Atoms, Elements, and the Periodic Table

SECTION 1
Structure of Matter
Main Idea  Atoms contain protons and neutrons in a tiny nucleus and electrons in a cloud around the nucleus.

SECTION 2
The Simplest Matter
Main Idea  An element is made of atoms that have the same number of protons.

SECTION 3
Compounds and Mixtures
Main Idea  Compounds contain different types of atoms bonded together. Mixtures contain different substances mixed together.

What a fun ride!
The pilot gives the propane burner a long, loud blast that will heat the air in the balloon, making you soar higher. During your ride, you might start thinking about what is keeping you airborne. In this chapter, as you learn about atoms and elements, you will be able to understand more about matter.

Science Journal  Make a list of three questions that you think of when you look at the picture.
Observe Matter

You’ve just finished playing basketball. You’re hot and thirsty. You reach for your bottle of water and take a drink. Releasing your grip, you notice that the bottle is nearly empty. Is the bottle really almost empty? According to the dictionary, empty means “containing nothing.” When you have finished all the water in the bottle, will it be empty or full?

1. Wad up a dry paper towel or tissue and tape it to the inside of a plastic cup as shown.
2. Fill a bowl or sink with water. Turn the cup upside down and slowly push the cup straight down into the water as far as you can.
3. Slowly raise the cup straight up and out of the water. Remove the paper towel or tissue paper and examine it.
4. Think Critically In your Science Journal, describe the lab and its results. Explain what you think happened. Was anything in the cup besides the paper? If so, what was it?

Foldables® Study Organizer

Atoms, Elements, and the Periodic Table Make the following Foldable to help you identify the main ideas about atoms, elements, compounds, and mixtures.

STEP 1 Draw a mark at the midpoint of a sheet of paper along the side edge. Then fold the top and bottom edges in to touch the midpoint.

STEP 2 Fold in half from side to side.

STEP 3 Open and cut along the inside fold lines to form four tabs.

STEP 4 Label each tab as shown.

Read and Write As you read the chapter, list several everyday examples of atoms, elements, compounds, and mixtures on the back of the appropriate tab.

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Learn It!  What should you do if you find a word you don’t know or understand? Here are some suggested strategies:

1. Use context clues (from the sentence or the paragraph) to help you define it.
2. Look for prefixes, suffixes, or root words that you already know.
3. Write it down and ask for help with the meaning.
4. Guess at its meaning.
5. Look it up in the glossary or a dictionary.

Practice It!  Look at the word *charge* in the following passage. See how context clues can help you understand its meaning.

Thomson knew that like charges repel each other and opposite charges attract each other. When he saw that the [cathode] rays traveled toward a positively charged plate, he concluded that the cathode rays were made up of negatively charged particles. These invisible, negatively charged particles are called **electrons**.

Apply It!  Make a vocabulary bookmark with a strip of paper. As you read, keep track of words you do not know or want to learn more about.
Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

1 **Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
   - Write an A if you **agree** with the statement.
   - Write a D if you **disagree** with the statement.

2 **After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you’ve changed your mind about any of the statements.
   - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
   - Change any false statements into true statements.
   - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

![Reading Tip](image)

Read a paragraph containing a vocabulary term from beginning to end. Then, go back to determine the meaning of the term.

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What is matter?

Is a glass with some water in it half empty or half full? Actually, neither is correct. The glass is completely full—half full of water and half full of air. What is air? Air is a mixture of several gases, including nitrogen and oxygen, which are kinds of matter. Matter is anything that has mass and takes up space. So, even though you can't see it or hold it in your hand, air is matter. What about all the things you can see, taste, smell, and touch? Most are made of matter, too. Look at the things pictured in Figure 1 and determine which of them are matter.

What isn’t matter?

You can see the words on this page because of the light from the Sun or from a fixture in the room. Does light have mass or take up space? What about the warmth from the Sun or the heat from the heater in your classroom? Light and heat do not take up space, and they have no mass. Therefore, they are not forms of matter. Emotions, thoughts, and ideas are not matter either. Does this information change your mind about the items in Figure 1?

Why is air matter, but light is not?

Review Vocabulary

density: the mass of an object divided by its volume

New Vocabulary

• matter
• atom
• law of conservation of matter
• electron
• nucleus
• proton
• neutron

Figure 1  A rainbow is formed when light filters through the raindrops, a plant grows from a seed in the ground, and a statue is sculpted from bronze. Identify which are matter.
What makes up matter?

Suppose you cut a chunk of wood into smaller and smaller pieces. Do the pieces seem to be made of the same matter as the large chunk you started with? If you could cut a small enough piece, would it still have the same properties as the first chunk? Would you reach a point where the last cut resulted in a piece that no longer resembled the first chunk? Is there a limit to how small a piece can be? For centuries, people have asked questions like these and wondered what matter is made of.

An Early Idea  Democritus, who lived from about 460 B.C. to 370 B.C., was a Greek philosopher who thought the universe was made of empty space and tiny bits of stuff. He believed that the bits of stuff were so small they could no longer be divided into smaller pieces. He called these tiny pieces atoms. The term atom comes from a Greek word that means “cannot be divided.” Today an atom is defined as a small particle that makes up most types of matter. Figure 2 shows the difference between Democritus’s ideas and those of other early scientists and philosophers. Democritus thought that different types of atoms existed for every type of matter and that the atom’s identity explained the characteristics of each type of matter. Democritus’s ideas about atoms were a first step toward understanding matter. However, his ideas were not accepted for over 2,000 years. It wasn’t until the early 1800s that scientists built upon the concept of atoms to form the current atomic theory of matter.

