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Atoms and Molecules in Motion Lab

Question to Investigate:

Is the speed of water molecules different in hot and cold water?



Procedure:

Hot Temperature Water

- 1. Fill a plastic cup about thirds of the way full of hot water.
- 2. Get your phone ready to act as a timer.
- 3. Hold the green food coloring bottle over the cup.
- 4. Carefully squeeze three drop of food coloring into the hot water.
- 5. Start the timer on your phone.
- 6. Observe what happens with the food coloring and time how long it takes for the green food coloring to fully dissolve in the water.
- 7. Record the time: seconds
- 8. Pour the water down the sink and rinse out the cup.

Cold Water

- 1. Fill the second plastic cup about two thirds of the way full with cold water
- 2. Get your phone ready to act as a timer.
- 3. Hold the green food coloring bottle over the cup.
- 4. Carefully squeeze three drop of food coloring into the cold water.
- 5. Start the timer on your phone.
- 6. Observe what happens with the food coloring and time how long it takes for the green food coloring to fully dissolve in the water.
- 7. Record the time: seconds
- 8. Pour the water down the sink and rinse out the cup.

Analyze your Observations:

- 1. Describe how the green food coloring looked as it moved around and dissolved in the hot water:
- 2. Describe how the green food coloring looked as it moved around and dissolved in the cold water:
- 3. What does the speed of the moving food coloring tell you about the speed of the molecules in hot and cold water?