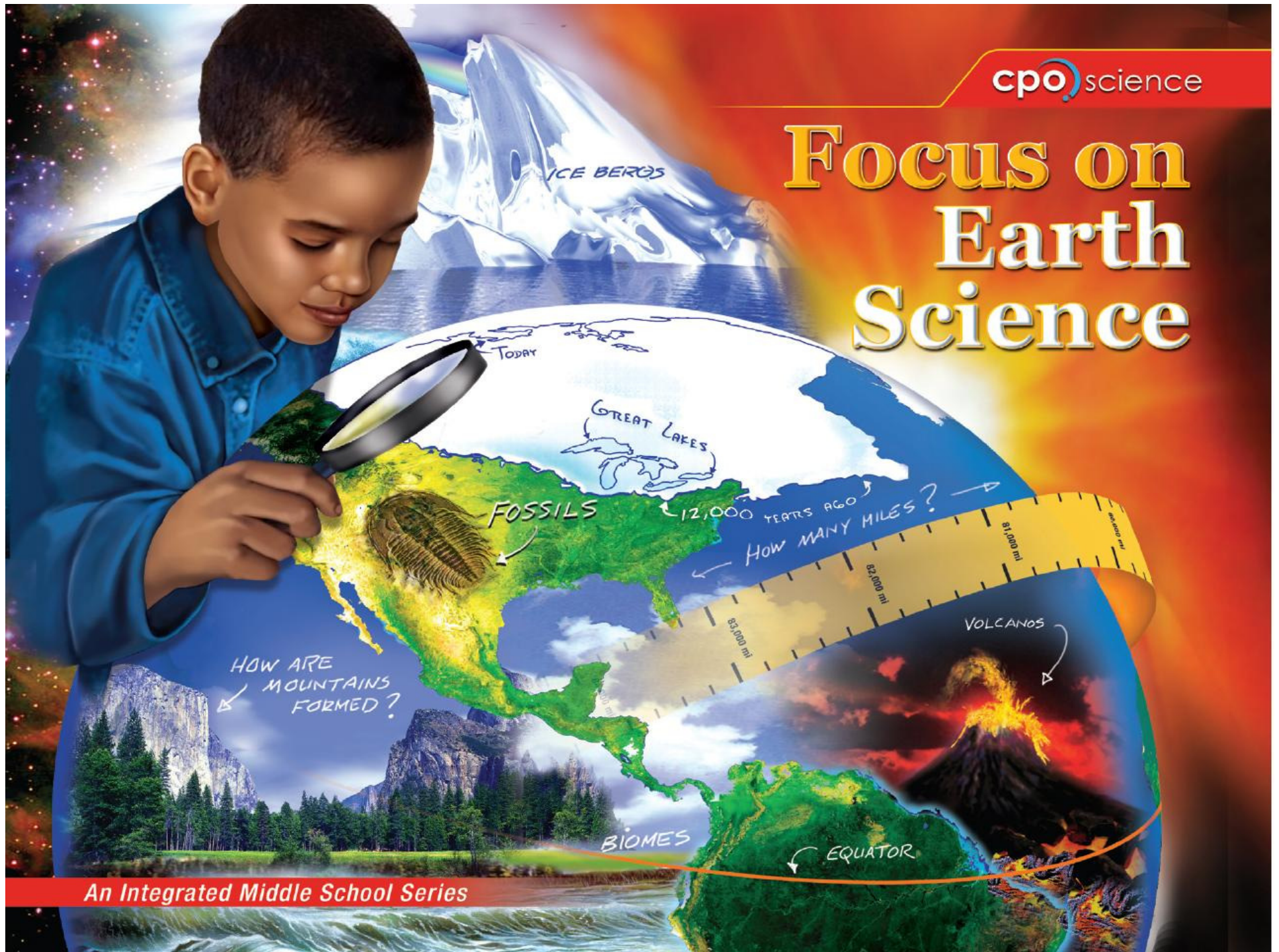


# Focus on Earth Science



An Integrated Middle School Series



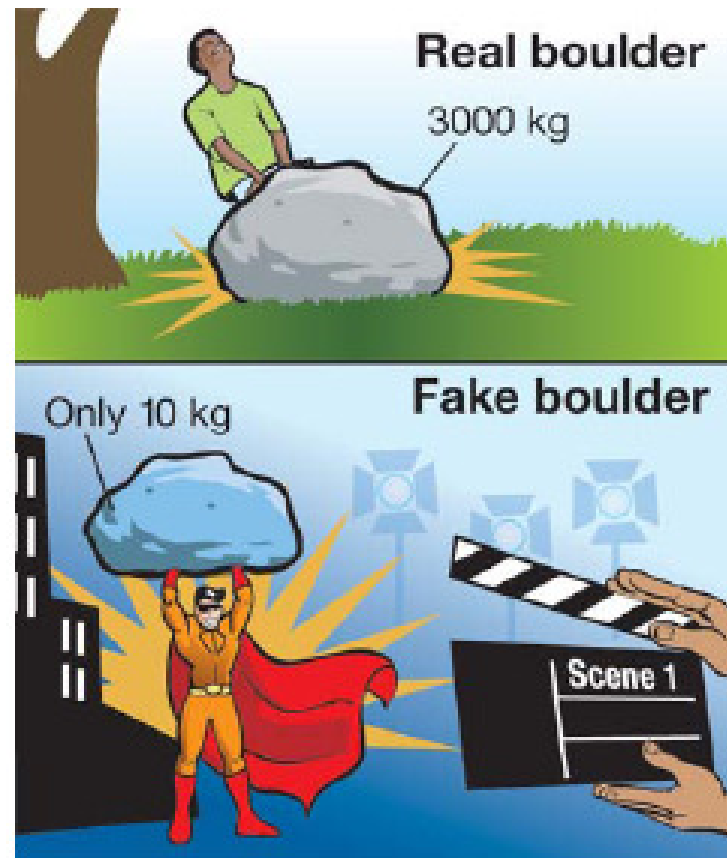
## **Chapter Five: Density and Buoyancy**

