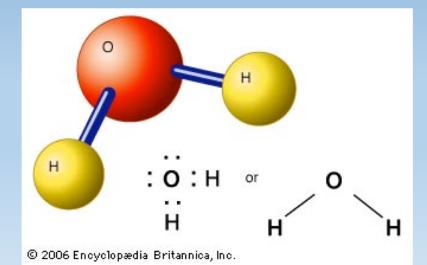
## Ch 2.2: Properties of Water

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How does the structure of water molecules contribute to its unique properties?
- How does water's polarity influence its properties as a solvent.?

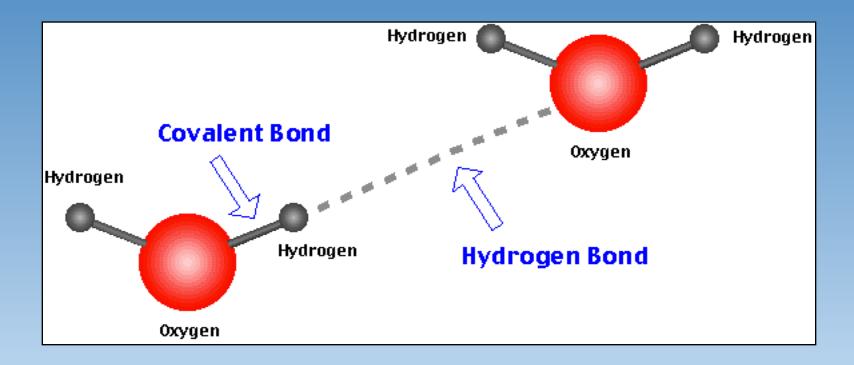
Why must cells buffer solutions against

rapid pH changes?



# Polarity

hydrogen bond



## Special properties of water

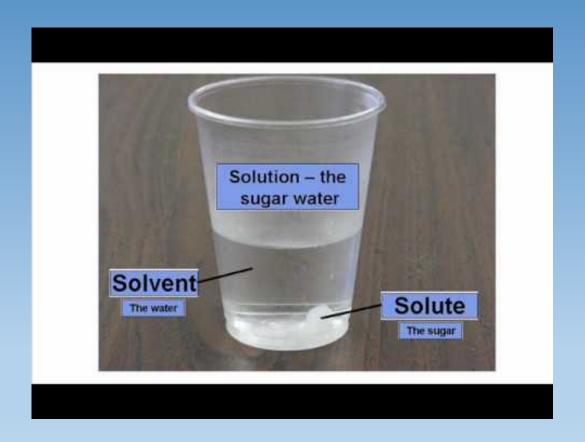
- Cohesion
- Adhesion
  - Capillary action
- Heat capacity
- Water in living things





### Solutions & suspensions

- Mixture
  - Solution
    - Solute
    - Solvent
  - Suspensions



- Acids, bases, pH
  - Water can react to form ions
    - H<sub>2</sub>O → H<sup>+</sup> + OH<sup>-</sup>
    - H<sup>+</sup> + OH<sup>-</sup> → H<sub>2</sub>O
    - Pure water = neutral
    - Acid: forms H ions
      - [H+] > pure water, pH < 7
    - Base: forms OH<sup>-</sup> ions
      - [H+] < pure water, pH > 7
    - Buffers

