
Lava Lite Lamps: A Chemical Juggling Act

1. When did the Haggerty Enterprises company begin making Lava Lite lamps?
2. What is the difference between paraffin and water, the two basic components of Lava Lite lamps, that keeps them from mixing with each other?
3. Name two household products that belong to the family of organic compounds known as paraffins.
4. Why was it necessary to add additional compounds to the paraffin to make the Lava Lite lamp work?

THINKING QUESTIONS:

4. What makes hot air balloons ascend and descend?
6. How is a hot air balloon similar to a lava lamp?