- **5.1 Density**
- **5.2 Buoyancy**
- **5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy**

## 5.1 Mass and Weight

- **Mass** is the amount of matter in an object.
- **Weight** is a measure of the pulling force of gravity on mass.

How are these boulders different?  
Which boulder would you rather lift?



## 5.1 Mass and Weight

- Weight can change from place to place, but mass stays the same.

	Mass (kg)	Weight (newtons)
Earth	45.5	445
Jupiter	45.5	1,125

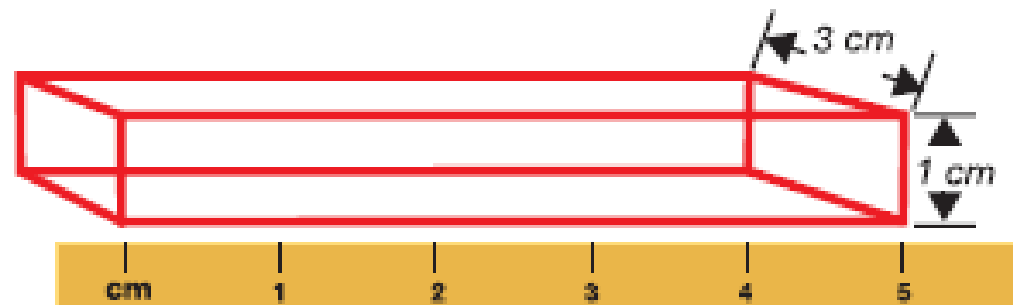
***Mass versus weight on Earth and Jupiter.  
Which planet has MORE force due to gravity?***

## 5.1 Volume

- **Volume** is the amount of space that something takes up.
- To find the volume of a solid cube or rectangle, you measure the length, width, and height of the object.

**Volume of  
a rectangular box:**

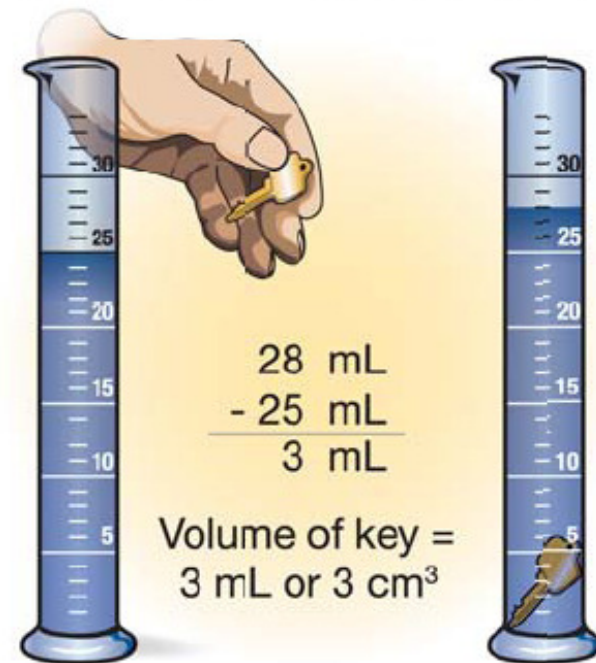
$$5 \text{ cm} \times 3 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm} = 15 \text{ cm}^3$$



## 5.1 Volume

- You can find the volume of an odd-shaped object by placing it in water.
- This is often done in a container called a **graduated cylinder**.

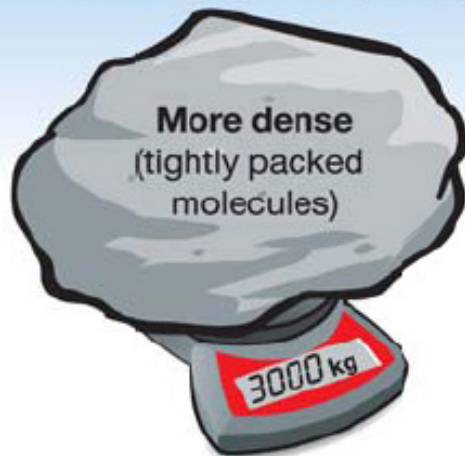
What is the volume of the key?



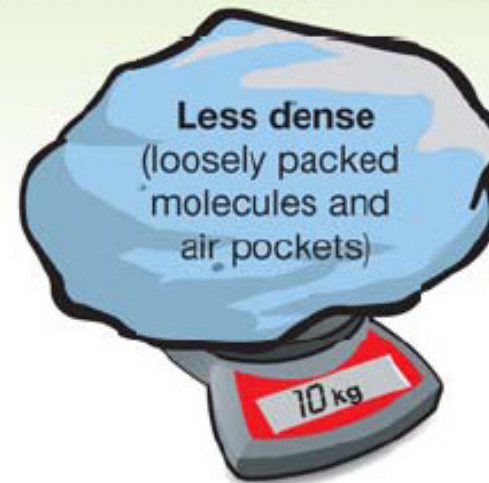
## 5.1 Density

- **Density** is the word used to describe the comparison between an object's mass and its volume.

