Physical vs. Chemical

PROPERTIES AND CHANGES





Physical Properties

• Any observation that can be made WITHOUT changing the composition of the matter.

• Examples:

- o Color
- o Texture
- o Density
- o Odor
- Solubility
- Electrical & Thermal conductivity
- Ductility (ability to roll into long strands)
- Malleability (ability to be bent or change shape)
- Brittleness (ability to break)
- Melting point, boiling point, or ANY PHASE CHANGE

Physical Changes

- A change in size, shape, or state of matter is called a physical change. The identity of the element or compound does not change.
- DO NOT make or break bonds





Examples of Physical Changes

ANY Change in State (Boil/Freeze/Melt/Evaporate)

- Rubbing alcohol evaporates in your hand
- A juice box freezes in freezer
- Butter melts on toast

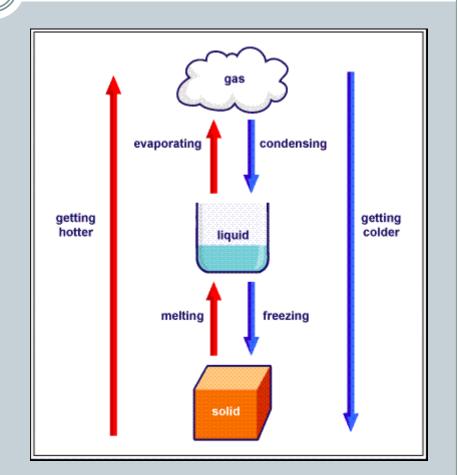
ANY CHANGE IN SHAPE OR SIZE

- Aluminum Foil cut in half
- Clay molded into new shape
- Chewing your food



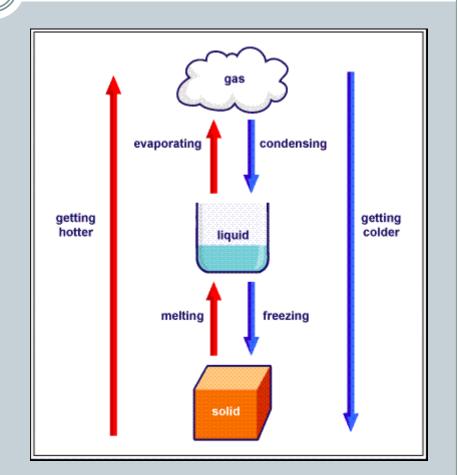
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Chemical Properties

- An observation that is dependant upon changing the chemical composition of an object.
- OR: Characteristics that are shown as one chemical is transformed into another substance

• Ex:

- Flammability
- Ability to oxidize
- Ability to react with acid
- Ability to react with water

Chemical Changes

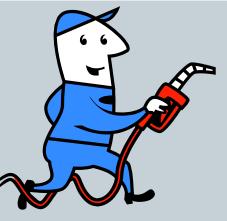
The substances present at the beginning of the reaction are changed into something new.
You break bonds or make bonds!!
The change cannot be undone.





Examples

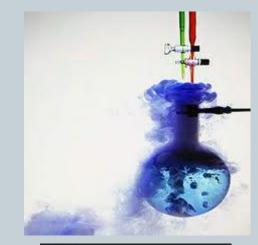
- Gasoline is ignited/burns
- Car rusting
- Milk goes sour



- Bread becomes toast
- Hydrogen Peroxide bubbles in a cut
- Food digesting in your stomach and small intestine (with the help of enzymes)

Signs of Chemical Change

- Bubbles of Gas appear
- Burning something
- A precipitate forms – (solid appears)
- A color Change
- The temperature changes as a result
 There is a different smell





• Doing sword things...



• Sponge getting put into water...



• Burning Steel Wool...



- Rubidium dropped into water...
 - Physical or Chemical?



Smashing a flower that has been dipped into liquid nitrogen.
Physical or Chemical?



• A carboy filled with flammable gas...



DEMOS!!!

- Mentos + Coke?
 Chemical Change!
- Alka-Seltzer breaks?
 Physical Change!
- Alka-Seltzer + Water?
 Chemical Change!
- Vinegar + Baking Soda?
 Chemical Change!
- Hot water in Can + Cold water bath?
 O Physical Change!
- Methane + Fire?
 - Chemical Change!