

Thermal Energy Transfer & Black Body Radiation

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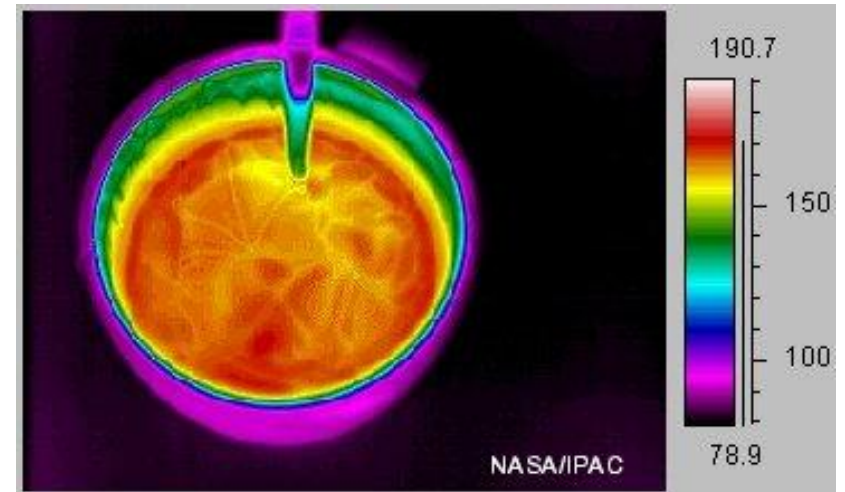
Heat Transfer

There are 3 primary ways that heat is transferred:

- Conduction
- Convection
- Radiation

Conduction

Conduction occurs between objects in direct contact



Conduction

Why does this frying pan have a plastic handle?

Plastic has a high specific heat and doesn't conduct heat very quickly

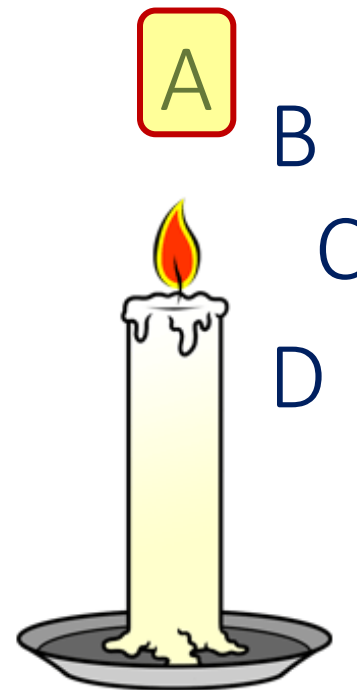


Convection

Convection occurs when fluids (liquids or gases) move around due to temperature differences

Hot Air rises

Cold Air sinks



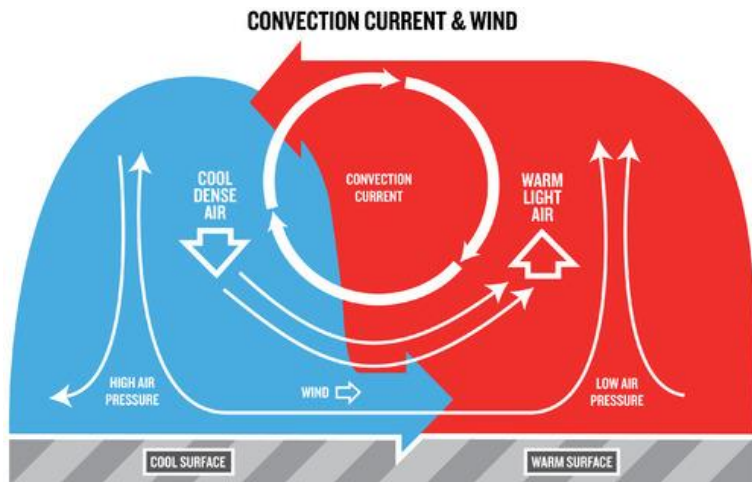
Where should I
roast my
marshmallow?

