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Great Glass Share 5-7 years



Global warming

Scientists are trying to find ways to slow down global warming.

What is it?

Why is it a problem?



credit: Vasilevich Igor

Arctic Ice Project

Dr Leslie Field works as an engineer and inventor.

In the 'Arctic Ice Project'

scientists have been observing the effects of adding a thin layer of tiny, hollow, glass beads onto the ice to see what happens.





How does glass change the speed chocolate melts?



This is a **comparative test**. You are changing **one** thing whilst trying to keep everything else the same.

What are we changing?

What are we keeping the same?

What are we measuring?



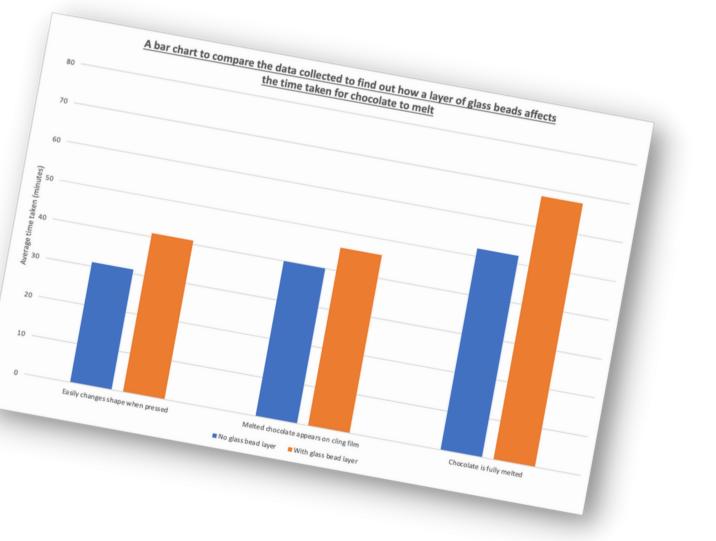
How will we measure how long it takes for the chocolate to melt?

	Time taken for			Time taken for			Time take for		
	Chocolate to			Melted chocolate			chocolate to		
	change shape when			to appear on cling			complete melt		
	pressed (min)			flim (min)			(min)		
	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
NO GLASS BEAD LAYER	32	30	30	38	40	42	52	50	52
WITH GLASS BEAD LAYER	40	42	40	44	46	48	66	68	70



A block chart to show...

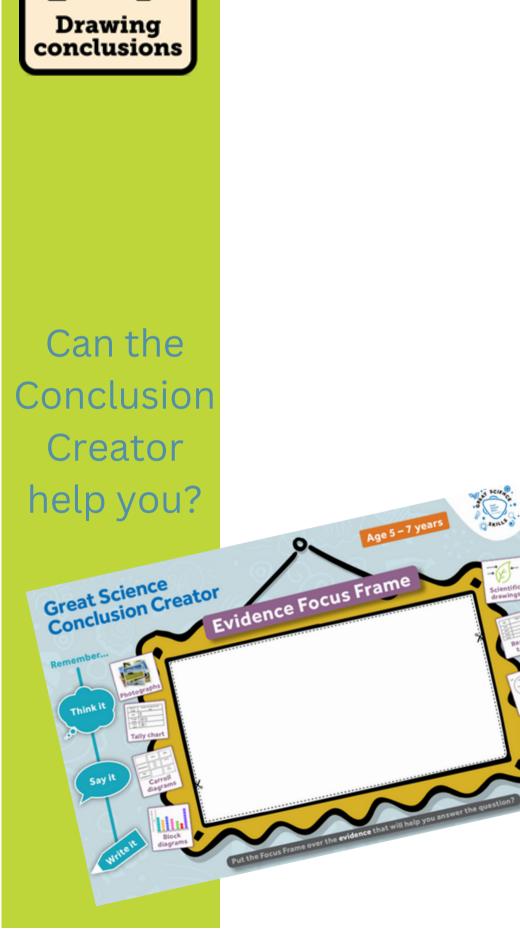
...the difference in time taken to melt between the chocolate buttons with glass on, and those without.



We are ready to draw our conclusions

How do glass beads change the speed chocolate melts?

We have found out that... We think this because we observed... Our results show this because...



Apply your conclusions



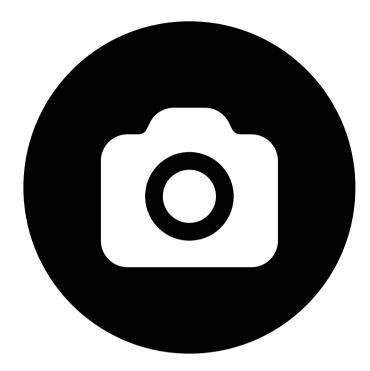
How could we prevent polar ice from melting?

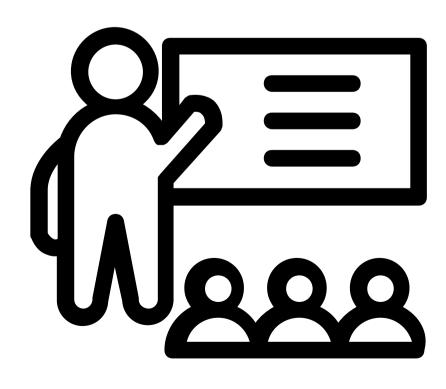
Can you predict what adding a layer of glass beads to the polar ice caps would do? Would it lead to them melting as quickly, quicker

or slower?

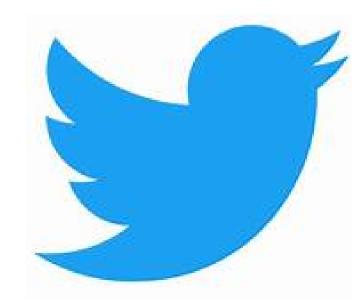
















Glossary

1.

Arctic ice the cover of sea ice in the Arctic region of the Earth

Melting when a solid turns into a liquid

Global warming the long-term heating of the Earth's climate system

Comparative test You are changing one thing whilst trying to keep everything else the same

Reliable able to be trusted

Variable what can be controlled or changed

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