# CH. 2A WARM-UP

- List 1 trace mineral found in living things and its purpose in the body.
- What is the difference between a polar and nonpolar substance? Name an example of each.
- What types of molecules can form hydrogen bonds? Explain.
- Draw a possible chemical structure diagram of c<sub>6</sub>h<sub>12</sub>o<sub>6</sub>.

# CH. 2B WARM-UP

- Explain how a water strider can seem to "walk" on water.
- 2. Name 3 examples of polar substances.
- 3. Name 3 examples of nonpolar substances.
- 4. Explain what is the meant by the phrase:
  "structure dictates function" in your own words.
  (Give an example of this in biology don't use the morphine example from lecture)

### CH. 2B WARM-UP

1.What property of water allows a water strider to "walk" on water?

2.Contrast <u>adhesion</u> and <u>cohesion</u>. Give an example of each.

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3.Contrast <u>hydrophobic</u> and <u>hydrophilic</u> substances. Give an example of each.

# Properties of Water

# CHAPTER 2 – PART B

### YOU MUST KNOW:

- The importance of hydrogen bonding to the properties of water.
- Four unique properties of water and how each contributes to life on earth.
- How to interpret the pH scale.
- How changes in pH can alter biological systems.
- The importance of buffers in biological systems.

### WATER IS A POLAR MOLECULE

Unequal sharing of e<sup>-</sup> between O and H

 Hydrogen bond: slightly negative o attracted to slightly positive h of nearby molecule

•  $H_2$  o can form up to 4 bonds



# FOUR EMERGENT PROPERTIES OF WATER

### 1. COHESIVE BEHAVIOR

**COHESION** = H-bonding between like molecules

 Surface tension = measure of how difficult it is to break or stretch surface of liquid





### ALSO... ADHESION

#### **ADHESION** = bonding between <u>unlike</u> molecules

• Adhesion of  $H_2O$  to vessel walls counters  $\downarrow$  pull of gravity





#### **IN ACTION: TRANSPIRATION** = MOVEMENT OF $H_2O$ UP PLANTS

 $H_2O$  molecules cling to each other by cohesion; they cling to xylem tubes by adhesion





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### BIOFLIX: WATER TRANSPORT IN PLANTS

### 2. MODERATION OF TEMPERATURE

- Thermal energy (heat) = total amount of kinetic energy (KE) in system
- <u>Temperature</u> = measures *intensity* of <u>heat</u> due to <u>average</u> KE of molecules

Which has higher temp? More thermal energy?



### HIGH SPECIFIC HEAT

- Change temp less when absorbs/loses heat
- Large bodies of water absorb and store more heat
  - $\rightarrow$  warmer coastal areas
- Create stable marine/land environment
- Humans ~65%  $H_2O \rightarrow$  stable temp, resist temp.



### EVAPORATIVE COOLING

- Water has high heat of vaporization
- Molecules with greatest KE leave as gas
- Stable temp in lakes & ponds
- Cool plants
- Human sweat



### 3. EXPANSION UPON FREEZING

### Insulation by ice

- less dense, floating ice insulates liquid H<sub>2</sub>O below
- Life exists under frozen surface (ponds, lakes, oceans)
- Ice = solid habitat (polar bears)



# 4. THE SOLVENT OF LIFE

- <u>Solution</u> = liquid, homogeneous mixture of 2+ substances
- <u>Solvent</u> = dissolving agent (liquid)
- <u>Solute</u> = dissolved substance
- Water is the universal solvent
  - Remember: "LIKE DISSOLVES LIKE"



#### Figure 2.22 A water-soluble protein



### 4. SOLVENT OF LIFE

| HYDROPHILIC                   | HYDROPHOBIC            |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Affinity for H <sub>2</sub> O | Repel H <sub>2</sub> O |  |
| Polar, ions                   | Non-polar              |  |
| Cellulose, sugar, salt        | Oils, lipids           |  |
| Blood                         | Cell membrane          |  |



# WATER CHEMISTRY

### $H_2O \iff H^+ + OH^-$ (GAINS PROTON) $H^+ + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+$ (HYDRONIUM ION) (LOSES PROTON) $H_2O - H^+ \rightarrow OH^-$ (HYDROXIDE ION)



### ACIDS AND BASES

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- <u>ACID</u> = INCREASES H<sup>+</sup> CONCENTRATION (HCI)
- <u>BASE</u> = REDUCES H<sup>+</sup> CONCENTRATION (NaOH)
- Most biological fluids are pH 6-8



### H<sup>+</sup> AND OH<sup>-</sup> IONS



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Figure 2.23 The pH scale and pH values of some aqueous solutions



### CALCULATING pH

#### $[H^+][OH^-] = 10^{-14}$

\* IF  $[H^+] = 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ , THEN  $[OH^-] = 10^{-8}$ 

 $PH = -LOG [H^+]$ 

1. IF  $[H^+] = 10^{-2}$ 

•  $-LOG \ 10^{-2} = -(-2) = 2$ 

• THEREFORE, pH = 2

• -LOG  $10^{-4} = -(-4) = 4$ 

• THEREFORE, pH = 4

2. IF  $[OH^{-}] = 10^{-10}$ 

•  $[H^+] = 10^{-4}$ 

### BUFFERS

**<u>BUFFERS</u>**: minimize changes in concentration of H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> in a solution (weak acids and bases)

- Buffers keep blood at ph ~7.4
- If blood drops to 7 or up to 7.8  $\rightarrow$  death

#### *Carbonic acid – bicarbonate system:*

Important buffers in blood plasma

#### $H_2CO_3$ (CARBONIC ACID) $\rightarrow$ $HCO_3^-$ (BICARBONATE) + $H^+$

### **OCEAN ACIDIFICATION:**

#### Threat to Coral Reef Ecosystems



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 $CO_2$  + Seawater  $\rightarrow$  Carbonic acid  $\rightarrow$  Lowers ocean pH

| H <sub>2</sub> O Property | Chemical Explanation  | Examples of<br>Benefits to Life                                   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Cohesion                  | •polar<br>•H-bond<br>•like-like   | 个gravity plants, trees  |
| Adhesion                  | •H-bond<br>•unlike-unlike   | plants→ xylem<br>blood→veins                                      |
| Surface Tension           | <ul><li>diff. in stretch</li><li>break surface</li><li>H-bond</li></ul> | bugs→water  |
| Specific Heat             | •Absorbs & retains E<br>•H-bond   | ocean $\rightarrow$ mod temp<br>$\rightarrow$ protect marine life |
| Evaporation               | •liquid→gas<br>•KE  | Cooling<br>Homeostasis  |
| Universal Solvent         | •Polarity→ionic<br>•H-bond  | Good dissolver<br>solvent   |