

3 A rubber balloon is inflated with helium and sealed so that no helium escapes.

The balloon is positioned immediately below the ceiling in a room.

Heaters are switched on and the temperature of the air in the room increases.

(a) When the heaters are first switched on, the temperature of the air immediately below the ceiling increases more quickly than the temperature of the air in the rest of the room.

Explain why this happens.

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(b) The temperature of the helium in the balloon increases and as the rubber stretches, the volume occupied by the helium increases.

(i) State what happens to the motion of the helium particles as the temperature increases.

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(ii) As the rubber stretches and the volume of the helium increases, the pressure of the helium remains constant.

Explain, in terms of the particles of helium, how the pressure of the helium remains constant.

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