**Real boulder (rock)**



**Fake boulder (plastic foam)**





## 5.1 Density

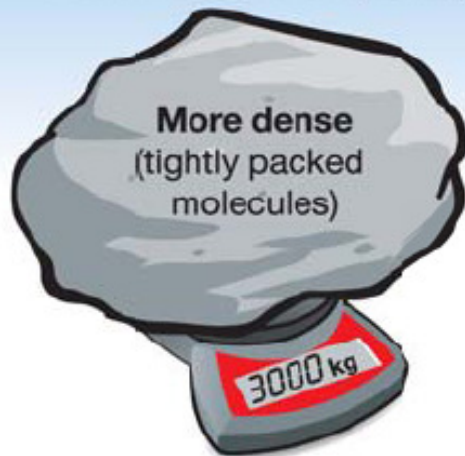
- The density of a material depends on two things:
  1. The **mass** of each atom or molecule that makes up the material.
  2. The **volume** or amount of space the material takes up. This is related to how closely the atoms or molecules are “packed” in the material.



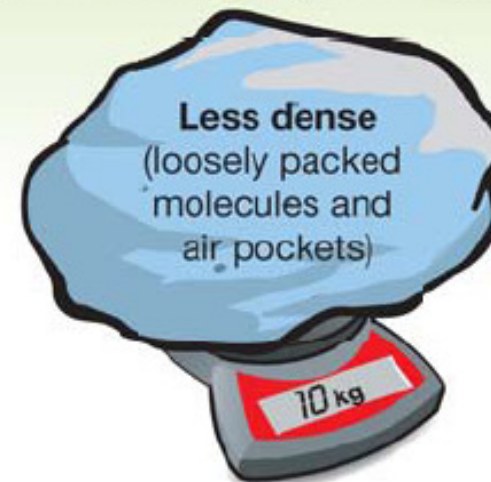
## 5.1 Density

- The density of a real boulder is greater than the density of a fake boulder.
- It's molecules are more tightly packed in the same amount of space.

**Real boulder (rock)**



**Fake boulder (plastic foam)**





## 5.1 Density

- Solid objects, liquids and gases are made up of atoms and molecules so they have **both** mass and volume.
- The density of a material is always the **same** under the same conditions.
- Density can be used to identify materials.
- The density of an object is found by measuring it's mass and volume, then dividing the mass by the volume.

## Finding Density

### DENSITY

$$\text{Density (g/cm}^3\text{)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{\mathbf{V}} \longleftarrow \text{Mass (g)}$$
$$\longleftarrow \text{Volume (cm}^3\text{)}$$

## 5.2 Fluids

- Matter that can flow is called a **fluid**.
- “Fluid” does not mean the same thing as “liquid.”
- Liquids and gases are **both** fluids.

