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HEAT TRANSFER

Using words from the word boxes below, complete the paragraph about heat transfer.

faster	hot	less	solid	fluid
conduction	more	convection	energy	emit
warmer	matter	transfer	absorb	temperature
radiation	contact	cold	vibrate	waves

All **matter** has heat. Heat is a form of **energy** caused by particles in an object that **vibrate**. The **faster** the particles of an object vibrate, the **warmer** the object will be. Because particles of an object are always moving, heat **transfer** is always happening. Heat always flows in the same direction: from **hot** to **cold**. Heat transfer will stop once two objects reach the same **temperature**.

This is known as equilibrium.

There are three key ways that heat transfers. With **solid** objects, heat transfers when the objects come into direct **contact** with other things. This is known as **conduction**. Liquids and gases are different. Because these two states of matter flow, or are **fluid**, heat transfer happens when warmer, **less** dense particles rise and cooler, **more** dense particles sink. This ongoing process is known as a **convection** current. Heat can also be transferred through space (distance) in the form of **waves**. This process is known as **radiation**. All objects give off, or **emit**, some heat. All objects also take in, or **absorb**, heat.