

The Great Density Challenge Answer Key

1. $D = \frac{540}{200} = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$
2. $m = 2.5 \times 40 = 100 \text{ g}$
3. $V = \frac{150}{3.0} = 50 \text{ cm}^3$
4. Volume = $4^3 = 64 \text{ cm}^3$;
 $D = \frac{1680}{64} = 26.25 \text{ g/cm}^3$
5. $D = \frac{3.25}{2500} = 0.0013 \text{ g/mL}$
6. Densities < 1.0 g/mL float → A (0.75) and C (0.99) float; B (1.15) sinks.
7. Volume ↓ by $\frac{1}{2}$, mass same → Density **doubles** (since $D = \frac{m}{V}$).
8. Both have $D = \frac{60}{20} = 3.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$ and $\frac{180}{60} = 3.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$.
→ **Same density**, proving density is independent of size.
9. $2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$
10. Total mass = $(100 \times 0.9) + (200 \times 1.0) = 90 + 200 = 290 \text{ g}$
Total volume = $100 + 200 = 300 \text{ mL}$
 $D_{\text{avg}} = \frac{290}{300} = 0.97 \text{ g/mL}$