## In My World

Balloons are a great example of how density works in our world. The density of a material decreases when its volume increases. Because a gas expands when its temperature increases, heating air will decrease its density.

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Our Hot Air Balloon Rising Because of Density


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## What's the deal with density?

In order to understand density you must first grasp mass and volume.

Mass is the measure of


You need to measure mass and volume in order to calculate density. how much matter an object or substance is made of. You can measure mass with an electronic balance or triple-beam balance.
vorume is a measurement of how much space an object occupies. You can measure volume with a graduated cylinder for liquids and a metric ruler for solids.

Now that you know what mass and volume are you can calculate an object's density by dividing mass by volume. Density is the amount of matter in a given unit of volume.

## Density of a liquid

1. Mass graduated cylinder, hit tare button.
2. Pour liquid into cylinder and record volume.
3. Then record the mass showing on the electronic balance.
4. Then divide the mass by the volume.
5. Don't forget unit. (g/mL)

Density of a solid

1. Record mass of object.
2. Measure its length, height, and width and multiple them by each other to calculate the volume
3. Then divide mass by the volume.
4. Don't forget the unit. (g/cm ${ }^{3}$ )

What about the volume of odd-shaped objects?

1. Put some water in a graduated cylinder, record volume.


[^0] they will layer. The lowest density will be on top and as you go down the densities of the liquids will increase.
2. Add object, record volume.
3. Subtract first volume from second to get volume of the object.

What are some uses for density?

- To determine what will float or sink
- To identify substances


## Operational <br> Definitions

An operational definition tells you:

- How to identify or detect something
- OR -
- How to measure something Some Examples of Operational Definitions:
- Density: Mass divided by volume
- Carbon dioxide: Turns phenol red yellow, causes a lit match to go out
- Solid volume: length x width x height

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[^0]:    You can pour liquids with different densities together and

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