

Sixth Grade Science
Atoms, Molecules, Elements, and
Compounds Lab Book

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Mastery Checklist:

Skill to be mastered:	Mastered?
I can define matter, substance, atom, elements, compounds, mixture, and molecules.	
I can explain how atoms are the basic particle from which all elements are made.	
I can explain that there is empty space between the atoms that make up a substance.	
I can explain that each atom takes up space, has mass and is in constant motion.	
I can explain that an element is a pure substance that cannot be broken down by chemical or physical means.	
I can explain how all substances are composed of one or more elements.	
I can explain how each element and compound has properties, which are independent of the amount of the sample.	
I can explain how a compound has its own unique composition of elements and atoms.	
I can explain that both elements and compounds can form molecules.	
I can make models of atoms, molecules, and compounds.	

How Small Can You Go?

In the activity below, you will attempt to separate a large droplet of water into as many smaller droplets as possible. The goal is to create the smallest droplet possible.

Activity

Problem: How small can you make a water droplet?

Materials:

- Water dropper
- 1 piece of wax paper for each group
- Popsicle stick

Procedure:

1. Use a dropper bottle and place 4 or 5 drops of water together on the wax paper to make a drop about the size of a dime.
2. Use a Popsicle stick to slowly move the drop around the wax paper. Try using your stick to separate your drop into two.
3. Continue to divide the drops into smaller and smaller drops until they cannot be made any smaller.



What did you observe?

1. When you tried to split your drop, did the drop separate easily?

The water drop “tried” to stay together. You could drag it around the wax paper with the popsicle stick.

2. Make a drawing of your results.

Answers will vary.



3. Approximately how many droplets did you create?

Most students were able to create over 100 droplets of water from their small water drop.

4. What is the approximate size of your smallest droplet?

Less than 1 millimeter.

5. Do you think it is possible to create even smaller droplets of water?

Sharper tools not made of wood. A way to increase magnification so you can see the smaller drops.

6. What would you call the smallest droplet of water?

A molecule of water.

7. If you were to break down a molecule of water (H_2O), what would you have?

Two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom.

Elements and Atoms

A. Describing Matter

1. Matter is anything that has **mass** and **volume**.
2. Mass is the amount of **matter** in an object.
3. A substance is a single kind of matter that is **pure**, meaning it always has a specific makeup and a specific set of properties.
 - a. All particles of a pure substance have nearly **identical** masses.
 - b. Particles of different substances usually have **different** masses, depending on their atomic composition.

B. Elements

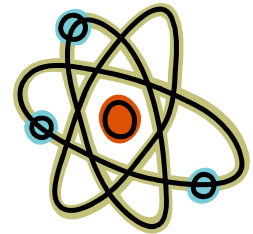


1. An element is a **pure** substance that cannot be broken down into **simpler** substances.
 - a. There are approximately **90** different **naturally** occurring elements that have been identified.
 - b. There are additional elements that were made in a **laboratory**, but these elements are not stable.
2. All substances are composed of one or more **element**.

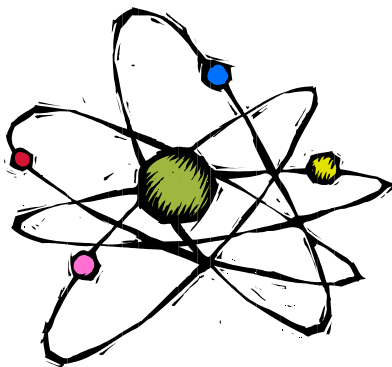


3. Elements are often called the **building blocks** of matter because all matter is composed of one element or a **combination** of two or more elements.
4. Elements are a class of substances composed of a single kind of **atom**.
 - Examples: aluminum, copper, lead, **oxygen**, chlorine, neon, and helium.

C. Atoms



1. An atom is the basic, **smallest particle** from which all elements are made.
2. All matter is made up of atoms, which are **particles** that are too **small** to be seen, even with a light microscope.
3. Each atom takes up **space**, has **mass** and is in constant **motion**.
4. All **atoms** of any one **element** are alike, but are different from atoms of other elements.
5. There is **empty** space between the atoms that make up a **substance**.



Trying to Create a Life Sized Model of an Atom

The Phantom wants to create life sized models of atoms, and he wants your help! Help the Phantom investigate the world of the very small by cutting a 28 cm strip of paper in half as many times as you can. If you can cut the strip of paper in half 31 times you will end up with a piece of paper the size of an atom!

Procedure

1. Take your strip of paper and cut it into equal halves.
2. Cut one of the remaining pieces of paper into equal halves.
3. Continue to cut the strip into equal halves as many times as you can.
4. Make all cuts parallel to the first one. When the width gets longer than the length, you may cut off the excess, but that does not count as a cut.



How far did you get? Here are some comparisons to think about.