Convection



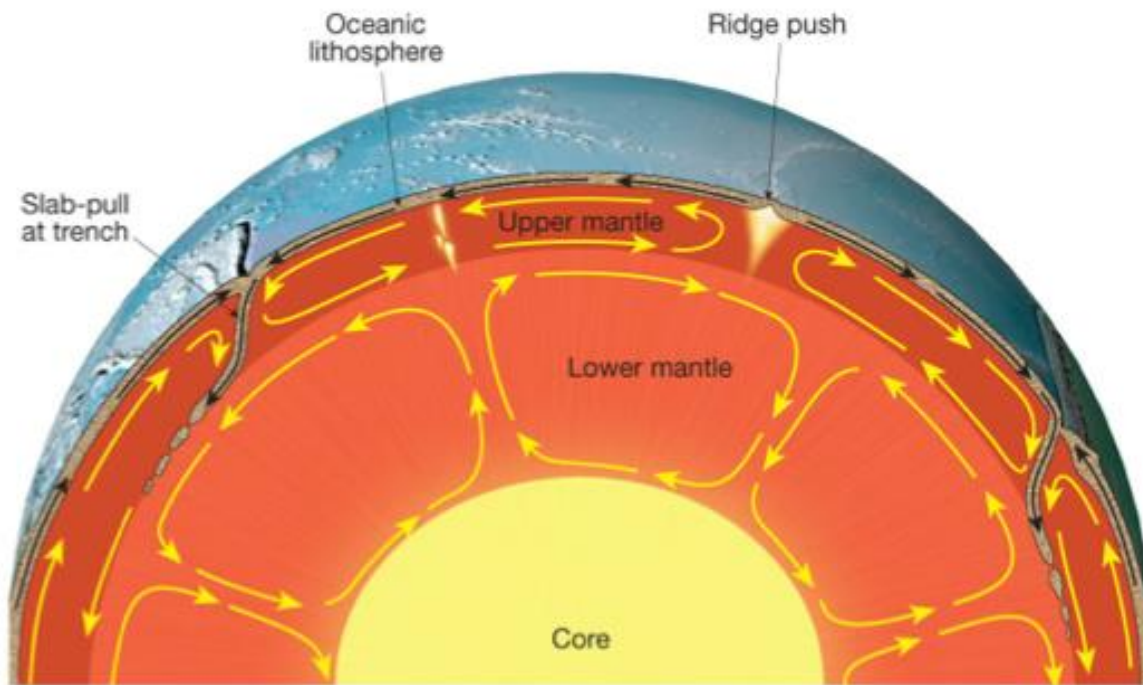
Why does hot air rise?

High Temperature
High Volume



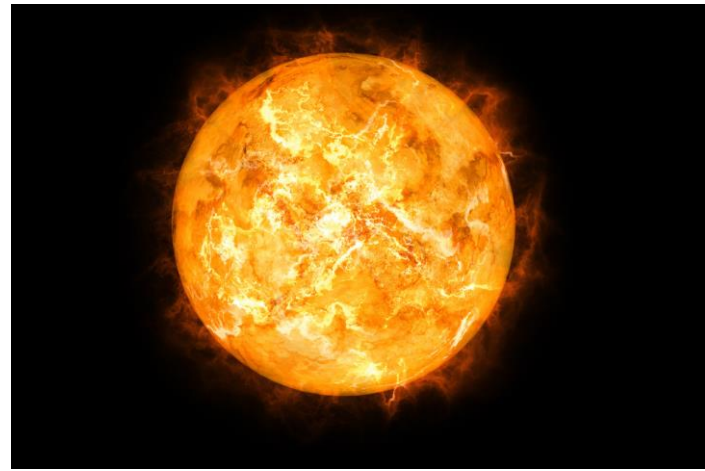
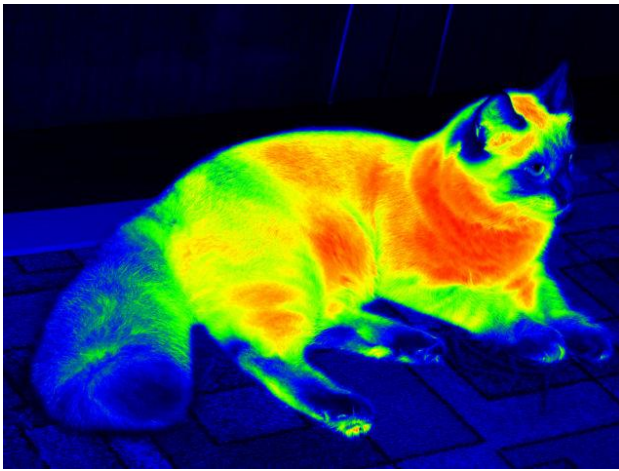
High Volume
Same Mass
Lower Density

