

# Practical work : What's the best way to heat water?

## 1) Hotplate's energy efficiency

At First, we need power value which is on the hotplate  
to know how much energy the hotplate is spending (power unit is the Watt).



$$P = \dots\dots\dots W$$



### The experimentation:



- Heat the hotplate for a few minutes at maximum power.
- Meanwhile pour into a flask 200 ml of water, using a graduated cylinder.
- Note the initial temperature ( $t_i$ ) of the cold water by using a thermometer:

$$t_i =$$

- Heat the 200 ml of water during exactly 5 minutes at maximum power.
- After 5 minutes, remove the flask from the hotplate.
- Shake before raising the temperature of the hot water.
- Note the final temperature ( $t_f$ ) of the hot water by Using the thermometer:



$$t_f =$$

### With these results, we can find hotplate's efficiency!

a) Calculation of electrical energy consumed during 5min:  
**Reminder:**  $E_{\text{electric}} = P \text{ (power) } \times t \text{ (time) }$  with E in watt.min

$$E_{\text{electric}} = \dots\dots\dots$$

b) Give the value of  $E_{\text{electric}}$  in Joules ( $\times 60$ )

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c) Calculate water's thermal energy  $E_{\text{thermal}}$

**Reminder:**  $E_{\text{thermal}} = w$  (*weight*)  $\times c$  (*capacity = 4180 J.kg<sup>-1</sup> .K<sup>1</sup>*)  $\times (Ft-It)$

$E_{\text{thermal}} =$  .....

d) Finally, we can calculate hotplate's efficiency!

$$Ef_1 = (E_{\text{thermal}} / E_{\text{electric}}) \times 100$$

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### Conclusion

### 2) Heating mantle's energy efficiency

Now, we'll do the same experimentation but with a heating mantle:

Power value (watt)	W
Initial temp. (It)	°C
Final temp. (Ft)	°C

**With these results, we can find hotplate's efficiency!**

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**Reminder:**  $E_{\text{electric}} = P$  (*power*)  $\times t$  (*time*) with E in watt.min

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a) Give the value of  $E_{\text{electric}}$  in Joules

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b) Calculate water's thermal energy  $E_{\text{thermal}}$

**Reminder:**  $E_{\text{thermal}} = w \times c$  (*= 4180 J.kg<sup>-1</sup> .K<sup>1</sup>*)  $\times (Ft-It)$

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c) Finally, we can calculate heating mantle's efficiency!

$$Ef_2 = (E_{\text{thermal}} / E_{\text{electric}}) \times 100$$

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### Conclusion

