

- 6 A student uses a 2400W electric kettle to obtain a value for the specific heat capacity of sunflower oil.

Fig. 6.1 shows the apparatus.

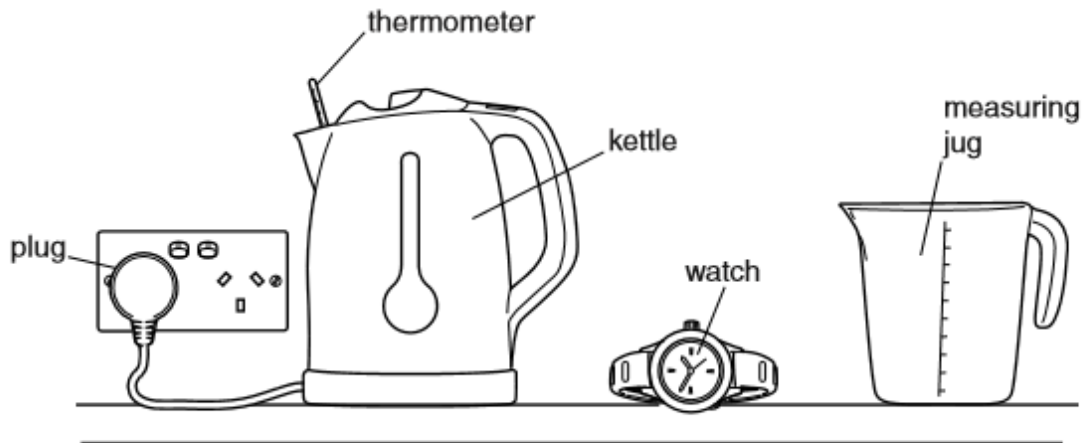


Fig. 6.1

The student uses a measuring jug and pours 1.5 kg of sunflower oil into the empty kettle. He uses a thermometer to measure the temperature of the oil.

The kettle is switched on and left on for 50 s. The temperature of the oil increases by 32 °C.

The student assumes that all the electrical energy is transferred as thermal energy to the oil.

- (a) Calculate the value for the specific heat capacity of sunflower oil obtained by the student.

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- (b) State and explain whether the value for the specific heat capacity obtained by the student is too large or too small.

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