### Floating and sinking in fluids

Solid in liquid



Gas in gas



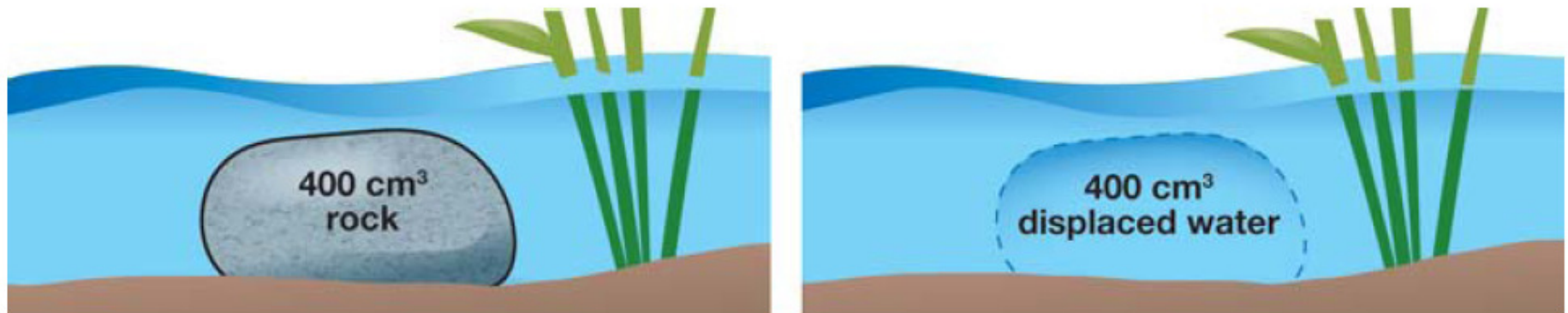
Liquid in liquid



**What causes things to float or sink?**

## 5.2 Sinking and Buoyant Force

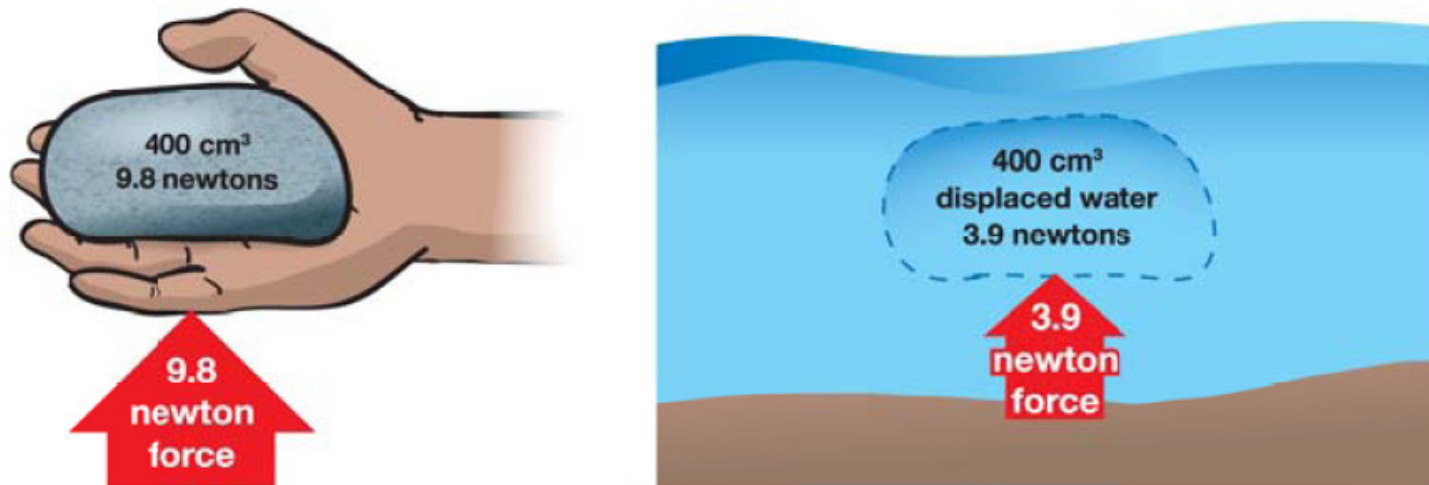
- A  $400 \text{ cm}^3$  rock sinks to the bottom of a pond.
- When the rock is completely underwater, it **displaces** (pushes aside) an amount of water that is equal to its volume.



**Which has its molecules more tightly packed:  
the rock or the displaced water?**

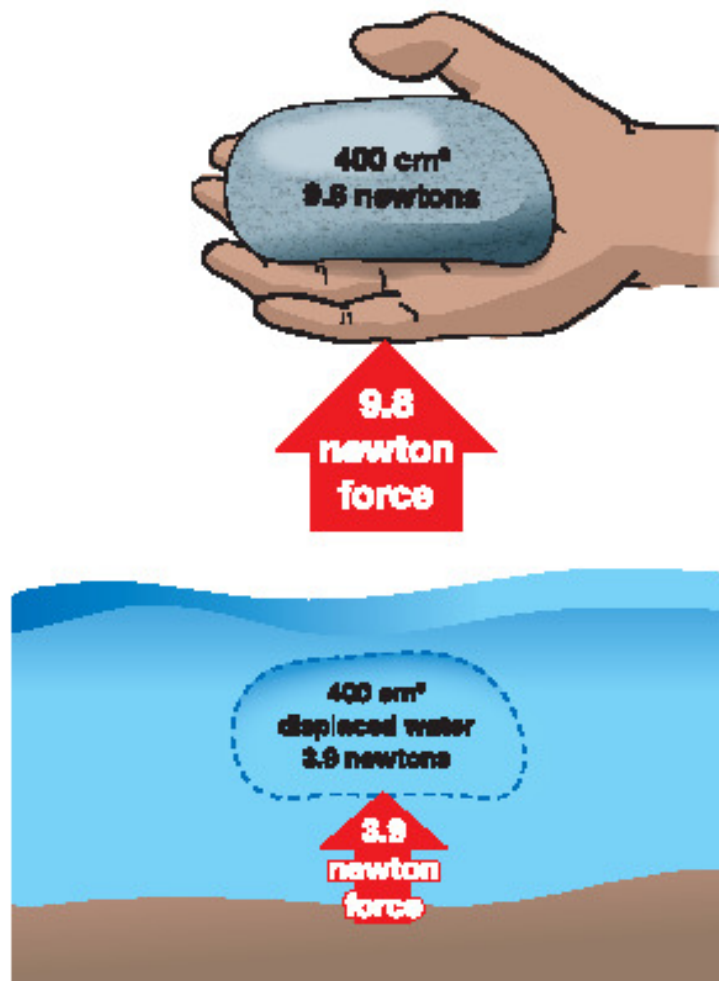
## 5.2 Sinking and Buoyant Force

- On Earth, both the rock and the water exert an upward buoyant force equal to their weight.



**Which substance has a greater buoyant force on Earth?**

# Buoyant Force



## 5.2 Sinking and Buoyant Force

- When the rock is dropped into the water, the water's buoyant force is not enough to support it.
- The rock sinks because its weight is greater than the weight of the displaced water.