Figure 2  Early Beliefs About the Composition of Matter

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Atomism  Historians note that Leucippus developed the idea of the atom around 440 B.C. He and his student, Democritus, refined the idea of the atom years later. Their concept of the atom was based on five major points: (1) all matter is made of atoms, (2) there are empty spaces between atoms, (3) atoms are complete solids, (4) atoms do not have internal structure, and (5) atoms are different in size, shape, and weight.
Lavoisier's Contribution  Lavoisier (la VWAH see ay), a French chemist who lived about 2,000 years after Democritus, also was curious about matter—especially when it changed form. Before Lavoisier, people thought matter could appear and disappear because of the changes they saw as matter burned or rusted. You might have thought that matter can disappear if you’ve ever watched wood burn in a fireplace or at a bonfire. Lavoisier showed that wood and the oxygen it combines with during burning have the same mass as the ash, water vapor, carbon dioxide, and other gases produced. *Infer* When you burn wood in a fireplace, what is the source of oxygen?

**Models of the Atom**

Models are often used for things that are too small or too large to be observed or that are too difficult to be understood easily. One way to make a model is to make a smaller version of something large. If you wanted to design a new sailboat, would you build a full-sized boat and hope it would float? It would be more efficient, less expensive, and safer to build and test a smaller version first. Then, if it didn’t float, you could change your design and build another model. You could keep trying until the model worked.

In the case of atoms, scientists use large models to explain something that is too small to be looked at. These models of the atom were used to explain data or facts that were gathered experimentally. As a result, these models are also theories.
Dalton’s Atomic Model In the early 1800s, an English schoolteacher and chemist named John Dalton studied the experiments of Lavoisier and others. Dalton thought he could design an atomic model that explained the results of those experiments. Dalton’s atomic model was a set of ideas—not a physical object. Dalton believed that matter was made of atoms that were too small to be seen by the human eye. He also thought that each type of matter was made of only one kind of atom. For example, gold atoms make up a gold nugget and give a gold ring its shiny appearance. Likewise, iron atoms make up an iron bar and give it unique properties, and so on. Because predictions using Dalton’s model were supported by data, the model became known as the atomic theory of matter.

Sizes of Atoms Atoms are so small it would take about 1 million of them lined up in a row to equal the thickness of a human hair. For another example of how small atoms are, look at Figure 4. Imagine you are holding an orange in your hand. If you wanted to be able to see the individual atoms on the orange’s surface, the size of the orange would have to be increased to the size of Earth. Then, imagine the Earth-sized orange covered with billions and billions of marbles. Each marble would represent one of the atoms on the skin of the orange. No matter what kind of model you use to picture it, the result is the same—an atom is an extremely small particle of matter.

Figure 4 If this orange were as large as Earth, each of its atoms would be marble-sized.
One of the many pioneers in the development of today’s atomic model was J.J. Thomson, an English scientist. He conducted experiments using a cathode ray tube, which is a glass tube sealed at both ends out of which most of the air has been pumped. Thomson’s tube had a metal plate at each end. The plates were connected to a high-voltage electrical source that gave one of the plates—the anode—a positive charge and the other plate—the cathode—a negative charge. During his experiments, Thomson observed rays that traveled from the cathode to the anode. These cathode rays were bent by a magnet, as seen in Figure 5, showing that they were made up of particles that had mass and charge. Thomson knew that like charges repel each other and opposite charges attract each other. When he saw that the rays traveled toward a positively charged plate, he concluded that the cathode rays were made up of negatively charged particles. These invisible, negatively charged particles are called electrons.

**Why were the cathode rays in Thomson’s cathode ray tube bent by a magnet?**

Try to imagine Thomson’s excitement at this discovery. He had shown that atoms are not too tiny to divide after all. Rather, they are made up of even smaller subatomic particles. Other scientists soon built upon Thomson’s results and found that the electron had a small mass. In fact, an electron is $1/1,837$ the mass of the lightest atom, the hydrogen atom. In 1906, Thomson received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the discovery of the electron.

Matter that has an equal amount of positive and negative charge is said to be neutral—it has no net charge. Because most matter is neutral, Thomson pictured the atom as a ball of positive charge with electrons embedded in it. It was later determined that neutral atoms contained an equal number of positive and negative charges.
**Thomson’s Model** Thomson’s model, shown in Figure 6, can be compared to chocolate chips spread throughout a ball of cookie dough. However, the model did not provide all the answers to the questions that puzzled scientists about atoms.

**Rutherford—The Nucleus** Scientists still had questions about how the atom was arranged and about the presence of positively charged particles. In about 1910, a team of scientists led by Ernest Rutherford worked on these questions. In their experiment, they bombarded an extremely thin piece of gold foil with alpha particles. Alpha particles are tiny, high-energy, positively charged particles that he predicted would pass through the foil. Most of the particles passed straight through the foil as if it were not there at all. However, other particles changed direction, and some even bounced back. Rutherford thought the result was so remarkable that he later said, “It was almost as incredible as if you had fired a 15-inch shell at a piece of tissue paper, and it came back and hit you.”

**Positive Center** Rutherford concluded that because so many of the alpha particles passed straight through the gold foil, the atoms must be made of mostly empty space. However, because some of the positively charged alpha particles bounced off something, the gold atoms must contain some positively charged object concentrated in the midst of this empty space. Rutherford called the positively charged, central part of the atom the **nucleus** (NEW klee us). He named the positively charged particles in the nucleus **protons**. He also suggested that electrons were scattered in the mostly empty space around the nucleus, as shown in Figure 7.

