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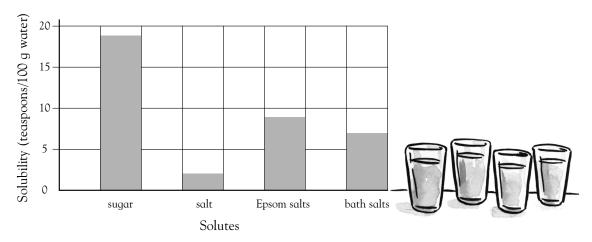


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Does the size of a sugar particle affect its solubility? Obtain sugar cubes, powdered sugar, and granulated sugar. Design and conduct an experiment to see which type of sugar is most soluble.







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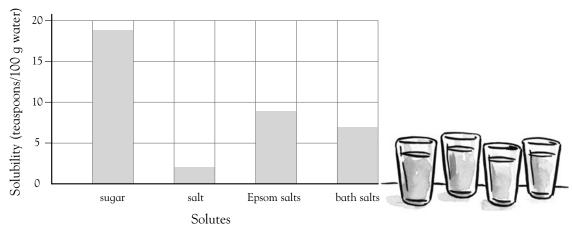


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The child should place the samples of sugar in water, then time how long each takes to dissolve. The larger the particle of sugar, the longer it will take. Children often confuse dissolving with melting. Sugar does not melt in the water; it dissolves.