Cut Number	Size (Metric)	Size (Inches)	Comparison
1	14.0 cm	5.5"	Child's hand, pockets
2	7.0 cm	2.75"	Fingers, ears, toes
3	3.5 cm	1.38"	Watch, mushroom, eye
4	1.75 cm	.69"	Keyboard keys, rings, insects
6	.44 cm	.17"	Poppy seeds
8	1 mm	.04"	Thread. Congratulations if you're still in!
10	.25 mm	.01"	Still cutting? Most have quit by now
12	.06 mm	.002"	Microscopic range, human hair
14	.015 mm	.006"	Width of paper, microchip components
18	1 micron	.0004"	Water purification openings, bacteria
19	.5 micron	.000018"	Visible light waves
24	.015 micron	.0000006"	Electron microscope range, membranes
31	.0001 micron	.0000000045"	The size of an Atom!

Now what?

Is there anything smaller? Yes, the size of an atom nucleus would take about 41 cuts! Scientists use advanced technology to explore the world of electrons and quarks that are at least 9,000 times smaller than a nucleus.

We cannot see anything smaller than an atom with our eyes, even with the electron microscope. Physicists study much smaller things without seeing them directly.

Is there an end to the quest for the smallest and most basic elements in our world?

The search began with the Greeks and continues as scientists search for the Building Blocks of the universe. These things are far beyond the range of sensory perception but not beyond the range of human understanding.



Drawings will vary. Answers on questions on page 9 should all be the same

Microviewer Activity – The Elements

DIRECTIONS: Observe the slides in the microviewer. Read the information that goes with the picture. Draw & color each of the elements you see. List two properties (other than color) of that element under the picture. Use a pencil for your diagrams.

Begin by defining ELEMENT :

An element is a pure substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances.

1. Carbon	2. Copper



3. Gold

4. Silver

5. Sulfur

6. Mercury

7. Platinum	8. Lead
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1. What similarities do you see between these 8 elements?

These 8 elements are similar because they are all pure substances that cannot be broken down into anything simpler.

2. What differences do you see between these 8 elements?

The elements all have different properties from each other.

3. Why are they all different? Explain your answer.

All elements are different because they are made up of a different type of atom.

Answers Will Vary: A Search Through the Periodic Table



Use the periodic table of elements provided to complete the activity.

1. Of the first 103 elements, how many have just one letter in their symbols? _____
2. How many have two letter symbols? _____
3. Name some elements that have a one letter symbol that is also the first letter of the word.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Name some elements that have two letter symbols that are the first letters of the word.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Name some elements that have a symbol that is entirely different from the spelling of the word.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

6. Name some elements named after people.

_____	_____	_____
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7. Name some elements named after planets.

_____	_____	_____
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8. Name some elements named after a city, a state, a country, or university.

_____	_____	_____
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Element Trading Cards

For this project you will need to use the Internet to research the elements in the Periodic Table. You must choose 4 elements to research. Each card must include:

- Periodic Table abbreviation
- Discovery information (Person and date)
- Important Uses – at least 3!
- Draw and label a picture that illustrate one use for your elements

Chemical symbol and element name in the square.

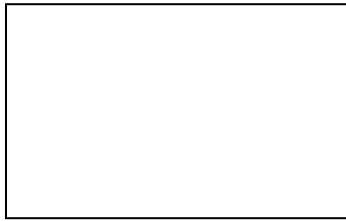
Research your element to find out who discovered or named your element and give the year.

Provide at least 3 uses for your elements.

Provide a picture on the back of the trading card that illustrates uses for your element.

Describe the use below the illustration.

Students completed this on notecards to be turned in for a grade!

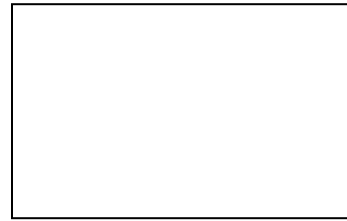


Discovered in _____

by _____

Properties:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

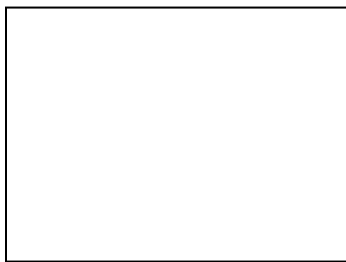


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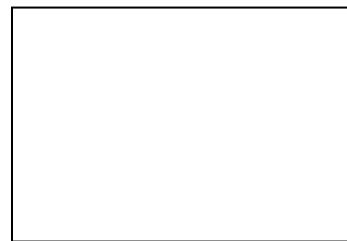


