Summary Sheet Year 7 Separating Mixtures



Pure substance

Contains only one type of element or compound



Mixture

Contains two or more different substances mixed together but not chemically joined



Molecules of two different elements mixed together

Solutions

Some solids **dissolve** in water to make a solution. These solids are **soluble**.

A solution is made from a **solute** (solid that dissolves) and a **solvent** (liquid which it dissolves in).

Substances that do not dissolve in a solvent are **insoluble**.

When a solid dissolves in water, the **total mass is conserved**. The total mass of a solution equals the mass of solvent added to the mass of solute.



If you keep adding solute to a solvent, you will get to a point where no more will dissolve. The solution is now **saturated** with solute. More solid will only dissolve if you add more solvent (e.g. water) or increase the temperature.

A solid may **dissolve faster** if the temperature is higher, or if it is stirred more.

Interpreting a Chromatogram

Chromatography can identify different coloured substances in a mixture.

This paper chromatogram shows that **B** and **D** are all single, **pure substances** (only one dot shown).

Substances **A and C** are **mixtures of 2 substances** (2 spots shown).

Substance X is a mixture of 3 different substances.

Red is the **most soluble** colour as it **moves furthest** up the filter paper.



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Method	Used to separate	Apparatus used	Examples
Filtering (filtration)	An insoluble solid from a liquid	Filter paper Filter funnel Flask Water (the filtrate)	 separating sand from a mixture of sand and water
Evaporation (or crystallisation)	A soluble solid from a liquid (useful when you only want the solid)	evaporating dish containing salt solution gauze tripod	 separating salt from salt solution
Distillation (evaporation followed by condensation)	A solvent from a solution (useful when you want to keep the liquid as well as the solid)	distillation flask salt water HEAT distillate (pure water)	 separating pure water from a salt solution
Fractional distillation	Mixtures with different boiling points into fractions, as they condense at different temperatures (useful when you want to keep both the liquids)	thermometer water out fractionating glass beads water in heat water of ethanol and water	 separating two liquids with different boiling points eg. alcohol (78°C) and water (100°C) separation of crude oil into useful substances
Chromatography	Different coloured substances in a mixture	Piece of Wood Pin Paper Beaker Ink spot Water Start End	 separation of colours found in ink