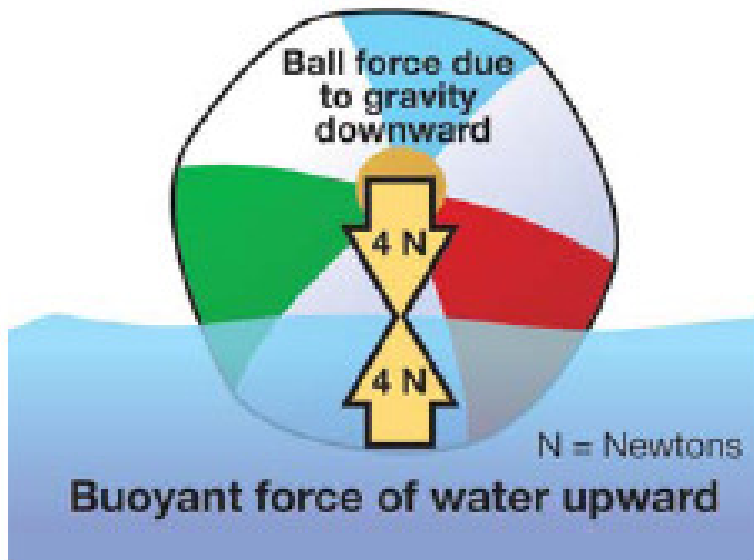


**Which substance floats?**



## 5.2 Floating

- Why does a beach ball float so well?



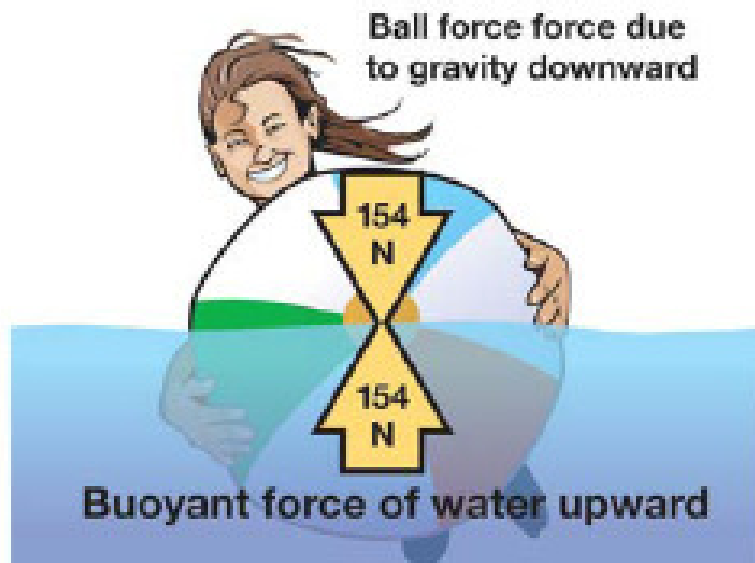
**A beach ball floats very well on top water.**

**The weight of the ball is very small.**

**The amount of displaced water needed to keep the ball afloat is also very small.**

## 5.2 Floating

- Why do you need to work so hard to push a beach ball underwater?



To push the beach ball completely underwater, we must displace a volume of water equal to  $30,000 \text{ cm}^3$ . The same amount of water weighs 294 newtons. Why is the girl still floating?

## 5.2 Density and Buoyancy

Whether objects sink or float depends on:

1. the object's weight
2. how much fluid it displaces



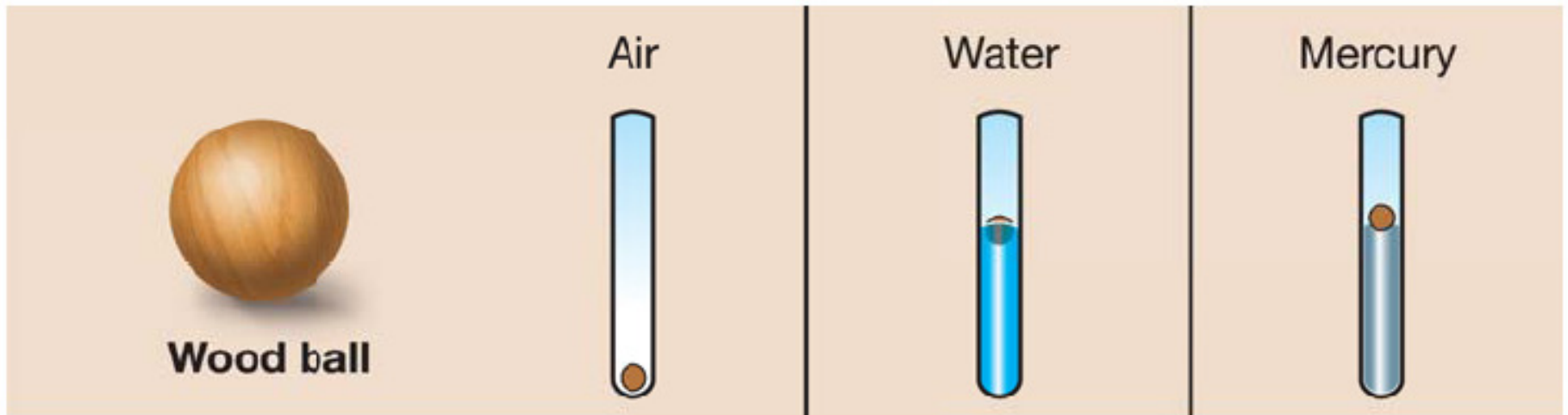
## 5.2 Predicting sinking and floating

- When an object is **less dense** than the fluid it is in, the object will \_\_\_\_\_  
(sink/float).
- When an object is **more dense** than the fluid it is in, the object will \_\_\_\_\_  
(sink/float).