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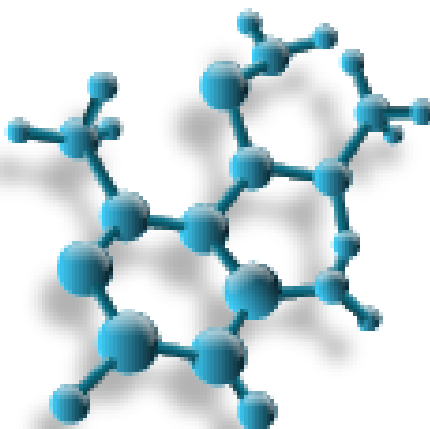
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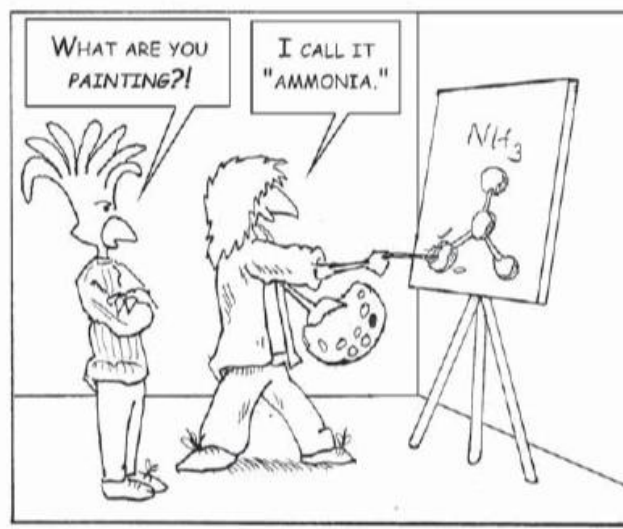
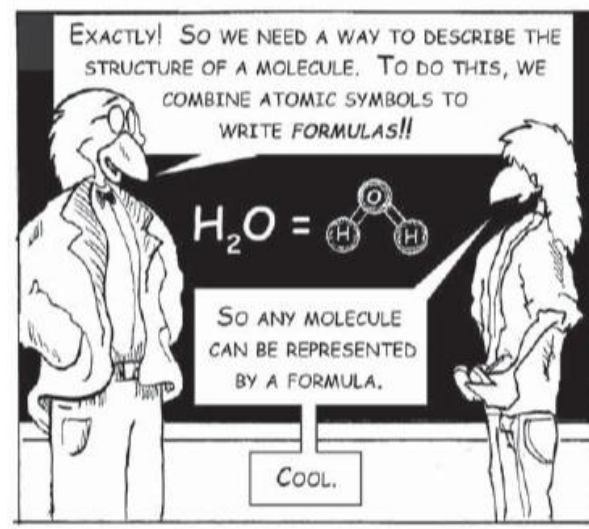
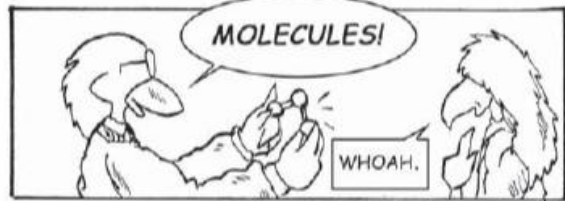
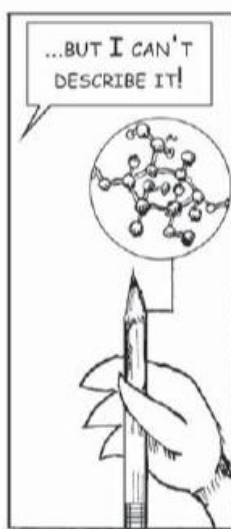
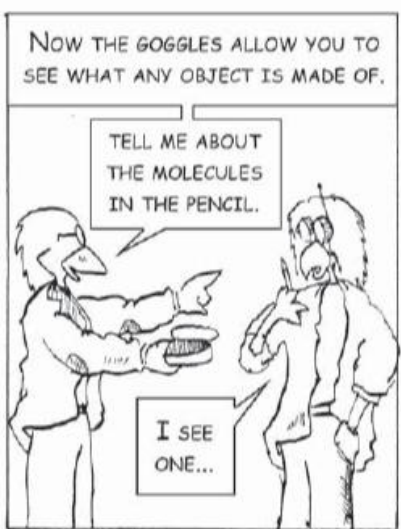
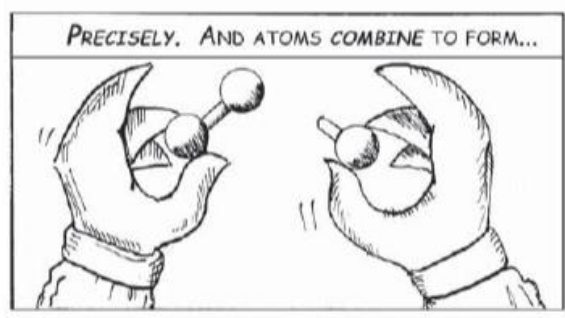
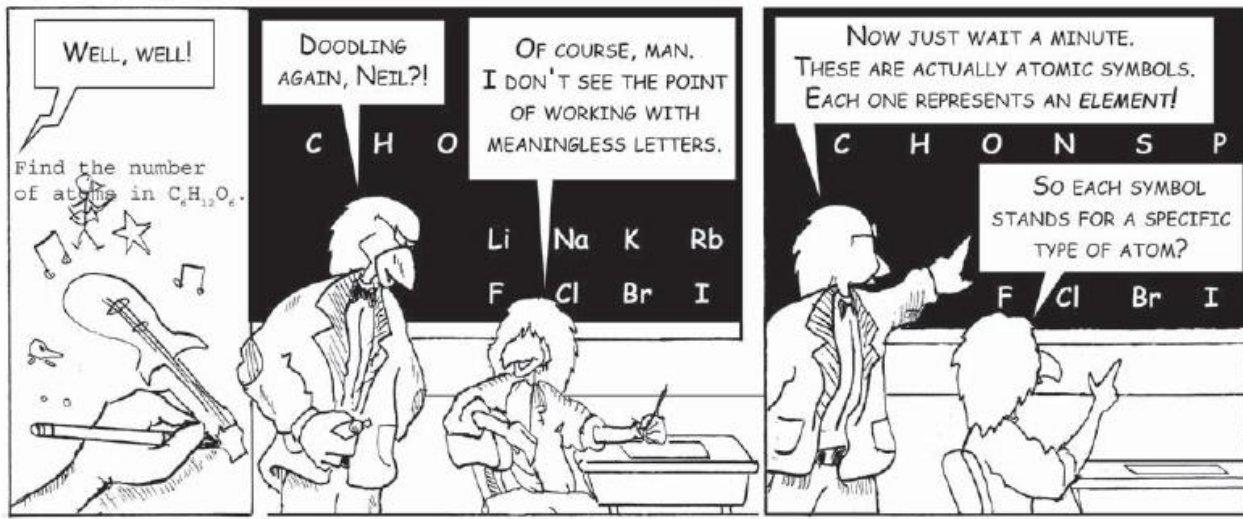
D. Molecules