Convection



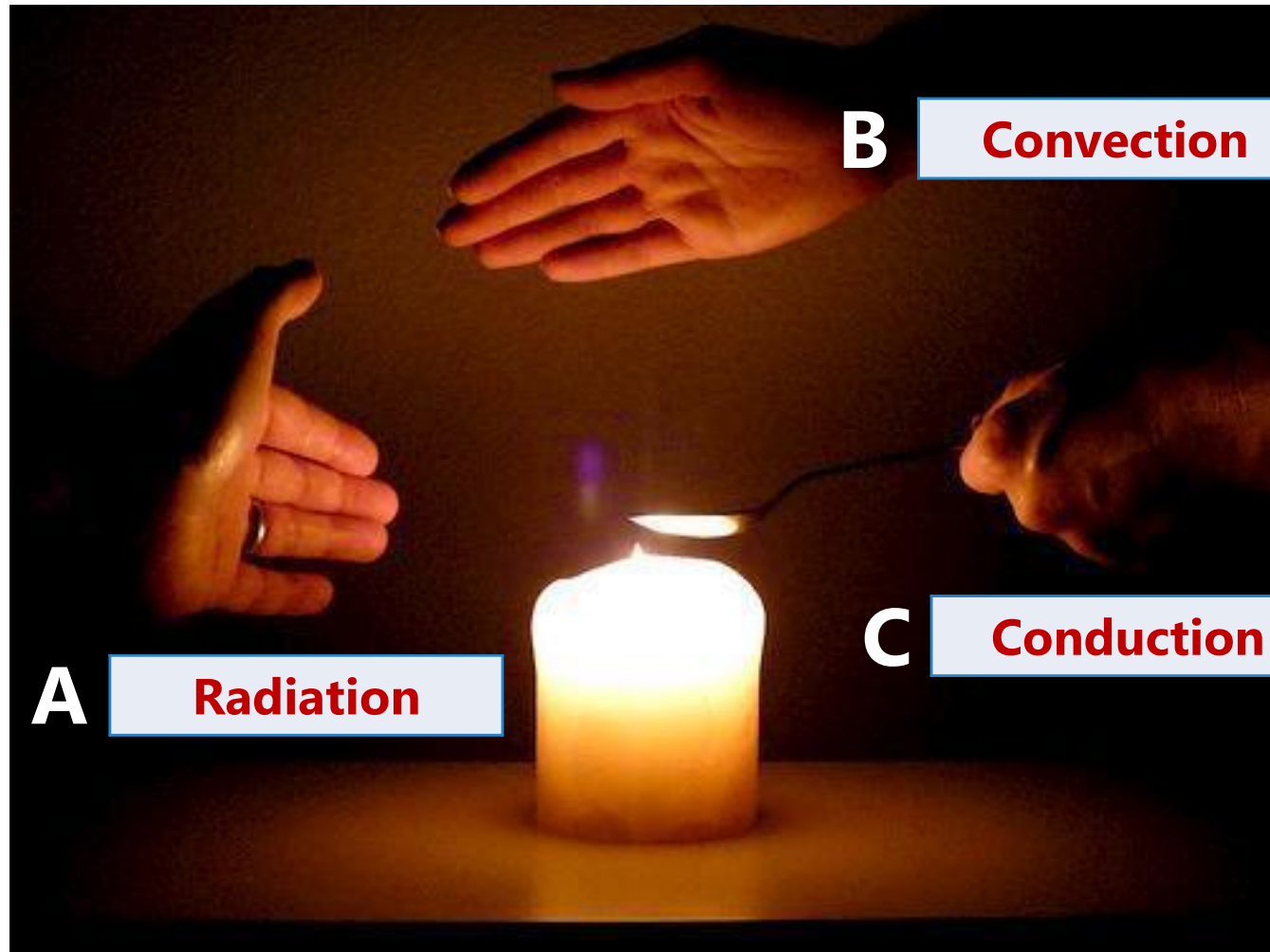
Radiation

Radiation is energy that is transferred as waves such as visible light and infrared



Radiation can travel through **a vacuum**

Label Me



Emissivity

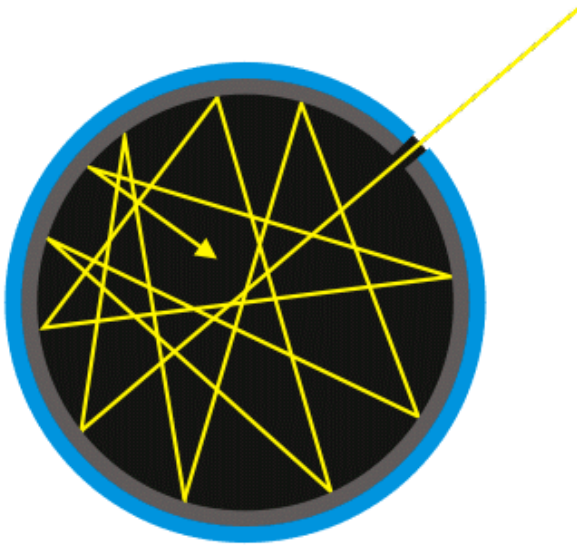
What color car heats up the most in the sun?

