The Properties of Water



Water is everywhere. It is in the air we breathe, it's in our sink faucets, and it's in every cell in our body. Water is a very unique substance with some very special properties. Here is a look at some:



1. Universal solvent: water mixes and will dissolve most substances.



2. **COHESION**: water is attracted to itself-surface tension



* SURFACE TENSION: occurs due to

<u>cohesion</u> causing the water surface to act as a "film-like" membrane allowing insects the ability to walk across water without sinking.



3. ADHESION: water is attracted to other surfaces.



4. CAPILLARY ACTION: water

movement inside of tubing.

Ex.: Water moving through stems (xylem) of plants.

Ex.: Soda straws.

