

$$s = \frac{\Delta Q}{m \cdot \Delta T} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

if $m = 1 \text{ kg}$, $\Delta T = 1^\circ\text{C}$ or $1 \text{ K} \Rightarrow$ by Eq (2) $s = \Delta Q$

"Specific heat capacity of the substance is the amount of heat needed by unit mass of a substance to increase the temperature by 1°C or 1 K "

if ΔQ is small $\Delta Q = dQ$ and $\Delta T = dT$.

by (2)
$$s = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dT} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

SI unit of sp. heat capacity = $\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

other unit " " " = cal/gm-K or $\text{cal gm}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

* sp. heat cap. depends upon temp.