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Temperature is what you measure with a thermometer

Temperature is the thing that's the same for two objects, after they've been in contact **long enough.**

Long enough so that the two objects are in thermal equilibrium.

Time required to reach thermal equilibrium is the *relaxation time*.

Temperature is a measure of the tendency of an object to spontaneously give up/absorb energy to/from its surroundings. Diathermal wall is a boundary that freely allows heat to be exchanged i.e. very short relaxation time for systems separated by a diathermal wall. $T_{1^{-}}T_{2}$ $T_{1^{-}}T_{2}$ $T_{1^{-}}T_{2}$ $T_{1^{-}}T_{2}$

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Zeroth law of thermodynamics If two systems are separately in thermal equilibrium with a С A third system, they are in thermal equilibrium with each other. Diathermal wall C can be considered the thermometer. If C is at a certain temperature then A and B are also at the same С В temperature.