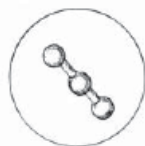
1. Molecules are the **combination** of two or more atoms that are **joined** together chemically.
 - a. A molecule of water consists of an **oxygen** atom chemically bonded to two **hydrogen** atoms.



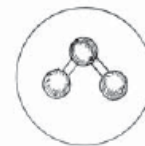
- b. Two atoms of the **same** element can also combine to form a **molecule**.
Oxygen molecules consist of **2** oxygen atoms.
2. Both **elements** and compounds can form molecules.
 3. Molecules and atoms may join **together** in large three dimensional networks.







STUDY QUESTIONS

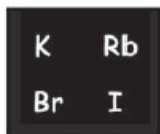


Directions: Answer the following questions to the best of your ability.



1. What is Neil's opinion about the language of chemistry at the beginning of the comic?

Neil thinks it is boring and meaningless.



2. Explain the importance of the symbols that Dr. Birdley points to.

Each symbol represents an element.



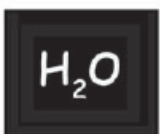
3. How do atoms relate to molecules? How does Dr. Birdley illustrate this point?

Molecules are made up of atoms. He illustrates this by making a model of a molecule.



4. Explain how the goggles help Neil understand the importance of molecules.

He can see the molecules that make up an object.



5. What do formulas tell us about molecules?

Formulas tell us the type of elements and amount of atoms in a molecule.

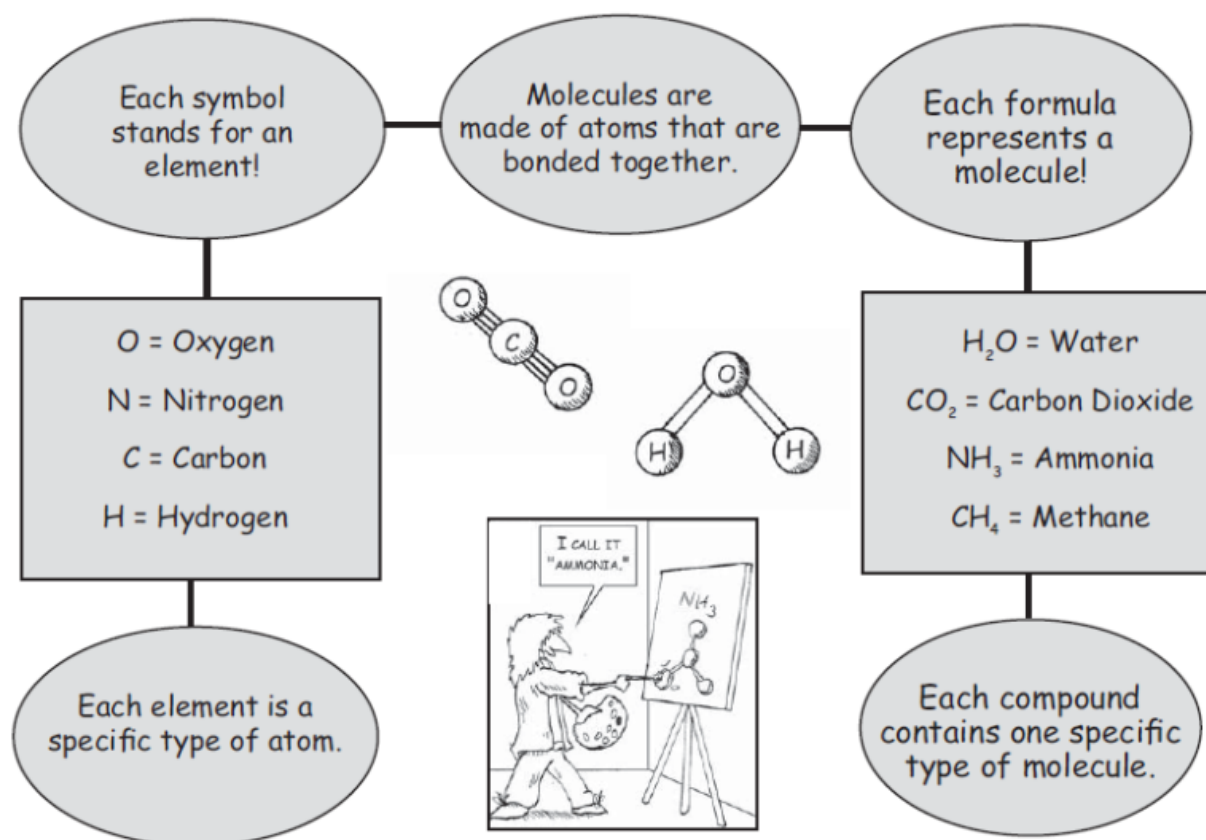
Background: Neil Discusses Symbols & Formulas