Black – Absorbs more light



Black Body Radiator

A black body radiator is an object that is perfectly opaque and absorbs all energy



Conceptual Black Body

Emissivity

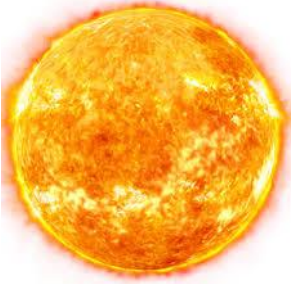
Emissivity

e

$$\frac{\text{power radiated by a surface}}{\text{power radiated from a black body of the same temperature and area}}$$

The emissivity is used to adjust for an object that isn't a perfect black-body radiator

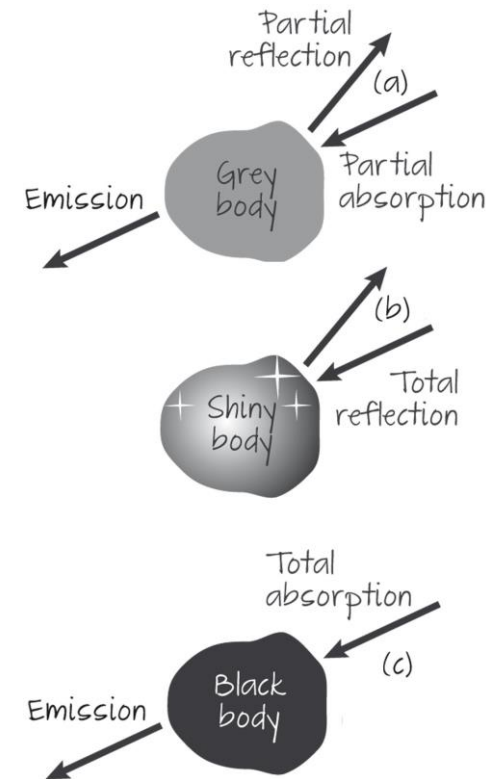
This value is always between 0 and 1



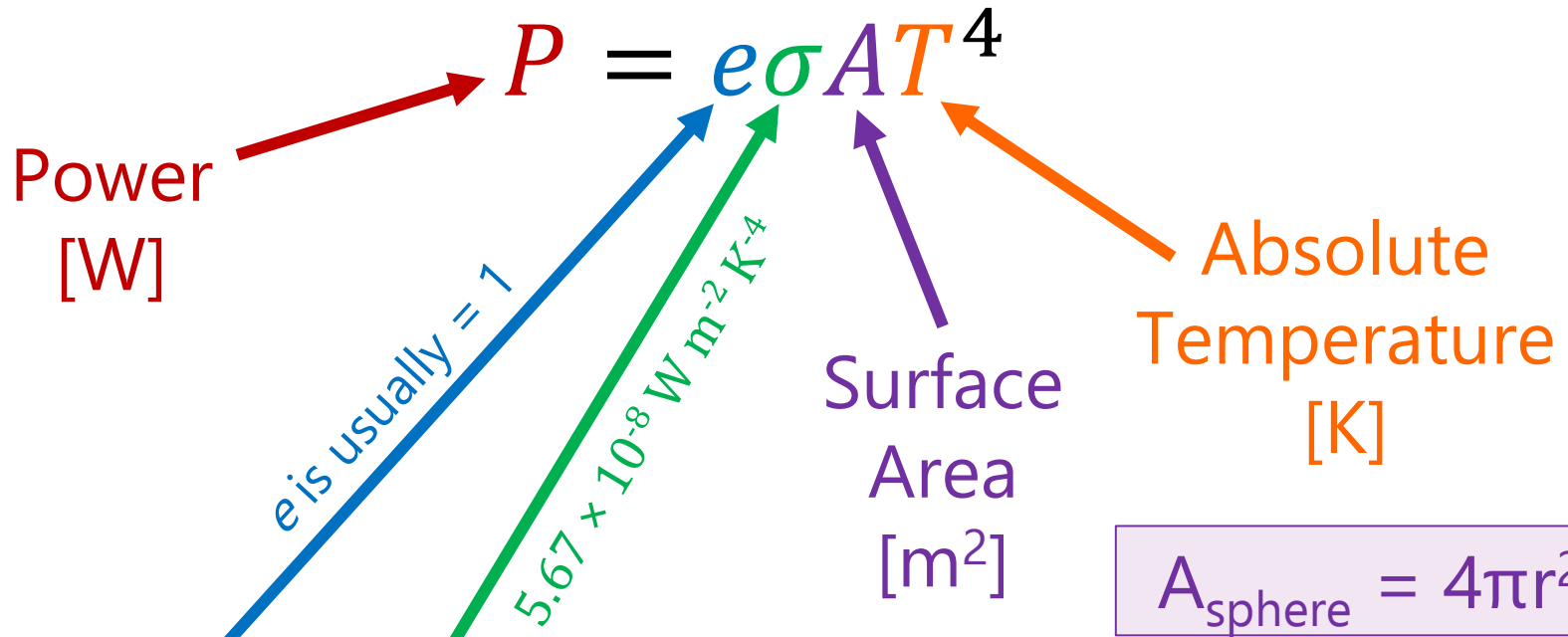
$e \approx 1$



$e \approx 0.6$



Stefan-Boltzmann Law



Emissivity	e	$\frac{\text{power radiated by a surface}}{\text{power radiated from a black body of the same temperature and area}}$
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant	σ	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Try This

