

Radioactive Dating Game

Spoken Tutorial Project

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Learning Objectives



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- ▶ **Radioactive Dating Game PhET simulation**



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- ▶ **Firefox Web Browser v 60.0.2**



Pre-requisites



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- ▶ Learners should be familiar with high school physics and chemistry



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Link for PhET Simulation



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<http://phet.colorado.edu>



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- ▶ **If binding energy is low, the nucleus is unstable and is radioactive**



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- ▶ **Radioactive decay**



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- ▶ **i) Alpha decay**



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 - ▶ i) Alpha decay
 - ▶ ii) Beta decay
 - ▶ iii) Gamma decay



Half-Life



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- ▶ **Half-life is the time taken for half of the nuclei in a radioactive material to decay**



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- ▶ Death of organism: ratio and ^{14}C fall



Radioactive Dating-Cont'd



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- ▶ Radioactive dating, $^{14}\text{C}:^{12}\text{C}$ of sample vs recently dead specimens



Radioactive Dating-Cont'd

- ▶ Radioactive dating, $^{14}\text{C}:^{12}\text{C}$ of sample vs recently dead specimens
- ▶ Ur-Pb dating for rocks, artefacts etc



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- ▶ **C-14: animal; U-238: rocks, objects**



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- ▶ **Decay rates**
- ▶ **Measurement of radioactivity**
- ▶ **Radioactive dating**



About the Spoken Tutorial Project

- ▶ Watch the video available at http://spoken-tutorial.org/What_is_a_Spoken_Tutorial
- ▶ It summarises the Spoken Tutorial project
- ▶ If you do not have good bandwidth, you can download and watch it



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- ▶ Conducts workshops using spoken tutorials
- ▶ Gives certificates to those who pass an online test
- ▶ For more details, please write to contact@spoken-tutorial.org



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- ▶ Please visit
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- ▶ Choose the minute and second where you have the question
- ▶ Explain your question briefly
- ▶ Someone from our team will answer them



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