PROPERTIES OF WATER

CHEMISTRY OF WATER POLAR COMPOUND



- Electrons move around the oxygen more often than around the hydrogen
- Oxygen gets a slight negative charge
- Hydrogen get a slight positive charge

CHEMISTRY OF WATER POLAR COMPOUND, MAKES H BONDS



 Postives and negatives attract and weak bonds are formed HYDROGEN BONDS Weak interactions between hydrogen of one molecule and either O, F or N of another

PROPERTIES OF WATER

Because of its chemical properties, water plays an important role in life.

4 main properties:

- Expand upon freezing
- Universal Solvent
- Cohesiveness of water molecules
- Ability to moderate temperature

WATER EXPANDS WHEN IT FREEZES

- The molecules in solid water are spaced out due to the H bonds
- Ice floats



Ice formation is top down Ice insulates

When the temperature of atmosphere fails below 0°C, the water at the surface gradually freezes to ice, but the water under the ice layer remains at 4°C.

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- Dissolves polar and ionic molecules
- Ex: Blood and cells dissolve salts, sugars, hormones, proteins and ionic and polar molecules important for life
- Plants take up minerals dissolved in water



ADHESION AND COHESION

Adhesion

 When water molecules stick to other polar or ionic substances - H bonds

Cohesion

Water sticks to each other by H bonding



ADHESION AND COHESION

Capillary action- movement against gravity to supply water to the leaves from the soil – adhesion and cohesion

Surface Tension Walk on water Ex. <u>Jesus lizard</u>/water striders





TEMPERATURE STABILIZING EFFECT Hydrogen bonds have to break/make before temperature changes are felt

High specific heat

Needs a lot of heat to change the temp of water

So:

- Oceans and large bodies of water maintain temps over different climates
- Reduces temp fluctuation in cells

High heat of vaporization

- Takes a lot of heat to evaporate a little water
- Evaporation of Sweat uses heat energy from body surface – cools body

High heat of fusion

- Needs a lot of energy to form ice
- Takes lakes and ponds longer to freeze over in winter

IONIZATION OF WATER

- One in a million molecules dissociate to form H+ and OH-
- Water has equal number of the two ions so the charges are cancelled = pH 7 (actually 10-7 H + ions)

Acid –pH of 1<7

- When there are more H+ ions than OH-
- Base pH 7+ to 14
- When more OHthan H+

IONIZATION OF WATER

- pH = -Log of the H+ concentration
- pH of 7 implies that the substance has 10-7 H+ ions in 1 Liter of solution
- pH of 6 = ?
- Why is that an acidic solution?

- How many H+ ions are there in a pH 10 solution?
- Why is that important for life?
- Metabolic reactions need specific pH to occur. Stomach acidic, blood basic etc.

IONIZATION OF WATER