**Figure 6** Thomson’s model shows the atom as electrons embedded in a ball of positive charge. **Explain how Thomson knew atoms contained positive and negative charges.**

**Figure 7** Rutherford concluded that the atom must be mostly empty space in which electrons travel in random paths around the nucleus. He also thought the nucleus of the atom must be small and positively charged. **Identify where most of the mass of an atom is concentrated.**
Discovering the Neutron  Rutherford had been puzzled by one observation from his experiments with nuclei. After the collisions, the nuclei seemed to be heavier. Where did this extra mass come from? James Chadwick, a student of Rutherford’s, answered this question. The alpha particles themselves were not heavier. The atoms that had been bombarded had given off new particles. Chadwick experimented with these new particles and found that, unlike electrons, the paths of these particles were not affected by an electric field. To explain his observations, he said that these particles came from the nucleus and had no charge. Chadwick called these uncharged particles neutrons (NEW trahnz). His proton-neutron model of the atomic nucleus is still accepted today.

Improving the Atomic Model

Early in the twentieth century, a scientist named Niels Bohr found evidence that electrons in atoms are arranged according to energy levels. The lowest energy level is closest to the nucleus and can hold only two electrons. Higher energy levels are farther from the nucleus and can contain more electrons. To explain these energy levels, some scientists thought that the electrons might orbit an atom’s nucleus in paths that are specific distances from the nucleus, as shown in Figure 8. This is similar to how the planets orbit the Sun.

The Modern Atomic Model

As a result of continuing research, scientists now realize that because electrons have characteristics that are similar to waves and particles, their energy levels are not defined, planet-like orbits around the nucleus. Rather, it seems most likely that electrons move in what is called the atom’s electron cloud, as shown in Figure 9.

**Physicists and Chemists**

Physicists generally study the physical atom. The physical atom includes the inner components of an atom such as protons and neutrons, the forces that hold or change their positions in space and the bulk properties of elements such as melting point. Chemists, on the other hand, study the chemical atom. The chemical atom refers to the manner in which different elements relate to each other and the new substances formed by their union.

**Figure 8** This simplified Bohr model shows a nucleus of protons and neutrons and electron paths based on energy levels.

**Figure 9**
The Electron Cloud  The electron cloud is a spherical cloud of varying density surrounding the nucleus. The varying density shows where an electron is more or less likely to be. Atoms with electrons in higher energy levels have electron clouds of different shapes that also show where those electrons are likely to be. Generally, the electron cloud has a radius 10,000 times that of the nucleus.

Further Research  By the 1930s, it was recognized that matter was made up of atoms, which were, in turn, made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. But scientists, called physicists, continued to study the basic parts of this atom. Today, they have succeeded in breaking down protons and neutrons into even smaller particles called quarks. These particles can combine to make other kinds of tiny particles, too. The six types of quarks are up, down, strange, charmed, top, and bottom. Quarks have fractional electric charges of $\pm \frac{2}{3}$ or $\pm \frac{1}{3}$, unlike the $+1$ charge of a proton or the $-1$ charge of an electron. Research will continue as new discoveries are made about the structure of matter.

Summary

What is matter?
- Matter is anything that has mass and takes up space.
- Matter is composed of atoms.

Models of the Atom
- Democritus introduced the idea of an atom. Lavoisier showed matter is neither created nor destroyed, just changed.
- Dalton’s ideas led to the atomic theory of matter.
- Thomson discovered the electron.
- Rutherford discovered protons exist in the nucleus.
- Chadwick discovered the neutron.

Improving the Atomic Model
- Niels Bohr suggested electrons move in energy levels.
- More recent physicists introduced the idea of the electron cloud and were able to break down protons and neutrons into smaller particles called quarks.

Self Check
1. List five examples of matter and five examples that are not matter. Explain your answers.
2. Describe and name the parts of the atom.
3. Explain why the word atom was an appropriate term for Democritus’s idea.
4. Think Critically  When neutrons were discovered, were these neutrons created in the experiment? How does Lavoisier’s work help answer this question?
5. Explain the law of conservation of matter using your own examples.
6. Think Critically  How is the electron cloud model different from Bohr’s atomic model?

Applying Skills
7. Classify each scientist and his contribution according to the type of discovery each person made. Explain why you grouped certain scientists together.
8. Evaluate Others’ Data and Conclusions  Analyze, review, and critique the strengths and weaknesses of Thomson’s “cookie dough” theory using the results of Rutherford’s gold foil experiment.
The Simplest Matter

The Elements

Have you watched television today? TV sets are common, yet each one is a complex system. The outer case is made mostly of plastic, and the screen is made of glass. Many of the parts that conduct electricity are metals or combinations of metals. Other parts in the interior of the set contain materials that barely conduct electricity. All of the different materials have one thing in common: they are made up of even simpler materials. In fact, if you had the proper equipment, you could separate the plastics, glass, and metals into these simpler materials.

One Kind of Atom Eventually, though, you would separate the materials into groups of atoms. At that point, you would have a collection of elements. An element is matter made of only one kind of atom. At least 110 elements are known and at least 90 of them occur naturally on Earth. These elements make up gases in the air, minerals in rocks, and liquids such as water. Examples of naturally occurring elements include the oxygen and nitrogen in the air you breathe and the metals gold, silver, aluminum, and iron. The other elements are known as synthetic elements. These elements have been made in nuclear reactions by scientists with machines called particle accelerators, like the one shown in Figure 10. Some synthetic elements have important uses in medical testing and are found in smoke detectors and heart pacemaker batteries.

Figure 10 The Tevatron has a circumference of 6.3 km—a distance that allows particles to accelerate to high speeds. These high-speed collisions can create synthetic elements.
The Periodic Table

Suppose you go to a library, like the one shown in Figure 11, to look up information for a school assignment. How would you find the information? You could look randomly on shelves as you walk up and down rows of books, but the chances of finding your book would be slim. To avoid such haphazard searching, some libraries use the Dewey Decimal Classification System to categorize and organize their volumes and to help you find books quickly and efficiently.