A star has a radius of 8.3×10^7 m and a surface temperature of 7500°C . Calculate the power it emits.

$$e = 1$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$$

$$A = 4\pi(8.3 \times 10^7)^2 = 8.66 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^2$$

$$T = 7500 + 273 = 7773 \text{ K}$$

$$P = e\sigma AT^4$$

$$P = (1)(5.67 \times 10^{-8})(8.66 \times 10^{16})(7773)^4$$

$$P = 1.79 \times 10^{25} \text{ W}$$

Proportionality

How much more heat energy is radiated from a 80°C cup of water than from a 20°C cup of water?

$$P = e\sigma AT^4$$

**Careful! Temperature must be converted into Kelvin*

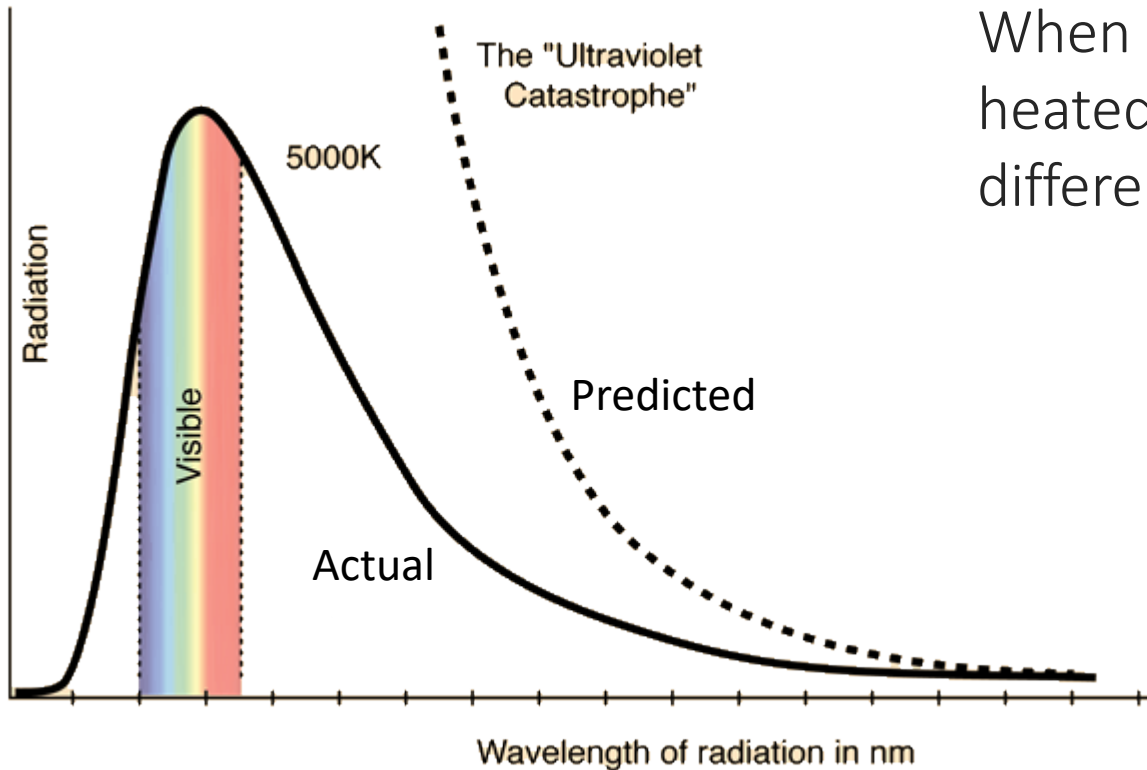
$$T_1 = 80 + 273 = 353 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 20 + 273 = 293 \text{ K}$$

