

Ice cubes

Baking soda

■ Salt

**EXPERIMENT** 

Timer

**MATERIALS** 

**¥** 6 compartment muffin tin

**■** Sugar

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EXPERIMENT INSPIRED BY

## **Greenland Beach Day**

## **MELTING**

Scientists are studying what life was like in Greenland 2 million years ago, by extracting DNA from its permafrost, also known as old, frozen dirt. Make like a scientist and investigate what makes ice melt fastest with this simple experiment.

- **Place** Place a handful of ice cubes into 4 of the cups of the muffin tin.
- 2 Add 3 tablespoons of baking soda to one of the cups, 3 tablespoons of salt to another and 3 tablespoons of sugar to a third cup. Leave the last cup of ice alone this will be your control group.
- **Set** a timer to check in on the melting progress of the ice at 30 minutes, 40 minutes, 50 minutes and then finally at the 1-hour mark.
- **4 Record** some observations at each interval. Notice what is happening in Each of the 4 muffin cups?
- **5** Reflect on what happened to the ice in each cup. What caused the ice to melt the fastest? Which one melted the slowest?