Charting the Elements  Chemists have created a chart called the periodic table of the elements to help them organize and display the elements. Figure 12 shows how scientists changed their model of the periodic table over time.

On the inside back cover of this book, you will find a modern version of the periodic table. Each element is represented by a chemical symbol that contains one to three letters. The symbols are a form of chemical shorthand that chemists use to save time and space—on the periodic table as well as in written formulas. The symbols are an important part of an international system that is understood by scientists everywhere.

The elements are organized on the periodic table by their properties. There are rows and columns that represent relationships between the elements. The rows in the table are called periods. The elements in a row have the same number of energy levels. The columns are called groups. The elements in each group have similar properties related to their structure. They also tend to form similar bonds.
The familiar periodic table that adorns many science classrooms is based on a number of earlier efforts to identify and classify the elements. In the 1790s, one of the first lists of elements and their compounds was compiled by French chemist Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, who is shown in the background picture with his wife and assistant, Marie Anne. Three other tables are shown here.

John Dalton (Britain, 1803) used symbols to represent elements. His table also assigned masses to each element.

An early alchemist put together this table of elements and compounds. Some of the symbols have their origin in astrology.

Dmitri Mendeleev (Russia, 1869) arranged the 63 elements known to exist at that time into groups based on their chemical properties and atomic weights. He left gaps for elements he predicted were yet to be discovered.
Identifying Characteristics

Each element is different and has unique properties. These differences can be described in part by looking at the relationships between the atomic particles in each element. The periodic table contains numbers that describe these relationships.

Number of Protons and Neutrons Look up the element chlorine on the periodic table found on the inside back cover of your book. Cl is the symbol for chlorine, as shown in Figure 13, but what are the two numbers? The top number is the element’s atomic number. It tells you the number of protons in the nucleus of each atom of that element. Every atom of chlorine, for example, has 17 protons in its nucleus.

What are the atomic numbers for Cs, Ne, Pb, and U?

Isotopes Although the number of protons changes from element to element, every atom of the same element has the same number of protons. However, the number of neutrons can vary even for one element. For example, some chlorine atoms have 18 neutrons in their nucleus while others have 20. These two types of chlorine atoms are chlorine-35 and chlorine-37. They are called isotopes (I suh tohps), which are atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons.

You can tell someone exactly which isotope you are referring to by using its mass number. An atom’s mass number is the number of protons plus the number of neutrons it contains. The numbers 35 and 37, which were used to refer to chlorine, are mass numbers. Hydrogen has three isotopes with mass numbers of 1, 2, and 3. They are shown in Figure 14. Each hydrogen atom always has one proton, but in each isotope the number of neutrons is different.

Figure 13 The periodic table block for chlorine shows its symbol, atomic number, and atomic mass.

Determine if chlorine atoms are more or less massive than carbon atoms.

Figure 14 Three isotopes of hydrogen are known to exist. They have zero, one, and two neutrons in addition to their one proton. Protium, with only the one proton, is the most abundant isotope.
**Atomic Mass**  The atomic mass is the weighted average mass of the isotopes of an element. The atomic mass is the number found below the element symbol in Figure 13. The unit that scientists use for atomic mass is called the atomic mass unit, which is given the symbol u. It is defined as 1/12 the mass of a carbon-12 atom.

The calculation of atomic mass takes into account the different isotopes of the element. Chlorine’s atomic mass of 35.45 u could be confusing because there aren’t any chlorine atoms that have that exact mass. About 76 percent of chlorine atoms are chlorine-35 and about 24 percent are chlorine-37, as shown in Figure 15. The weighted average mass of all chlorine atoms is 35.45 u.

**Classification of Elements**

Elements fall into three general categories—metals, metalloids (ME tuh loydz), and nonmetals. The elements in each category have similar properties.

**Metals** generally have a shiny or metallic luster and are good conductors of heat and electricity. All metals, except mercury, are solids at room temperature. Metals are malleable (MAL yuh bul), which means they can be bent and pounded into various shapes. The beautiful form of the shell-shaped basin in Figure 16 is a result of this characteristic. Metals are also ductile, which means they can be drawn into wires without breaking. If you look at the periodic table, you can see that most of the elements are metals.

**Figure 15** If you have 1,000 atoms of chlorine, about 758 will be chlorine-35 and have a mass of 34.97 u each. About 242 will be chlorine-37 and have a mass of 36.97 u each. The total mass of the 1,000 atoms is 35,454 u, so the average mass of one chlorine atom is about 35.45 u.

**Figure 16** The artisan is chasing, or chiseling, the malleable metal into the desired form.
Other Elements  Nonmetals are elements that are usually dull in appearance. Most are poor conductors of heat and electricity. Many are gases at room temperature, and bromine is a liquid. The solid nonmetals are generally brittle, meaning they cannot change shape easily without breaking. The nonmetals are essential to the chemicals of life. More than 97 percent of your body is made up of various nonmetals, as shown in Figure 17. You can see that, except for hydrogen, the nonmetals are found on the right side of the periodic table.

Metalloids are elements that have characteristics of metals and nonmetals. On the periodic table, metalloids are found between the metals and nonmetals. All metalloids are solids at room temperature. Some metalloids are shiny and many are conductors, but they are not as good at conducting heat and electricity as metals are. Some metalloids, such as silicon, are used to make the electronic circuits in computers, televisions, and other electronic devices.

