5.1 Particle Theory of Matter & Classifying Matter

Learning Goals/Success Criteria: At the end of this lesson, I will be able to:
- Describe the Particle Theory of Matter and explain properties of solids/liquids/gases
- Classify pure substances & mixtures (homogenous vs heterogenous)

Your mission is to use the demonstrations and activities you see in class today to better understand and use your own evidence to support the Particle Theory of Matter. For each demonstration or activity, record how it supports the Particle Theory of Matter:

**Station 1: Food Coloring + Hot Water VS Food Coloring + Cold Water**

Instructions: Place ONE drop of food colouring in the beaker of COLD water and ONE drop of food colouring in the beaker of HOT water. Do not stir or disturb the beakers as you observe them.

a. What I observed: ________________________________________________________________

b. Supports Particle Theory of Matter because: _______________________________________

  _________________________________________________________________

c. Draw a diagram of the molecules to illustrate your observation.

   Hot Water          Cold Water


d. “Pulse points” are those points on the body where you feel your heart beat – wrists, throat, under the ears, on the inner elbow and behind the knees. The veins are closest to the surface of the skin at these points and they are typically warmer than other parts of your body. Why do perfume manufacturers recommend putting perfume on pulse points?

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**Station 2: Oil + Water VS Alcohol + Water**

**Demo A: Water and Oil.** Fill one graduated cylinder with 25 ml of oil and another graduated cylinder with 25 ml of water. Pour 25 ml of water into the graduated cylinder with 25 ml of oil.

a. What is the final volume in the cylinder with both water and oil? _____

b. What I observed: __________________________________________________________

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c. Supports Particle Theory of Matter because....___________________________________________

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**Demo B: Water and Alcohol.** Fill 25 ml of water in one graduated cylinder and 25 ml of isopropyl alcohol in another graduated cylinder.

a. What do you think the resulting volume will be? ____

b. Pour the alcohol into the water. What is the actual volume? ____

c. What I observed: __________________________________________________________

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d. Supports Particle Theory of Matter because....___________________________________________

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e. Draw a diagram of the molecules to illustrate your observation.

Water + Oil  Water + Alcohol

**Station 3: Marshmallow and Vacuum Jar**

Place one marshmallow under the bell jar and turn on the vacuum pump.

a. What I observed: __________________________________________________________

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b. Supports Particle Theory of Matter because....___________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

c. Draw a diagram of the molecules to illustrate your observation.

Regular Marshmallow  Marshmallow in Vacuum
Station 4: States of Matter

Explore what happens to matter as the temperature increases using the following websites:


Record how the molecules are arranged and how they are moving for a solid, liquid, and a gas in the diagrams below:

There is a fourth state of matter—Plasma! Draw what your group thinks that the particles are doing in the Plasma phases:

Solids, liquids, and gases are all states or phases of matter. When matter changes from one phase to another, we call this a **phase change** and these have specific names. Use arrows to label the diagram below to indicate what the name of each process that helps matter change from one phase to another (do some research if you need!):

Station 5: Review

Go through a review activities and practice test on the following websites:

- https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zqpv7p3 (Search for BBC What are solids, liquids, and gases?)
- https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z2wmxnb/revision/1 (Search for BBC solids, liquids, and gases)

Complete a table of the different properties of solids, liquids and gases:

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Station 6 – Classifying Matter

Matter can be classified according to different characteristics like their physical and chemical properties.

Pure substances are only made up of one type of particle, and can be further categorized into elements or compounds. We will look at elements and compounds in more detail in Chapter 6.

Mixtures are made up of two or more particles and can be further categorized into mechanical (heterogeneous) and solutions (homogenous). A mechanical (or heterogeneous) mixture is a mixture in which the substances are distinguishable from each other. Heterogenous means different and refers to the 2 separate phases of a mechanical mixture. A good example is oil and water.

The substances in a solution (or homogenous mixture) are not distinguishable from each other because the particles have actually dissolved. Homogenous means same phase and a solution of salt water looks all the same. Solutions can look like pure substance but contain more than one type of particle dissolved in another.

An easy way to tell a solution and mechanical mixture apart is that all liquid and gas solutions are transparent! The solutions remains stable and do not separate. Solutions of solid metals are called alloys. Some common alloys are brass, bronze, solder, and rose gold.
**Station 6 – Classifying Matter**

Mixtures can be separated using different methods. *Go through the review activity at:*

- [https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgvc4wx/revision/1)

Make notes on the following methods:

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**Station 7 – Classifying Matter**

Examine the samples provided and identify them as mechanical mixtures or solutions.

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<th>Observation</th>
<th>Mixture</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>Use a magnet to examine sample A</td>
<td>Mechanical</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Shake sample B and allow to rest on the bench for 2 min.</td>
<td>Solution</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Shine the flashlight through sample C</td>
<td>Mechanical</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Use the hand lens to examine sample D</td>
<td>Solution</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Add two drops to a small sample of E and mix.</td>
<td>Mechanical</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Use the hand lens to examine sample F</td>
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**Extension:** Colloids are examples of heterogeneous mixtures that look like homogenous mixtures! Like solutions, they do not separate upon standing and cannot be separated by normal filtration. Like mechanical mixtures, they do not pass the light test. They are classified by the size of their particles. Colloids have particle sizes that consist of clumps of molecules. Some examples of colloids include: aerosols (fog, clouds, smoke, dust), foams (whipped cream), solid foams (marshmallow, Styrofoam), emulsions (milk, mayonnaise, lotion), gels (butter, gelatin), sols (ink, liquid detergent, shampoo) and solid sols (gemstones, some coloured glass & alloys). A sol is a colloid with a solid suspended in either a liquid or another solid.

**Review & Recap – This can be completed as you go station to station and have extra time**

Each of the activities/demos illustrated a different point in the Particle Theory of Matter.

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<td>2. All particles of one substance are identical.</td>
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<td>3. Particles are in constant motion. (Yes! Even when they are frozen!)</td>
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<td>4. Temperature affects the speed at which particles move.</td>
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<td>5. Particles have forces of attraction between them.</td>
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<td>6. There are spaces between particles.</td>
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