use the table to hypothesize what material each cube is made of.
3. Find your teacher to check your answers & record the actual material of each cube.

Cube #	Mass (g)	Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Density (_____)	Hypothesis: Cube Material	Actual: Cube Material
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					

How accurate are your results? Explain what caused you to be accurate or inaccurate. \_\_\_\_\_

Substance / Density
alder wood: 0.4-0.7
cedar wood: 0.38
eucalyptus: .79-1.0
mahogany wood: 0.57
oak wood: .71- .85
pine wood: 0.38-0.49
pine wood: 0.45-0.49
poplar wood: .44-.52
rosewood: .75-.78
walnut wood 0.56-0.7
acrylic: 1.1-1.24
air: 0.0009
aluminum: 2.7-2.8
brass: 8.0-8.9
copper: 8.9 - 9.01
cork: 0.12
glass 2.7
Iron: 7.87
Lead: 11.3
nylon: 1.15
plastic 2.0
polypropylene
polyvinylchlorine (pvc) 1.27-1.4
quartz: 2.13
Silver: 10.5
steel: 7.6-8.32
Tin: 7.26
titanium 4.5

## Part 2: Density of Irregular Objects

Find the mass, volume (using the displacement method) & density of the objects below.

Object	Mass (g)	Volume (ml)	Density
1. Metal Bolt			
2. Mini Pencil			
3. Three Marbles			

## Part 3: Density of Water

1. Find the mass of a 100 mL graduated cylinder: \_\_\_\_\_ grams
2. Fill the graduated cylinder with exactly 20mL of water. Find the mass & record in column B.
3. Calculate the mass of *just* the 20 mL of water. (Subtract the mass of water & cylinder (B) by the mass of the empty graduated cylinder). Record this in column C.
4. Calculate the water's density by dividing the water's mass (C) by the water's volume (A).
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the different volumes of water listed below.

Volume of Water (mL)	Mass of Water & Cylinder (g)	Mass of Water (g)	Density of Water (g/mL)
20			
40			
60			
80			
100			

What is the density of water? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you prove this?

### Formulas to Remember:

$$D = m/v \quad V = D/m \quad m = D \times V$$

D = Density    V = Volume    m = Mass