# Water and Solutions Section 3-2

## Properties of Water

**Key Idea:** Most of the unique properties of water result because water molecules form hydrogen bonds with each other.

- Cohesion is the attraction of particles of the same substance, such as water.
- Adhesion is the attraction between particles of different substances.

## Properties of Water

- Water can absorb a large amount of heat without changing temperature.
- This property can help organisms maintain a constant internal temperature.

#### Solutions

Key Idea: In solutions, some substances change the balance of these ions.

- A solution is a mixture in which ions or molecules of one or more substances are evenly distributed in another substance.
- An acid is a compound that forms extra hydronium ions when dissolved in water.
- A base is a compound that forms extra hydroxide ions when dissolved in water.
- pH is a measure of how acidic or basic a solution is.
- A buffer is a substance that reacts to prevent pH changes in a solution.

#### Acids and Bases

When acids and bases are mixed, the extra hydronium and hydroxide ions react to form water.

## pH and Buffers

- Each one-point increase in pH represents a 10-fold decrease in hydronium ion concentration.
- Pure water has a pH of 7. Acidic solutions have a pH below 7, and basic solutions have a pH above 7.