e, σ, and A are all the same before and after...

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{\cancel{e\sigma A}T_1^4}{\cancel{e\sigma A}T_2^4} = \frac{353^4}{293^4} = 2.1 \text{ times more}$$

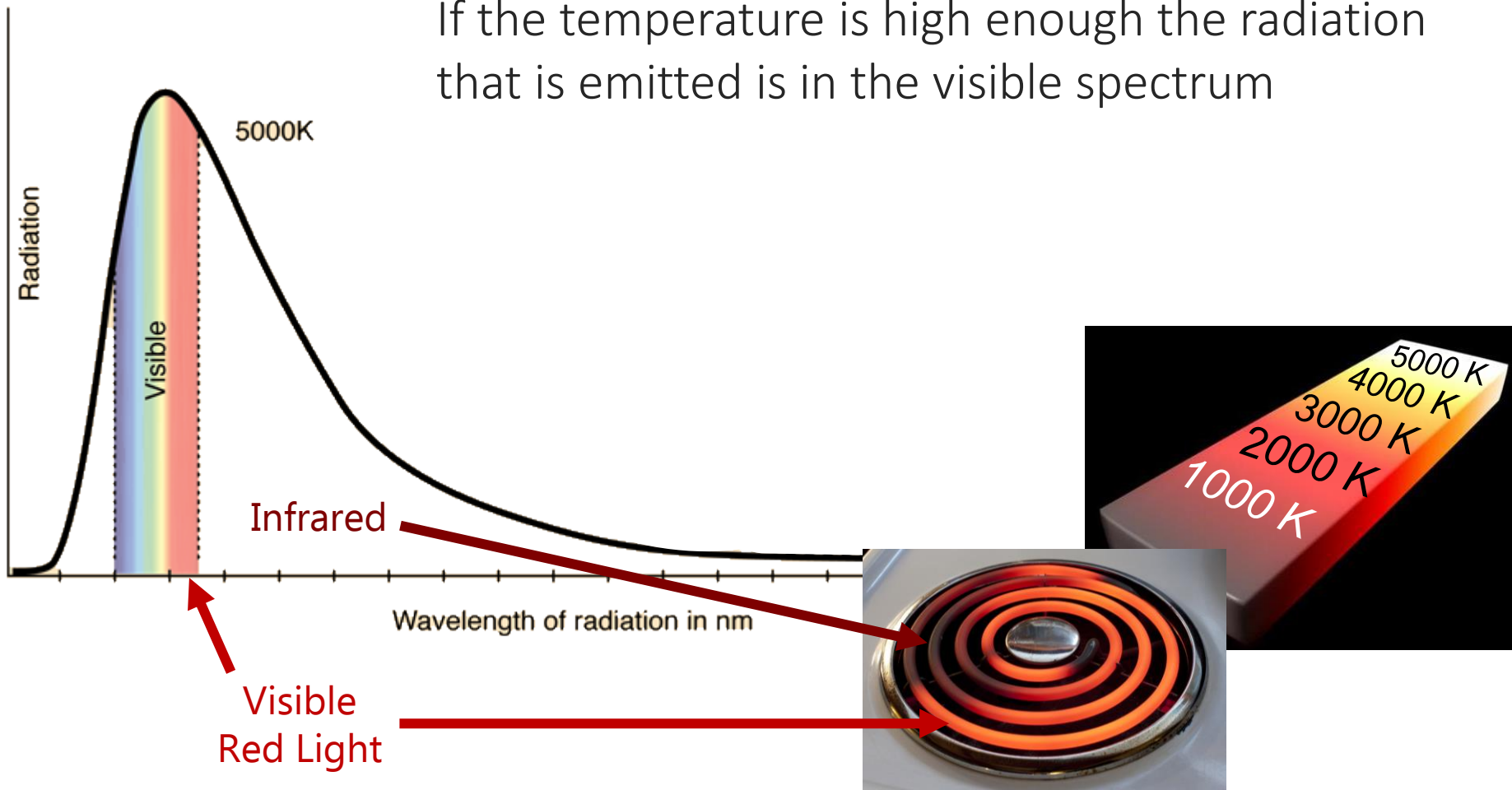
Radiated Energy



When a black body radiator is heated up, it emits a range of different wavelengths