Whoa! What a day. There I was, just doodling in chemistry class. Then, Dr. Birdley showed me that chemistry is actually interesting and relevant to real life. Who knew that my pencil was made of molecules?!

Those weird letters are actually symbols for elements...which are specific types of atoms.

Elements, which are all found on the periodic table, are the simplest forms of matter. Atoms are the smallest units of matter.

Atoms combine to form molecules, which can be represented by formulas. Got it? Wait, I should really make some sort of diagram. How about this:



How are atoms and molecules related?

Atoms combine to form molecules.

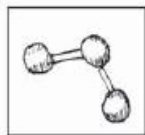
Chemical Compounds

All chemicals can be classified either as elements or as compounds. In chemical reactions, elements may combine to form compounds. For example, when carbon burns it combines with oxygen in the air to form carbon dioxide, a compound.

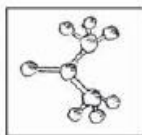
Use the periodic table to help you identify the elements in the compounds listed below. For example, a molecule of sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4 , contains two atoms of hydrogen, one atom of sulfur, and four atoms of oxygen. When no number appears next to an element, the molecule is assumed to contain one atom.

1. NaCl **Sodium Chlorine**
2. NaHCO_3 **Sodium Hydrogen Carbon Oxygen**
3. Fe_2O_3 **Iron Oxygen**
4. H_2S **Hydrogen Sulfur**
5. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$ **Carbon Hydrogen Oxygen**
6. CaCO_3 **Calcium Carbon Oxygen**
7. NH_3 **Nitrogen Hydrogen**
8. KMnO_4 **Potassium Manganese Oxygen**
9. CCl_4 **Carbon Chlorine**
10. AgNO_3 **Silver Nitrogen Oxygen**
11. PbSO_4 **Lead Sulfur Oxygen**
12. CoCl_2 **Cobalt Chlorine**

WRITE THE FORMULA THAT SHOWS THE
CORRECT NUMBER OF ATOMS UNDER EACH
MOLECULE. USE THE FORMULA BANK!



Water



Acetone

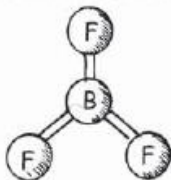
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FORMULA BANK



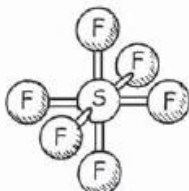
NOTE: FOUR FORMULAS ARE NOT USED!

BORON TRIFLUORIDE



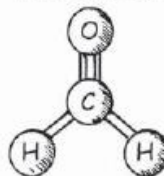
1. BF_3

SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE



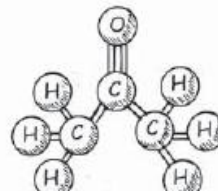
2. SF_6

FORMALDEHYDE



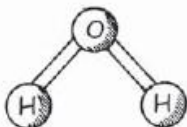
3. CH_2O

ACETONE



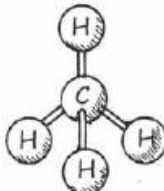
4. C_3H_6O

WATER



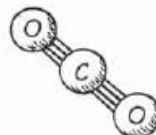
5. H_2O

METHANE



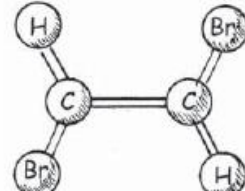
6. CH_4

CARBON DIOXIDE



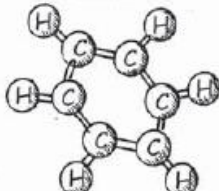
7. CO_2

DIBROMOETHYLENE



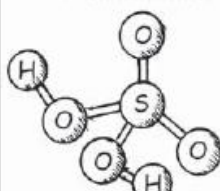
8. $C_2H_2Br_2$

BENZENE



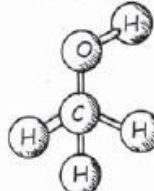
9. C_6H_6

SULFURIC ACID



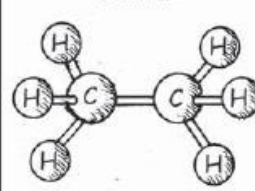
10. H_2SO_4

METHANOL



11. CH_4O

ETHANE



12. C_2H_6

Name _____

Gumdrop Molecules

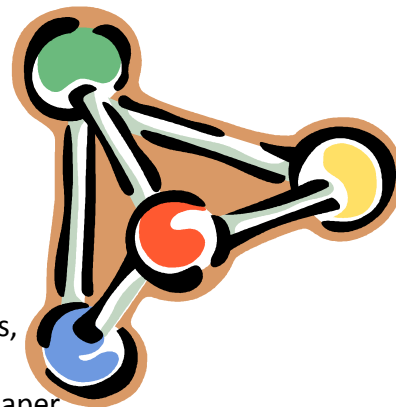
Purpose:

- Construct models of molecules with the accurate ratios of their component elements.
- Compare the elements contained in common molecules by completing the drawings.

