Sugary Freezing Points

Need:

4 Plastic Tubs or Cups

8 Sugar Cubes

Freezer

Thermometer

Spoon



Decide on your hypothesis:

Adding sugar to water will __increase / decrease__ the freezing point of water

How to:

Half-fill the 4 cups with water

Check all have an equal amount of water in them

Number your cups 1-4

Add in sugar amounts as follows and stir to dissolve the sugar into the water

Cup 1 No added sugar - This is your control

Cup 2 One Sugar Cube

Cup 3 Three Sugar Cubes

Cup 4 Five Sugar Cubes

Place the cups & thermometer in the freezer

Observe the cups every few minutes until a thin layer of ice forms on the top of the water Record the temperature that this happens for each cup

Observations:

| Cup # | # Sugar Cubes | Temperature ice layer formed |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | |
| 2 | 1 | |
| 3 | 3 | |
| 4 | 5 | |

Analysis:

Look at your results

Compare the result of 2, 3, 4 against your control cup 1

Did adding sugar create a liquid that froze faster or slower than plain water?

Did adding more and more sugar have an effect on freezing time?

Conclusion:

Adding sugar to water will _____ the freezing point of water