	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
air	0.001
wood	0.9
water	1.0
glass	2.3
mercury	11.0

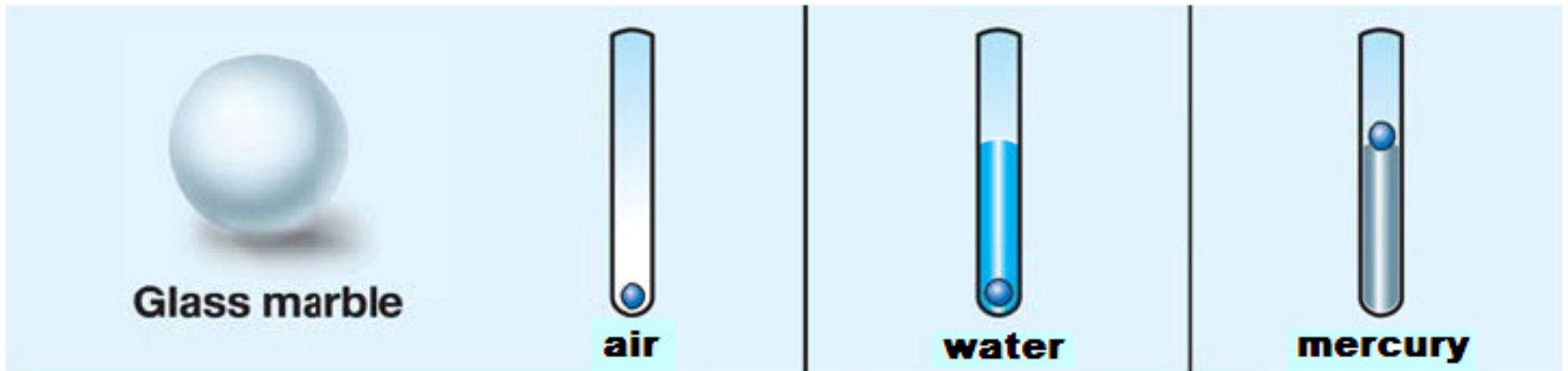
## 5.2 Density and Buoyancy

- Wood is **less dense** than \_\_\_\_\_ and **more dense** than \_\_\_\_\_ .



## 5.2 Density and Buoyancy

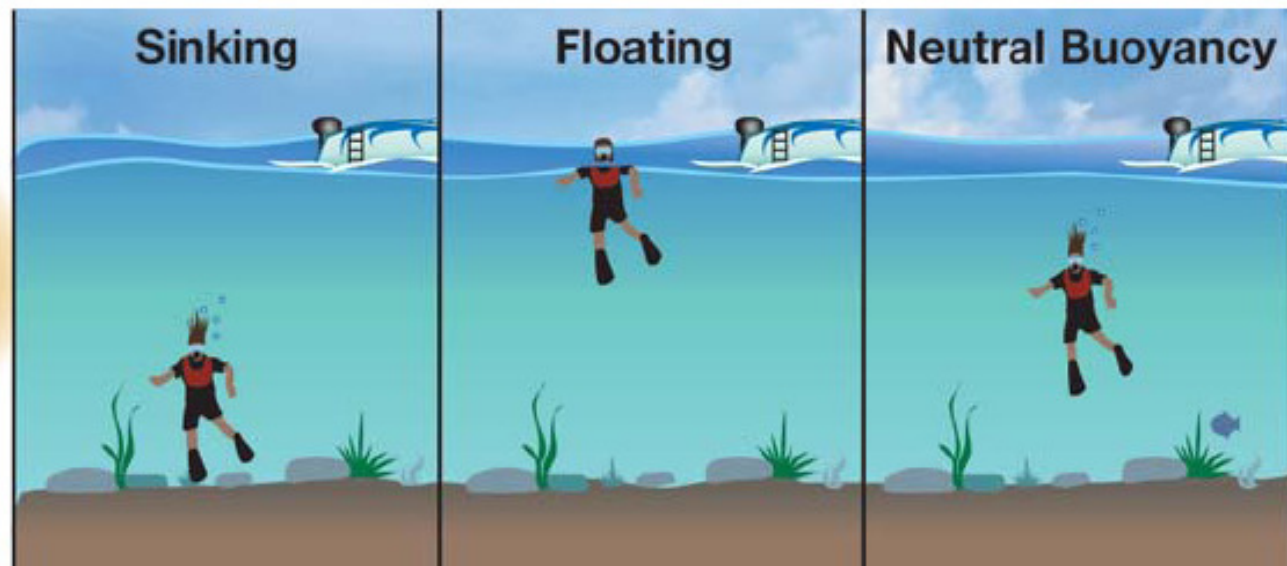
- Glass is **less dense** than \_\_\_\_\_ and **more dense** than \_\_\_\_\_ .