Summary

The Elements
- An element is matter made of only one type of atom.
- Some elements occur naturally on Earth. Synthetic elements are made in nuclear reactions in particle accelerators.
- Elements are divided into three categories based on certain properties.

The Periodic Table
- The periodic table arranges and displays all known elements in an orderly way.
- Each element has a chemical symbol.

Identifying Characteristics
- Each element has a unique number of protons, called the atomic mass number.
- Isotopes of an element are important when determining the atomic mass of an element.

Self Check
1. Explain some of the uses of metals based on their properties.
2. Describe the difference between atomic number and atomic mass.
3. Define the term isotope. Explain how two isotopes of an element are different.
4. Identify the isotopes of hydrogen.
5. Think Critically Describe how to find the atomic number for the element oxygen. Explain what this information tells you about oxygen.

Applying Math
6. Simple Equation An atom of niobium has a mass number of 93. How many neutrons are in the nucleus of this atom? An atom of phosphorus has 15 protons and 15 neutrons in the nucleus. What is the mass number of this isotope?
The periodic table organizes the elements, but what do they look like? What are they used for? In this lab, you’ll examine some elements and share your findings with your classmates.

Real-World Question
What are some of the characteristics and purposes of the chemical elements?

Goals
- Classify the chemical elements.
- Organize the elements into the groups and periods of the periodic table.

Materials
- colored markers
- large bulletin board
- large index cards
- 8½-in × 14-in paper
- Merck Index encyclopedia
- *pushpins
- *other reference materials
- *Alternate materials

Safety Precaution

WARNING: Use care when handling sharp objects.

Procedure
1. Select the assigned number of elements from the list provided by your teacher.
2. Design an index card for each of your selected elements. On each card, mark the element’s atomic number in the upper left-hand corner and write its symbol and name in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Research each of the elements and write several sentences on the card about its appearance, its other properties, and its uses.
4. Classify each of your elements as a metal, a metalloid, or a nonmetal based upon its properties.
5. Write the appropriate classification on each of your cards using the colored marker chosen by your teacher.
6. Work with your classmates to make a large periodic table. Use thumbtacks to attach your cards to a bulletin board in their proper positions on the periodic table.
7. Draw your own periodic table. Place the elements’ symbols and atomic numbers in the proper locations on your table.

Conclude and Apply
1. Interpret the class data and classify the elements into the categories metal, metalloid, and nonmetal. Highlight each category in a different color on your periodic table.
2. Predict the properties of a yet-undiscovered element located directly under francium on the periodic table.
Substances

Scientists classify matter in several ways that depend on what it is made of and how it behaves. For example, matter that has the same composition and properties throughout is called a **substance**. Elements, such as a bar of gold or a sheet of aluminum, are substances. When different elements combine, other substances are formed.

**Compounds**

What do you call the colorless liquid that flows from the kitchen faucet? You probably call it water, but maybe you’ve seen it written H₂O. The elements hydrogen and oxygen exist as separate, colorless gases. However, these two elements can combine, as shown in **Figure 18**, to form the compound water, which is different from the elements that make it up. A **compound** is a substance whose smallest unit is made up of atoms of more than one element bonded together.

Compounds often have properties that are different from the elements that make them up. Water is distinctly different from the elements that make it up. It is also different from another compound made from the same elements. Have you ever used hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) to disinfect a cut? This compound is a different combination of hydrogen and oxygen and has different properties from those of water.

Water is a nonirritating liquid that is used for bathing, drinking, cooking, and much more. In contrast, hydrogen peroxide carries warnings on its labels such as *Keep Hydrogen Peroxide Out of the Eyes*. Although it is useful in solutions for cleaning contact lenses, it is not safe for your eyes as it comes from the bottle.

**Figure 18** A space shuttle is powered by the reaction between liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen. The reaction produces a large amount of energy and the compound water. *Explain why a car that burns hydrogen rather than gasoline would be friendly to the environment.*
Comparing Compounds

**Procedure**

1. Collect the following substances—granular sugar, rubbing alcohol, and salad oil.
2. Observe the color, appearance, and state of each substance. Note the thickness or texture of each substance.
3. Stir a spoonful of each substance into separate glasses of hot tap water and observe.

**Analysis**

1. Compare the different properties of the substances.
2. The formulas of the three substances are made of only carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. Infer how they can have different properties.

**Compounds Have Formulas**

What’s the difference between water and hydrogen peroxide? H₂O is the chemical formula for water, and H₂O₂ is the formula for hydrogen peroxide. The formula tells you which elements make up a compound as well as how many atoms of each element are present. Look at Figure 19. The subscript number written below and to the right of each element’s symbol tells you how many atoms of that element exist in one unit of that compound. For example, hydrogen peroxide has two atoms of hydrogen and two atoms of oxygen. Water is made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen.

Carbon dioxide, CO₂, is another common compound. Carbon dioxide is made up of one atom of carbon and two atoms of oxygen. Carbon and oxygen also can form the compound carbon monoxide, CO, which is a gas that is poisonous to all warm-blooded animals. As you can see, no subscript is used when only one atom of an element is present. A given compound always is made of the same elements in the same proportion. For example, water always has two hydrogen atoms for every oxygen atom, no matter what the source of the water is. No matter what quantity of the compound you have, the formula of the compound always remains the same. If you have 12 atoms of hydrogen and six atoms of oxygen, the compound is still written H₂O, but you have six molecules of H₂O (6 H₂O), not H₁₂O₆. The formula of a compound communicates its identity and makeup to any scientist in the world.

**Mini LAB**

Comparing Compounds

**Procedure**

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**Analysis**

1. Compare the different properties of the substances.
2. The formulas of the three substances are made of only carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. Infer how they can have different properties.