Glowing Hot

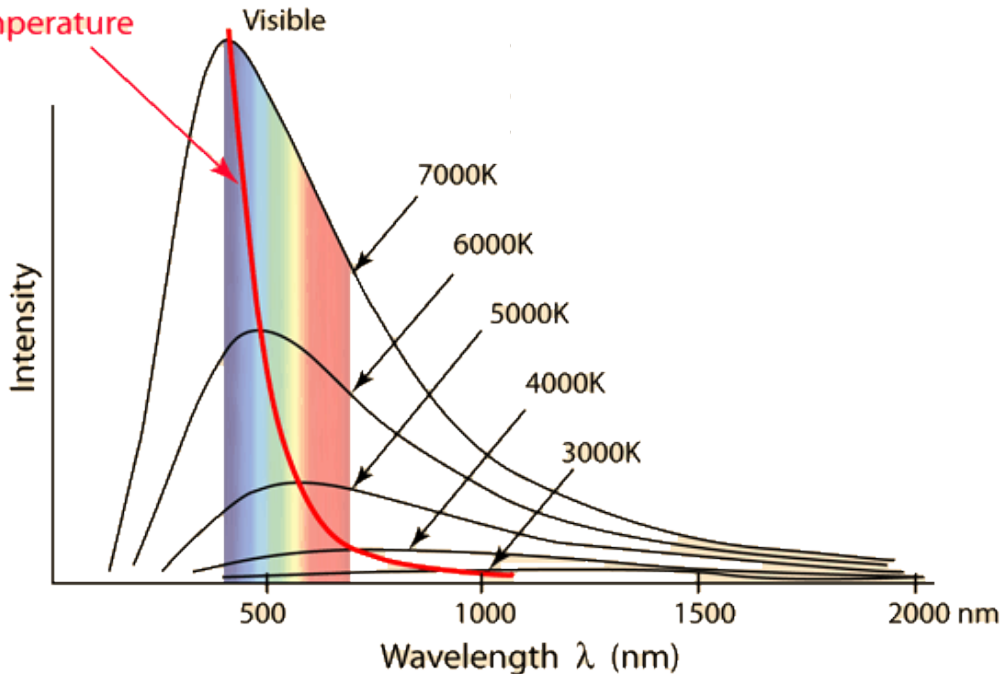
If the temperature is high enough the radiation that is emitted is in the visible spectrum



Wien's Displacement Law

$$\lambda_{\max}(\text{metres}) = \frac{2.90 \times 10^{-3}}{T(\text{kelvin})}$$

Decrease of λ_{peak}
with increase in
temperature



*Note: This assumes perfect blackbody radiation

Try This

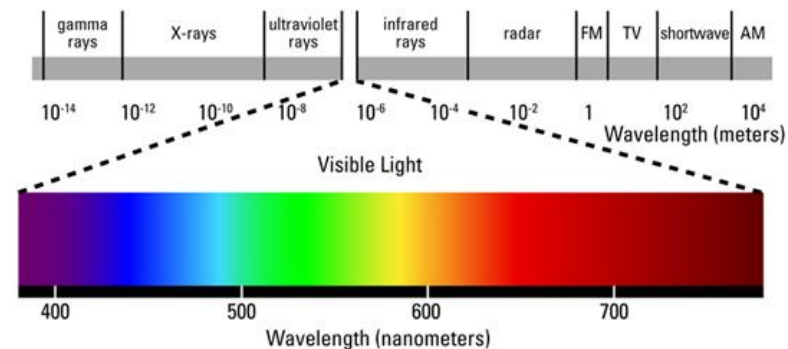
$$\lambda_{\max}(\text{metres}) = \frac{2.90 \times 10^{-3}}{T (\text{kelvin})}$$

At what wavelength is the emitted radiation of the Sun maximized if it has a surface temperature of 5780 K?