## 5.2 Density and Buoyancy

Buoyancy  
Control Device (BCD)

Weights

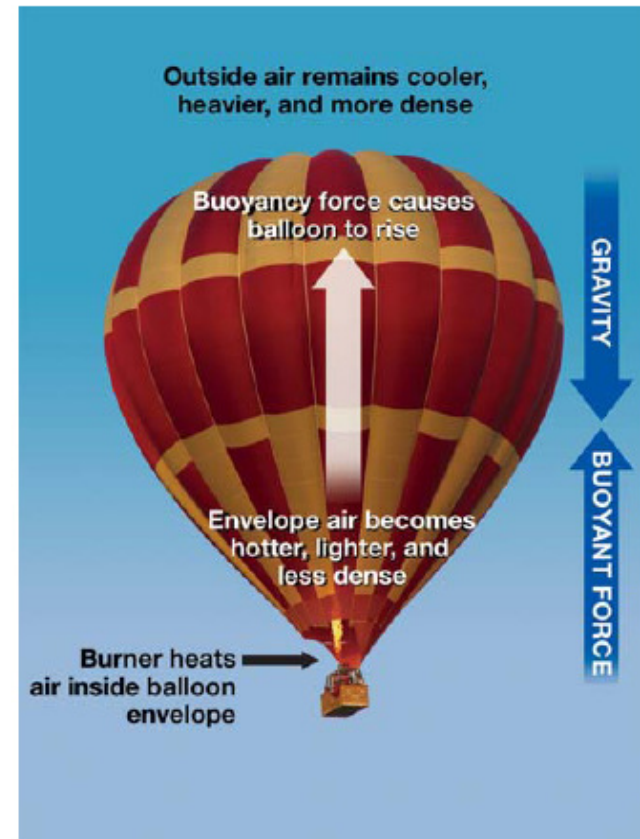


- A scuba diver uses a buoyancy control device (BCD) to sink or float in water.
- How do you think it works?

# Connection

## Full of Hot Air

- Hot air balloons have three major parts: envelope, basket, and burner.
- In a hot air balloon, the heat from the burners makes the envelope air less dense.

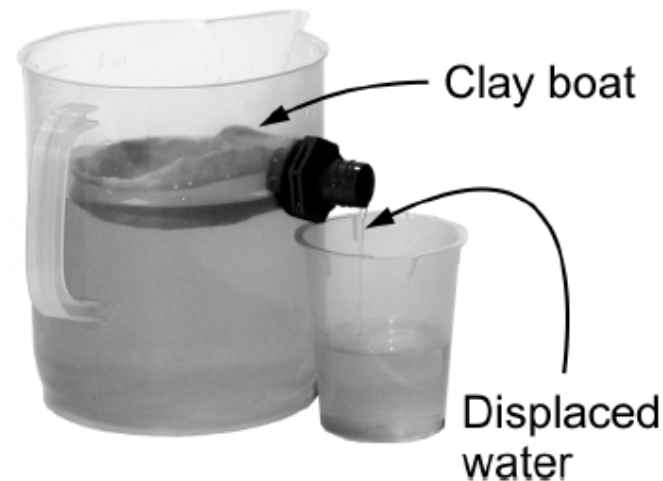




# Investigation 5B

## Buoyancy

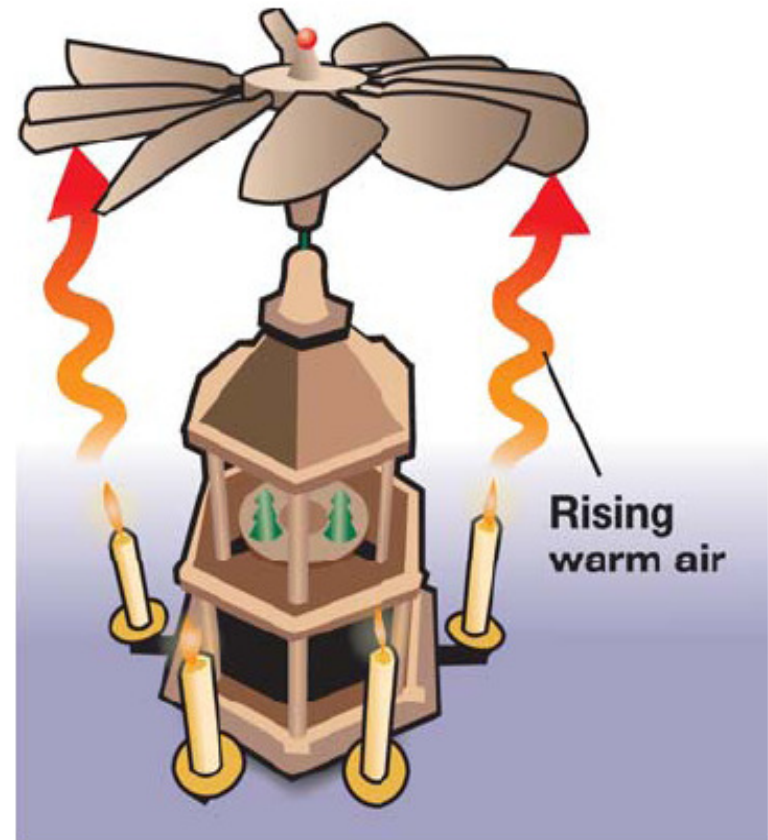
- *Steel is denser than water so why do steel boats float?*



