Answer on the question #70258, Chemistry / Other

Question:

A beaker containing 250.0 g of water is heated with 1500.0 J of heat energy. If the temperature of the water changed from 22.0000oC to 23.4354oC, what is the specific heat of water?

Answer:

The relation between the heat transferred to body and change in its temperature is the following:

$$Q = cm\Delta T,$$

where c is the specific heat of the body, m is its mass and ΔT is the change in its temperature.

Thus, we can easily find the specific heat:

$$c = \frac{Q}{m\Delta T} = \frac{1500.0 \, J}{250.0 \, g \cdot (23.4354 - 22.0000)^{\circ}C} = 4.180 \, J \, g^{-1} \, {}^{\circ}C^{-1}$$

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