

Homework (SG p. 542)

Questions 1–4

- Answers will vary. Items sink because their mass is greater than their volume. Items float if their mass is less than their volume.
- All of the blocks will sink because the mass is greater than the volume.
 - Use multiplication and division to see that they are equivalent fractions.
 - The blocks are probably made out of the same material because the $\frac{M}{V}$ ratios are equivalent, and they are part of the same block set. However, the blocks could be made out of different materials that have the same $\frac{M}{V}$ ratio.
- The volume of the box is $10\text{ cm} \times 5\text{ cm} \times 10\text{ cm} = 500\text{ cc}$. The total mass of the boat (mass of the empty boat and the mass of the load) cannot be more than 500 or the boat will sink. If the ratio $\frac{M}{V}$ is greater than 1, the boat will sink. As long as the extra mass is less than 490 g, the total mass will be less than 500 g and the boat will still float.
 - The boat will sink if the total mass (mass of the empty boat and the mass of the load) is greater than 500. Since the mass of the empty boat is 10 g and the volume of the boat is 500 cc, the total mass of the pennies needs to be greater than 490 g. $196\text{ pennies} \times 2.5\text{ g} = 490\text{ g}$. Therefore, a load of 197 pennies or more will sink the boat.
- Answers will vary.

A submarine has chambers that sailors control and can open and close to fill with water or empty to fill with air. When the chambers are filled with water, the mass increases to be greater than the volume, and the submarine sinks; when the chambers are filled with air, the mass decreases to be less than the volume of the submarine, and the submarine floats.

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Sink and Float Tables (SAB p. 443)

* See Figures 2 and 4 in the lesson for sample completed tables.

*Answers and/or discussion are included in the lesson.

Homework

- Choose five household objects and find out if they sink or float in water. (Be sure to get permission to put the items in water.) Make a table showing your results

Sink and Float at Home

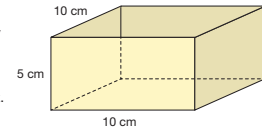
Object	Sink or Float?	Why did it sink or float?

- John found the ratios for mass to volume for three different sized blocks from his sister's building set.

Small block: 7 g/5 cc
 Medium block: 14 g/10 cc
 Large block: 21 g/15 cc

- Which blocks will sink and which blocks will float?
- What strategies could you use to find out if the ratios are equivalent?
- Do you think the blocks are made out of the same material? Why or why not?

- An aluminum foil boat in the shape of a box is shown here. The mass of the empty boat is 10 grams.



- How much extra mass can the boat hold before it sinks? Show your work.
 - How many pennies will it take to sink the boat if a penny's mass is 2.5 grams?
- Why do you think a submarine can both sink and float in water?

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Sink and Float Tables

First practice finding the mass and volume of the first two objects in the table. Then continue to collect data.

Sink and Float

Object	V Volume in cc	M Mass in g	Sink or Float?	$\frac{M}{V}$ Ratio
steel sphere				
plastic sphere				
water				

Sinks in Water

Object	Density as Ratio $\frac{M}{V}$

Floats in Water

Object	Density as Ratio $\frac{M}{V}$

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