

Water barometer

FIGURE 10–9 A water barometer: a full tube of water (longer than 10 m), closed at the top, is inserted into a tub of water. When the submerged bottom end of the tube is unplugged, some water flows out of the tube into the tub, leaving a vacuum at the top of the tube above the water's upper surface. Why? Because air pressure can support a column of water only 10 m high.