$$\lambda = \frac{2.90 \times 10^{-3}}{5780} = 5.02 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = \boxed{502 \text{ nm}}$$

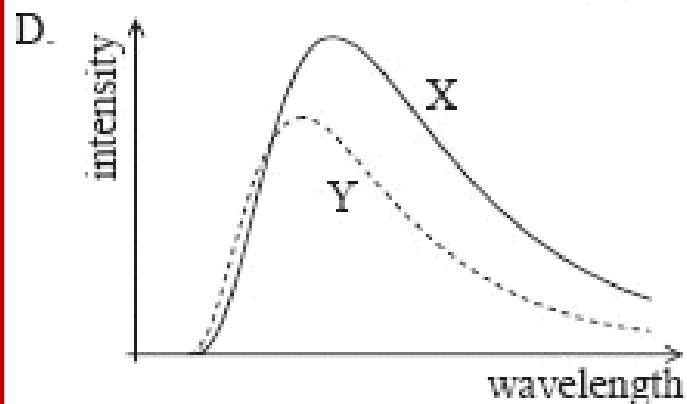
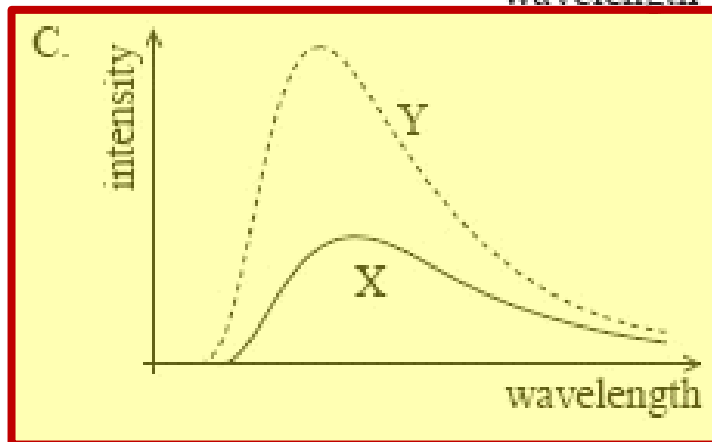
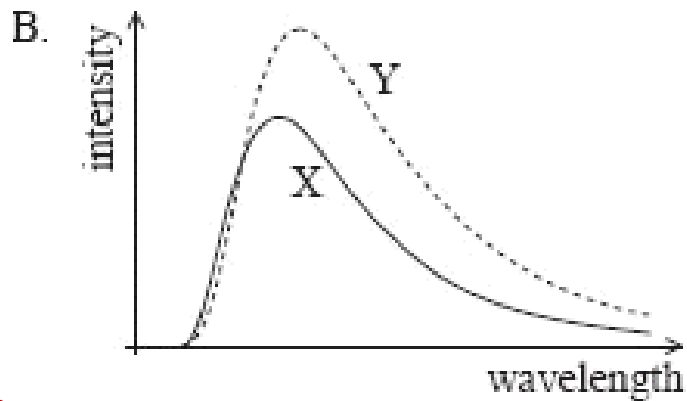
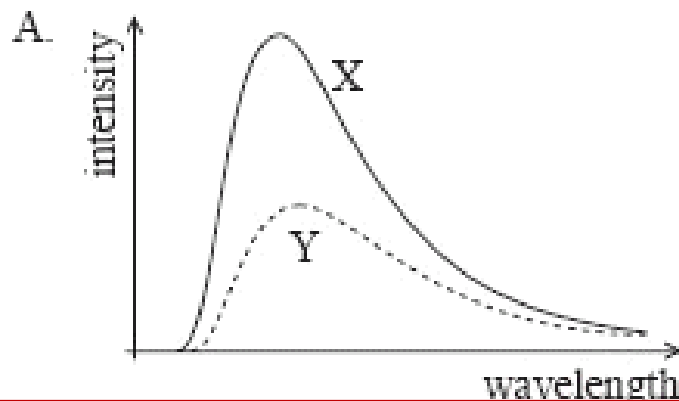
What is the most prevalent color of sunlight?

Green



Sample IB Question

Two black bodies X and Y are at different temperatures. The temperature of body Y is higher than that of body X. Which of the following shows the black body spectra for the two bodies?



Takeaways from Today

Know the difference between:

- Conduction
- Convection
- Radiation

Black Body Radiators

Emissivity

Stefan-Boltzmann Law

$$P = e\sigma AT^4$$

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