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This is an endothermic process. The reaction requires heat, which it absorbs from the surroundings (the water). This causes the water temperature to decrease.