**Try at Home**

Propane has three carbon and eight hydrogen atoms. What is its chemical formula?
Mixtures

When two or more substances (elements or compounds) come together but don’t combine to make a new substance, a mixture results. Unlike compounds, the proportions of the substances in a mixture can be changed without changing the identity of the mixture. For example, if you put some sand into a bucket of water, you have a mixture of sand and water. If you add more sand or more water, it's still a mixture of sand and water. Its identity has not changed. Air is another mixture. Air is a mixture of nitrogen, oxygen, and other gases, which can vary at different times and places. Whatever the proportion of gases, it is still air. Even your blood is a mixture that can be separated, as shown in Figure 20, by a machine called a centrifuge.

Reading Check

How do the proportions of a mixture relate to its identity?

Applying Science

What’s the best way to desalt ocean water?

You can’t drink ocean water because it contains salt and other suspended materials. Or can you? In many areas of the world where drinking water is in short supply, methods for getting the salt out of salt water are being used to meet the demand for fresh water. Use your problem-solving skills to find the best method to use in a particular area.

Methods for Desalting Ocean Water

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Process</th>
<th>Amount of Water a Unit Can Desalt in a Day (m³)</th>
<th>Special Needs</th>
<th>Number of People Needed to Operate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Distillation</td>
<td>1,000 to 200,000</td>
<td>lots of energy to boil the water</td>
<td>many</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrodialysis</td>
<td>10 to 4,000</td>
<td>stable source of electricity</td>
<td>1 to 2 persons</td>
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Identifying the Problem

The table above compares desalting methods. In distillation, the ocean water is heated. Pure water boils off and is collected, and the salt is left behind. Electrodialysis uses an electric current to pull salt particles out of water.

Solving the Problem

1. What method(s) might you use to desalt the water for a large population where energy is plentiful?
2. What method(s) would you choose to use in a single home?
Your blood is a mixture made up of elements and compounds. It contains white blood cells, red blood cells, water, and a number of dissolved substances. The different parts of blood can be separated and used by doctors in different ways. The proportions of the substances in your blood change daily, but the mixture does not change its identity.

**Separating Mixtures** Sometimes you can use a liquid to separate a mixture of solids. For example, if you add water to a mixture of sugar and sand, only the sugar dissolves in the water. The sand then can be separated from the sugar and water by pouring the mixture through a filter. Heating the remaining solution will separate the water from the sugar.

At other times, separating a mixture of solids of different sizes might be as easy as pouring them through successively smaller sieves or filters. A mixture of marbles, pebbles, and sand could be separated in this way.
Homogeneous or Heterogeneous Mixtures, such as the ones shown in Figure 21, can be classified as homogeneous or heterogeneous. Homogeneous means “the same throughout.” You can’t see the different parts in this type of mixture. In fact, you might not always know that homogeneous mixtures are mixtures because you can’t tell by looking. Which mixtures in Figure 21 are homogeneous? No matter how closely you look, you can’t see the individual parts that make up air or the parts of the mixture called brass in the lamp shown. Homogeneous mixtures can be solids, liquids, or gases.

A heterogeneous mixture has larger parts that are different from each other. You can see the different parts of a heterogeneous mixture, such as sand and water. How many heterogeneous mixtures are in Figure 21? A pepperoni and mushroom pizza is a tasty kind of heterogeneous mixture. Other examples of this kind of mixture include tacos, vegetable soup, a toy box full of toys, or a toolbox full of nuts and bolts.

Summary

Substances
- A substance can be either an element or a compound.
- A compound contains more than one kind of element bonded together.
- A chemical formula shows which elements and how many atoms of each make up a compound.

Mixtures
- A mixture contains substances that are not chemically bonded together.
- There are many ways to separate mixtures, based on their physical properties.
- Homogeneous mixtures are those that are the same throughout. These types of mixtures can be solids, liquids, or gases.
- Heterogeneous mixtures have larger parts that are different from each other.

Self Check
1. List three examples of compounds and three examples of mixtures. Explain your choices.
2. Determine A container contains a mixture of sand, salt, and pebbles. How can each substance be separated from the others?
3. Think Critically Explain whether your breakfast was a compound, a homogeneous mixture, or a heterogeneous mixture.
4. Compare and contrast compounds and mixtures based on what you have learned from this section.
5. Use a Database Use a computerized card catalog or database to find information about one element from the periodic table. Include information about the properties and uses of the mixtures and/or compounds in which the element is frequently found.

Rocks and Minerals
Scientists called geologists study rocks and minerals. A mineral is composed of a pure substance. Rocks are mixtures and can be described as being homogeneous or heterogeneous. Research to learn more about rocks and minerals and note some examples of homogeneous and heterogeneous rocks in your Science Journal.

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Real-World Question

You will encounter many compounds that look alike. For example, a laboratory stockroom is filled with white powders. It is important to know what each is. In a kitchen, cornstarch, baking powder, and powdered sugar are compounds that look alike. To avoid mistaking one for another, you can learn how to identify them. Different compounds can be identified by using chemical tests. For example, some compounds react with certain liquids to produce gases. Other combinations produce distinctive colors. Some compounds have high melting points. Others have low melting points. How can the compounds in an unknown mixture be identified by experimentation?

Goals

- **Test** for the presence of certain compounds.
- **Decide** which of these compounds are present in an unknown mixture.