## 5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy

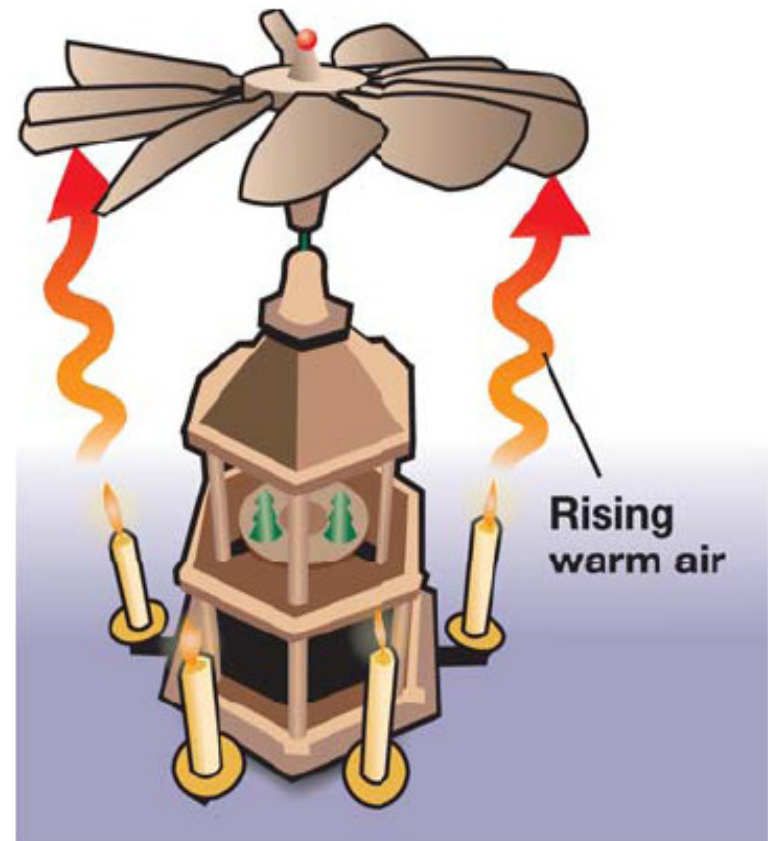
Have you ever seen a candle carousel?

1. The burning candles under the carousel heat the air.
2. Warmed air rises and pushes the wooden paddles of the fan.



## 5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy

3. The fan turns.
4. The base of the carousel is connected to the fan, so it also turns, like a merry-go-round.



## 5.3 Why does warm air rise?

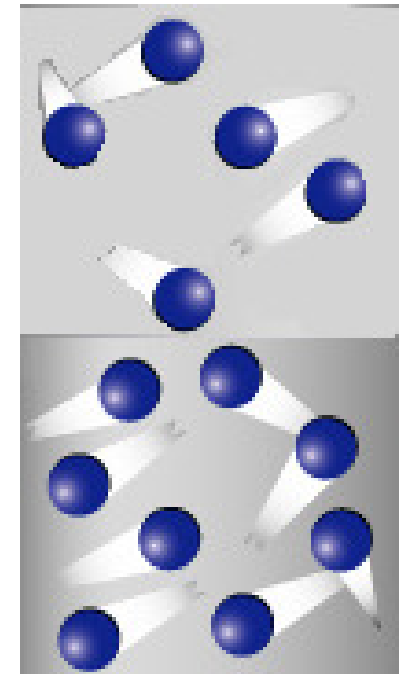
- The density of warm air must be *less than* the density of cool air, since warm air rises.
- So, did the burning candle *decrease the mass* or *increase the volume* of the warm air so that it became less dense than the cool air?



## 5.3 Why does warm air rise?

- Warm air molecules move faster than cool air molecules.
- Faster moving molecules push against each other with more force than slow molecules.
- Warm molecules that have been pushed farther apart take up more space.
- The burning candle *increased the volume* of the warm air, making it less dense.

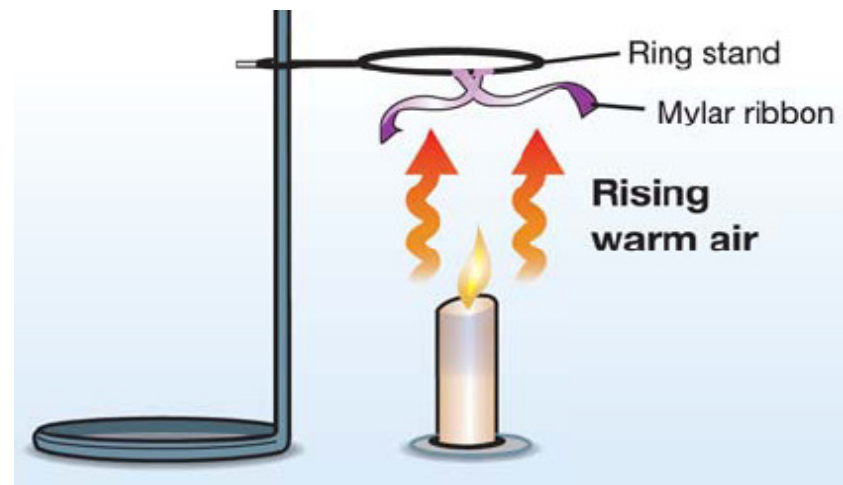
warm air



cool air

## 5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy

- Why do the mylar ribbons move in this experiment?



## 5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy

- Why do helium balloons and blimps float?



## 5.3 Heat Affects Density and Buoyancy

- How are hot air balloons and helium balloons the same?
- How are they different?

