

THERMAL INSULATORS

Thermal insulators are _____ that can keep things warm and often don't get too ___ themselves. Materials that are not good at keeping things _____ are called thermal _____, these can get very hot when they are touching other hot materials.

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hot

materials

conductors

warm

Thermal insulators Experiment

Aim: We wanted to find out which material was best at keeping a container of hot water warmest for longest, wool, paper or polystyrene chips.

Prediction: (Say which material you think will be the best thermal insulator).

Method: (Draw a diagram of all the things used in your experiment and say what you did).

Method: We poured hot _____ into 4 containers. We then surrounded one with _____, one with _____ and one with _____ chips. We left one container with nothing around it. All the containers had a plastic lid with a _____ sticking through it into the water. We measured the temperature of the water in each container every _____ minutes.

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Wool water paper thermometer polystyrene

Conclusion: We found out that _____ was the best thermal insulator and _____ was the worst.