Materials: gumdrops
Toothpicks
Wax paper

Colored pencils/crayons/markers

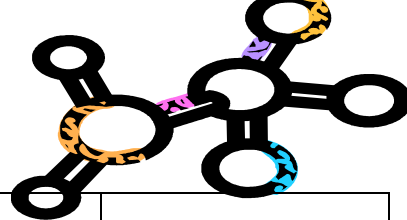
1. Complete the table shown below.
2. Add the columns to find the total number of atoms.
3. Gather the correct number of gumdrops to be the atoms, using the color given for each element.
4. Using toothpicks, assemble the five molecules on wax paper.
5. When all models are complete, draw them in the appropriate space on the back of the paper.



Data/Observations:

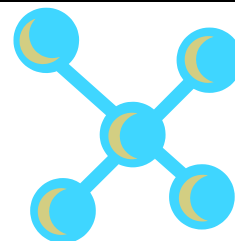
	Chemical Formula	Number of Atoms of Elements in the Molecules				
		Oxygen	Hydrogen	Carbon	Fluorine	Lithium
Oxygen	O ₂					
Water	H ₂ O					
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂					
Carbon Tetrafluoride	CF ₄					
Lithium Fluoride	LiF					
Total Number of Atoms						

Data: Draw and color the gumdrop molecule models below



O_2	H_2O	CO_2	CF_4	LiF

Analysis/Conclusions



1. Are there similarities between any of the two models?

2. How are molecules different from elements?

3. How are molecules related to elements?

4. How are molecules related to atoms?

E. Compounds

1. Pure substance made of two or more _____ that are combined chemically in a specific _____.
2. When elements are chemically combined, they form compounds having _____ that are _____ from those of the uncombined elements.
 - a. The elements oxygen and hydrogen are _____ and carbon is _____ like charcoal. But when these elements form a compound they form _____ which does not resemble any of those elements.
 - b. Table salt, made of sodium and chlorine, has the same _____ and properties no matter where it comes from – _____ or a salt mine.
3. Each compound has its own unique, unchanging _____ of type and number of elements and atoms.
 - _____ from underground mines or from seawater is always 39.3% sodium and 60.7% chlorine.



F. Mixtures

1. Elements and compounds are pure substances, but most materials are not.
2. A mixture is made up of 2 or more _____ – elements, compounds, or both - that are together in the same place but are not chemically _____.
3. Two differences between compounds and mixtures.
 - a. Each substance in a mixture keeps its _____ properties.
 - b. Parts of a _____ are not combined in a set ratio.
4. Samples of soil from different places probably won't contain the _____ amounts of sand, clay, and water.

Compounds	Molecules

BrainPOP Compounds and Mixtures

Watch the BrainPOP movie on Compounds and Mixtures and complete the following:
Circle the correct answer for each of the following:

1. Mixing brownie batter: Chemical or Physical change
2. Compounds: Chemical change or Physical Change
3. Mixtures: Chemical change or Physical Change

Read each statement and complete the following:

4. Compounds atoms of _____ or more _____ bond in a _____ reaction.
5. Compounds don't always look like their original _____.
6. Salt is a _____ made from green _____ gas and a silvery _____ called _____.
7. Reactions that make up a compound are _____ to undo.
8. When two or more compounds or elements are blended without combining _____, you have a _____.
9. Each substance in a mixture keeps its own _____.
10. Mixtures can be separated using either _____ or _____ means.
11. Solids, liquids, and gases can all be blended into _____ or _____ mixtures.
12. Salt crystals dissolved in water are a _____ mixture.
13. You can't see the _____.
14. The mixture is pretty _____ throughout the bottle.
15. Salad dressing is a _____ mixture; the parts do not combine completely or uniformly.
16. You can _____ the different ingredients in salad dressing.

ANY COMPOUND HAS A DEFINITE **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**.

ENGLISH, BIRDLEY. SPEAK ENGLISH.

HE'S SAYING THAT WE KNOW **EXACTLY** WHAT IT'S MADE OF!

LET'S SAY WE HAVE A PURE SAMPLE OF THE COMPOUND **WATER**.

ANY PART OF OUR SAMPLE HAS ONLY **ONE** TYPE OF MOLECULE.

EACH WATER SAMPLE HAS THE SAME PROPERTIES.

TWO PURE SAMPLES OF DIFFERENT SIZES WILL HAVE THE SAME BOILING POINT..

...AND FREEZING POINT.

