Heat, Temperature, and Thermal Equilibrium

As you work through the steps in the lab procedure, record your observations for later input.

Part I: Temperature and Absolute Zero

Report your results for Part I: Temperature and Absolute Zero here by matching the correct response to the condition of the system you studied.

Observations:

- All motion has stopped. The molecules are stationary.
- Most of motion is vibrational; little translational or rotational movement. Very few free molecules. Water is a solid.
- Very few molecules are without spin; however, they do not remain so for long.
- Nearly all motion is vibrational; exceedingly little translational or rotational motion. Water is a solid.
- The majority of motion is vibrational and translational; little rotational movement. Some free molecules. Water is a liquid.
- The majority of motion is translational and rotational movement. Free molecules come and go. Water is a boiling.
- The majority of motion is rotational and translational movement. Many free molecules. Water is a hot steam (gas).

Observation

Table 1

Referring to the case where the temperature is 0 K, what is the name of this special point on the temperature scale?

Part II: Thermal Equilibrium – Questions

After a short time of mixing, the cooler chamber has more particles than the warm chamber because the particles in the warm chamber are moving faster and have a greater chance of moving through the opening than the particles in the cooler chamber.

• True

• False

Complete the following sentences.

The motion of the particles is a model of ______.

The movement of particles from one chamber to another is a model of ______

When the average motion of the particles is the same in both chambers, this is a model of