Materials

test tubes (4)  
cornstarch  
powdered sugar  
baking soda  
mystery mixture  
small scoops (3)  
dropper bottles (2)  
iodine solution  
white vinegar  
hot plate  
250-mL beaker  
water (125 mL)  
test-tube holder  
small pie pan

Safety Precautions

WARNING: Use caution when handling hot objects. Substances could stain or burn clothing. Be sure to point the test tube away from your face and your classmates while heating.
**Procedure**

1. Copy the data table into your Science Journal. Record your results carefully for each of the following steps.

2. Place a small scoopful of cornstarch on the pie pan. Do the same for the sugar and baking soda making separate piles. Add a drop of vinegar to each. Wash and dry the pan after you record your observations.

3. Again, place a small scoopful of cornstarch, sugar, and baking soda on the pie pan. Add a drop of iodine solution to each one. Wash and dry the pan after you record your observations.

4. Again place a small scoopful of each compound in a separate test tube. Hold the test tube with the test-tube holder and with an oven mitt. Gently heat the test tube in a beaker of boiling water on a hot plate.

5. Follow steps 2 through 4 to test your mystery mixture for each compound.

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<tr>
<th>Substance to Be Tested</th>
<th>Fizzes with Vinegar</th>
<th>Turns Blue with Iodine</th>
<th>Melts When Heated</th>
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<td>Cornstarch</td>
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<td>Baking soda</td>
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<td>Mystery mix</td>
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**Analyze Your Data**

Identify from your data table which compound(s) you have.

**Conclude and Apply**

1. Describe how you decided which substances were in your unknown mixture.

2. Explain how you would be able to tell if all three compounds were not in your mystery substance.

3. Draw a Conclusion. What would you conclude if you tested baking powder from your kitchen and found that it fizzed with vinegar, turned blue with iodine, and did not melt when heated?

Make a different data table to display your results in a new way. For more help, refer to the Science Skill Handbook.
Ancient Views of Matter

Two cultures observed the world around them differently

The world’s earliest scientists were people who were curious about the world around them and who tried to develop explanations for the things they observed. This type of observation and inquiry flourished in ancient cultures such as those found in India and China. Read on to see how the ancient Indians and Chinese defined matter.

Indian Ideas
To Indians living about 3,000 years ago, the world was made up of five elements: fire, air, earth, water, and ether, which they thought of as an unseen substance that filled the heavens. Building upon this concept, the early Indian philosopher Kashyapa (kah SHI ah pah) proposed that the five elements could be broken down into smaller units called parmanu (par MAH new). Parmanu were similar to atoms in that they were too small to be seen but still retained the properties of the original element. Kashyapa also believed that each type of parmanu had unique physical and chemical properties.

Parmanu of earth elements, for instance, were heavier than parmanu of air elements. The different properties of the parmanu determined the characteristics of a substance. Kashyapa’s ideas about matter are similar to those of the Greek philosopher Democritus, who lived centuries after Kashyapa.

Chinese Ideas
The ancient Chinese also broke matter down into five elements: fire, wood, metal, earth, and water. Unlike the early Indians, however, the Chinese believed that the elements constantly changed form. For example, wood can be burned and thus changes to fire. Fire eventually dies down and becomes ashes, or earth. Earth gives forth metals from the ground. Dew or water collects on these metals, and the water then nurtures plants that grow into trees, or wood.

This cycle of constant change was explained in the fourth century B.C. by the philosopher Tsou Yen. Yen, who is known as the founder of Chinese scientific thought, wrote that all changes that took place in nature were linked to changes in the five elements.

Research Write a brief paragraph that compares and contrasts the ancient Indian and Chinese views of matter. How are they different? Similar? Which is closer to the modern view of matter? Explain.
Section 1  Structure of Matter

1. Matter is anything that occupies space and has mass.
2. Matter is made up of atoms.
3. Atoms are made of smaller parts called protons, neutrons, and electrons.
4. Many models of atoms have been created as scientists try to discover and define the atom’s internal structure. Today’s model has a central nucleus with the protons and neutrons, and an electron cloud surrounding it.

Section 2  The Simplest Matter

1. Elements are the building blocks of matter.

2. An element’s atomic number tells how many protons its atoms contain, and its atomic mass tells the average mass of its atoms.
3. Isotopes are two or more atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons.

Section 3  Compounds and Mixtures

1. Compounds are substances that are produced when elements combine. Compounds contain specific proportions of the elements that make them up.
2. Mixtures are combinations of compounds and elements that have not formed new substances. Their proportions can change.

Copy and complete the following concept map.

![Concept Map](image-url)
Using Vocabulary

- atom p. 73
- atomic mass p. 84
- atomic number p. 83
- compound p. 87
- electron p. 76
- element p. 80
- isotope p. 83
- law of conservation of matter p. 74
- mass number p. 83
- matter p. 72
- metal p. 84
- metalloid p. 85
- mixture p. 89
- neutron p. 78
- nonmetal p. 85
- nucleus p. 77
- proton p. 77
- substance p. 87

Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word or words.

1. The _______ is the particle in the nucleus of the atom that carries a positive charge and is counted to identify the atomic number.

2. The new substance formed when elements combine chemically is a(n) _______.

3. Anything that has mass and takes up space is _________.

4. The particles in the atom that account for most of the mass of the atom are protons and _________.

5. Elements that are shiny, malleable, ductile, good conductors of heat and electricity, and make up most of the periodic table are _________.

Checking Concepts

Choose the word or phrase that best answers the question.

