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Properties of Water



5 Unique Properties of Water

- Due to polarity water exhibits:
 - 1. Cohesion (sticks to self)
 - 2. Adhesion (sticks to other things)
 - 3. High specific heat capacity / high vaporization
 - 4. Universal solvent
 - 5. Less dense as a solid

Unique Properties of Water & How Polarity is Involved

Covalent bond

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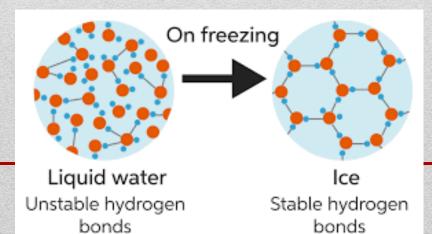
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Hydrogen bond

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- 1. Cohesion H-bonds
- 2. Adhesion H-bonds / dipole attractions
- 3. High specific heat capacity / high vaporization H bonds
- 4. Universal solvent Polarity
- 5. Less dense as a solid H bonds & bent shape



Which property?

- 1. Water comes of of the tap in a stream **cohesion**
- 2. Humans sweat to cool their core body temperature High heat cap.
- 3. Water boils at 100°C & methane (CH₄) at -161 °C High heat vap.
- 4. Water "climbs" up pant legs on a rainy day Adhesion
- 5. Lakes freeze from the top to the bottom Less dense as solid
- 6. Sugar is a solute in Coke & Pepsi Universal solvent



Water comes of of the tap in a stream Sugar (sucrose) is a solute in Coke