$bp(\text{WATER}) = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$

$fp(\text{WATER}) = 0^{\circ}\text{C}$

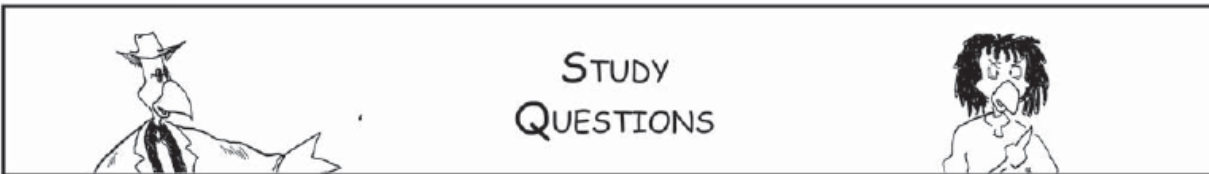
CAN WE BREAK THIS COMPOUND INTO ITS BASIC ELEMENTS?

YES-- BUT ONLY THROUGH A **CHEMICAL CHANGE**...

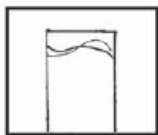
...WHERE THE **H₂O** MOLECULES ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO ATOMS.

NOW THE "WATER" NO LONGER EXISTS! **WHAT HAS FORMED IN ITS PLACE?**

ELECTRIC CURRENT



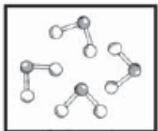
Directions: Read the related cartoon and answer the following questions.



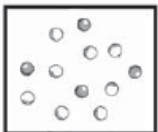
1. Explain the meaning of the statement, "Every compound has a definite chemical composition."



2. What are two physical properties that do not depend on size? What do they depend on?



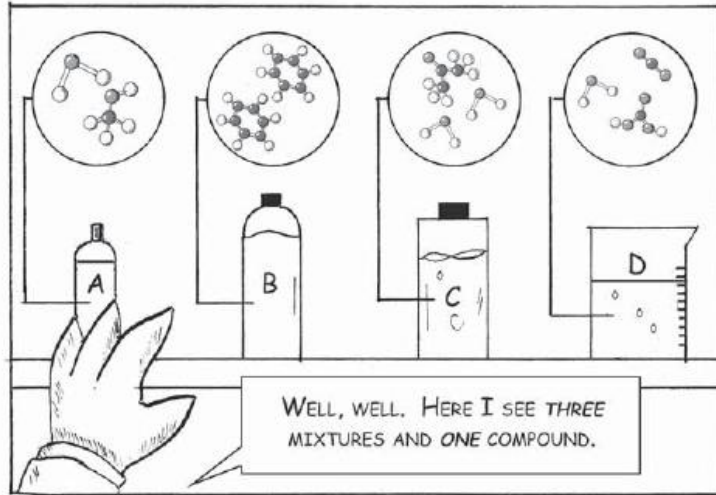
3. How can a compound such as water be broken down into its basic elements?

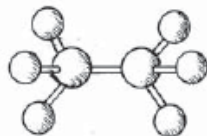


4. What happens to the bonds between atoms during a chemical reaction? What is the result of this process?

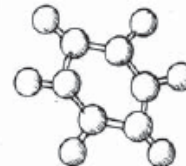


5. How are compounds different from elements?





STUDY QUESTIONS



Directions: Answer the following questions to the best of your ability.



1. Describe the powers that Dr. Birdley's goggles have.



2. How does Dr. Birdley demonstrate these powers to Dean Owelle?



3. In the lab cabinet, which substance (A, B, C, or D) is a compound? How is it different from the other three mixtures?



4. What do you think makes compounds "pure" and mixtures "impure"?



5. How could Birdley's goggles be used in a science-related job? (Building houses, designing cars, creating medications...pick your favorite.)

Compound and Mixture Lab

Problem: How can you identify compounds and mixtures?

Research: Write the definition of compound and mixture.

Compound: _____

Mixture: _____

Procedure:

1. Examine the contents of the bag at each station.
2. Record a description of the bag's contents in the data table below.
3. Based on your research about the definition of compounds and mixtures, record whether you think each bag is a compound or mixture.
4. Lastly, defend your choice for each item.

Data Table

Bag Number	Description of Contents	Mixture or Compound?	Defense
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Vocabulary Cut and Paste

Place the definition next to the correct vocabulary word. Glue the definition into the correct box after your work is checked by the teacher.

Matter



Atoms



Molecules

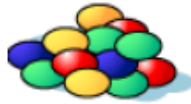


Compound



Mixture

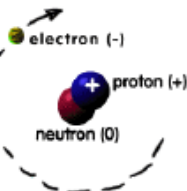




No chemical change

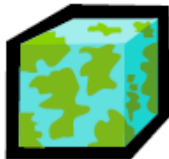
Each keeps its own properties

Can be separated



The building blocks of matter.

Made up of protons, electrons,
and neutrons.



Anything that has a mass and a
volume.



A molecule that has two or
more *different* elements
bonded together.

Example: H and O = H₂O



Two or more atoms are joined
together chemically. Elements
can be different *or* the same.

Example: O + O = O₂

MINI-COMIC: COMPOSITION OF MATTER

Directions: Review the panel in the space below and answer the questions that follow.