6. What is a solution an example of?
   A) element
   B) heterogeneous mixture
   C) compound
   D) homogeneous mixture

7. The nucleus of one atom contains 12 protons and 12 neutrons, while the nucleus of another atom contains 12 protons and 16 neutrons. What are the atoms?
   A) chromium atoms
   B) two different elements
   C) two isotopes of an element
   D) negatively charged

8. What is a compound?
   A) a mixture of chemicals and elements
   B) a combination of two or more elements
   C) anything that has mass and occupies space
   D) the building block of matter

9. What does the atom consist of?
   A) electrons, protons, and alpha particles
   B) neutrons and protons
   C) electrons, protons, and neutrons
   D) elements, protons, and electrons

10. In an atom, where is an electron located?
    A) in the nucleus with the proton
    B) on the periodic table of the elements
    C) with the neutron
    D) in a cloudlike formation surrounding the nucleus

11. How is matter defined?
    A) the negative charge in an atom
    B) anything that has mass and occupies space
    C) the mass of the nucleus
    D) sound, light, and energy

12. What are two atoms that have the same number of protons called?
    A) metals
    B) nonmetals
    C) isotopes
    D) metalloids

13. Which is a heterogeneous mixture?
    A) air
    B) brass
    C) a salad
    D) apple juice
14. Using the figure above, krypton has
   A) an atomic number of 84.
   B) an atomic number of 36.
   C) an atomic mass of 36.
   D) an atomic mass of 72.

15. From the figure, the element krypton is
   A) a solid.  
   B) a liquid.  
   C) a mixture.  
   D) a gas.

16. Analyze Information A chemical formula is written to indicate the makeup of a compound. What is the ratio of sulfur atoms to oxygen atoms in SO₂?

17. Determine which element contains seven protons.

18. Describe Using the periodic table, what are the atomic numbers for carbon, sodium, and nickel?

19. Explain how cobalt-60 and cobalt-59 can be the same element but have different mass numbers.

20. Analyze Information What did Rutherford’s gold foil experiment tell scientists about atomic structure?

21. Predict Suppose Rutherford had bombarded aluminum foil with alpha particles instead of the gold foil he used in his experiment. What observations do you predict Rutherford would have made? Explain your prediction.

22. Draw Conclusions You are shown a liquid that looks the same throughout. You’re told that it contains more than one type of element and that the proportion of each varies throughout the liquid. Is this an element, a compound, or a mixture?

23. Interpret Scientific Illustrations Look at the two carbon atoms above. Explain whether or not the atoms are isotopes.

24. Explain how the atomic mass of an element is determined.

25. Newspaper Article As a newspaper reporter in the year 1896, you have heard about the discovery of the electron. Research and write an article about the scientist and the discovery.

26. Atomic Mass Krypton has six naturally occurring isotopes with atomic masses of 78, 80, 82, 83, 84, and 86. Make a table of the number of protons, electrons, and neutrons in each isotope.

27. Atomic Ratio A researcher is analyzing two different compounds, sulfuric acid (H₄SO₄) and hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂). What is the ratio of hydrogen to oxygen in sulfuric acid? What is the ratio of hydrogen to oxygen in hydrogen peroxide?
Part 1 Multiple Choice

Record your answers on the answer sheet provided by your teacher or on a sheet of paper.

1. Which of the scientists below introduced the idea that matter is made up of tiny, individual bits called atoms?
   A. Arrhenius  
   B. Avogadro  
   C. Chadwick  
   D. Democritus

2. The periodic table block shown above lists properties of the element chlorine. What does the number 35.453 mean?
   A. the number of neutrons in every chlorine atom
   B. the number of neutrons and protons in every chlorine atom
   C. the average number of neutrons in a chlorine atom
   D. the average number of neutrons and protons in a chlorine atom

3. According to the periodic table block, how many electrons does an uncharged atom of chlorine have?
   A. 17  
   B. 18  
   C. 35  
   D. 36

4. Which of the following scientists envisioned the atom as a ball of positive charge with electrons embedded in it, much like chocolate chips spread through cookie dough?
   A. Crookes  
   B. Dalton  
   C. Thomson  
   D. Rutherford

5. Which of the following correctly identifies the three atoms shown in the illustration above?
   A. hydrogen, lithium, sodium
   B. hydrogen, helium, lithium
   C. hydrogen, helium, helium
   D. hydrogen, hydrogen, hydrogen

6. What is the mass number for each of the atoms shown in the illustration?
   A. 0, 1, 2
   B. 1, 1, 1
   C. 1, 2, 2
   D. 1, 2, 3

7. Which of the following are found close to the right side of the periodic table?
   A. metals  
   B. lanthanides  
   C. nonmetals  
   D. metalloids

8. Which of the following is a characteristic that is typical of a solid, nonmetal element?
   A. shiny  
   B. brittle  
   C. good heat conductor  
   D. good electrical conductor
9. Are electrons more likely to be in an energy level close to the nucleus or far away from the nucleus? Why?

10. How many naturally-occurring elements are listed on the periodic table?

11. Is the human body made of mostly metal, nonmetals, or metalloids?

12. A molecule of hydrogen peroxide is composed of two atoms of hydrogen and two atoms of oxygen. What is the formula for six molecules of hydrogen peroxide?

13. What is the modern-day name for cathode rays?

14. The illustration above shows atoms of an element and molecules of a compound that are combined without making a new compound. What term describes a combination such as this?

15. If the illustration showed only the element or only the compound, what term would describe it?

16. Describe Dalton’s ideas about the composition of matter, including the relationship between atoms and elements.

17. The illustration above shows Rutherford’s gold foil experiment. Describe the setup shown. What result did Rutherford expect from his experiment?

18. What is the significance of the particles that reflected back from the gold foil? How did Rutherford explain his results?

19. Describe three possible methods for separating mixtures. Give an example for each method.

20. What are the rows and columns on the periodic table called? How are elements in the rows similar, and how are elements in the columns similar?

21. Describe how Thomson was able to show that cathode rays were streams of particles, not light.

22. Describe how the mass numbers, or atomic masses, listed on the periodic table for the elements are calculated.