

## Temperature regulation – 2013 revision

For each of these situations, answer questions 1-7 below.

- A) Normal human body temperature is 37°C. Room temperature is more like 25°C. So unless it's **really** hot out, there is always a temperature difference between your body and its surroundings. What's going on?
- B) You get too cold, and need to warm up. What happens?
- C) You get too warm, and need to cool down. What happens?
- D) Now answer parts A, B, and C for the ectothermic (i.e. what is popularly and inaccurately known as "cold-blooded") animal (e.g. reptile) of your choice!

- 1) What's happening? Explain what's going on qualitatively, and feel free to bring in outside knowledge.
- 2) What object or set of objects is the most useful for you to define as "the system"? (There are a large number of possible correct answers to this! But this is an important choice you must make.)
- 3) Draw a system schema for your system (which you can continue updating as you answer the rest of the questions).
- 4) During the process described, what is the change in the total energy of the system? (Positive, negative, or zero?)
- 5) Same question as 4, for the chemical energy in the system.
- 6) Same question as 4 for the thermal energy in the system.
- 7) Does any energy enter or leave the system? If so, by what process (heat, work, etc.)?