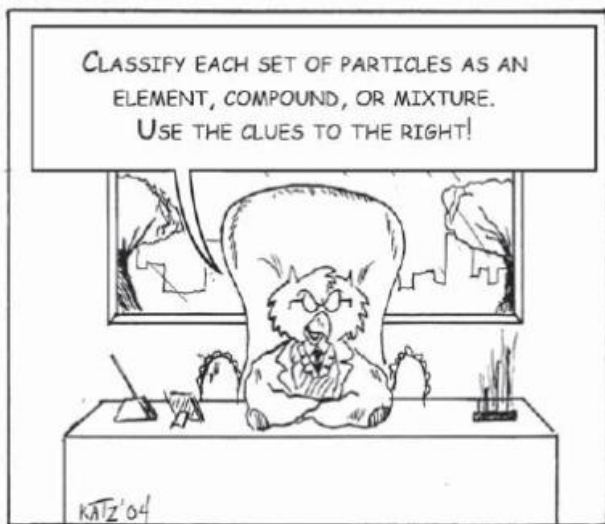
KNOW THIS!!

AN ELEMENT IS
A SUBSTANCE THAT
IS MADE UP OF ONLY
ONE TYPE OF ATOM.

A COMPOUND IS
MADE OF TWO OR MORE
ELEMENTS AND HAS ONLY
ONE TYPE OF MOLECULE.

A MIXTURE CONTAINS
TWO OR MORE TYPES
OF MOLECULES.
GOT IT??

1. What is the difference between a compound and an element?
2. What is the difference between a compound and a mixture?
3. Can mixtures be represented by formulas? Why or why not?
4. Is the mixture shown a solid, liquid, or gas? How do you know?
5. List all the elements shown in the mini-comic above.



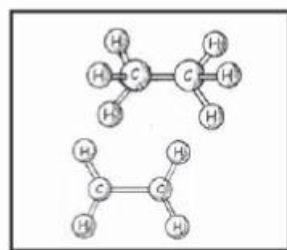
CLUES

AN ELEMENT CONTAINS ONLY ONE TYPE OF ATOM.

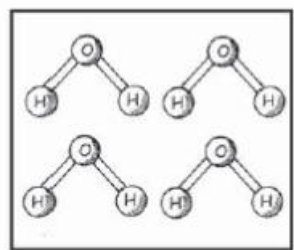
A COMPOUND CONTAINS ONE TYPE OF MOLECULE. THIS MOLECULE HAS TWO OR MORE TYPES OF ATOMS.

A MIXTURE CONTAINS:

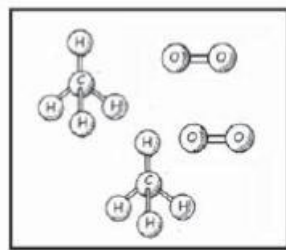
- TWO OR MORE TYPES OF MOLECULES, OR
- ONE TYPE OF MOLECULE AND ANOTHER SEPARATE TYPE OF ATOM.



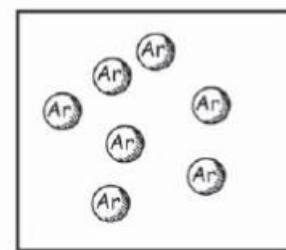
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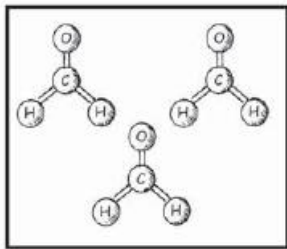
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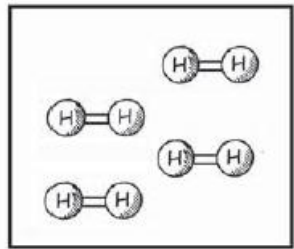
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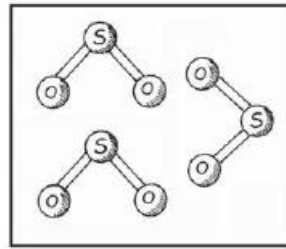
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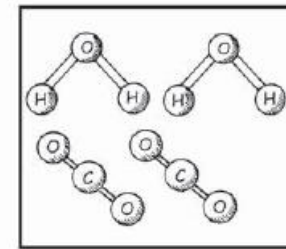
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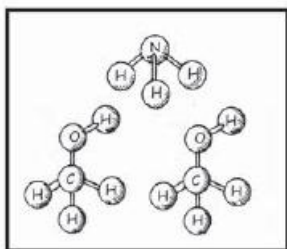
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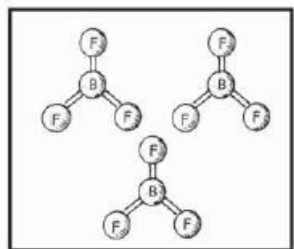
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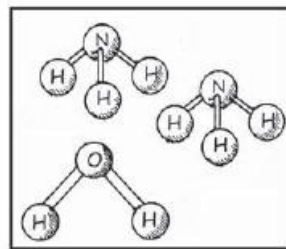
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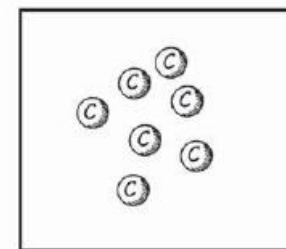
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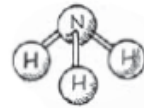
11. _____



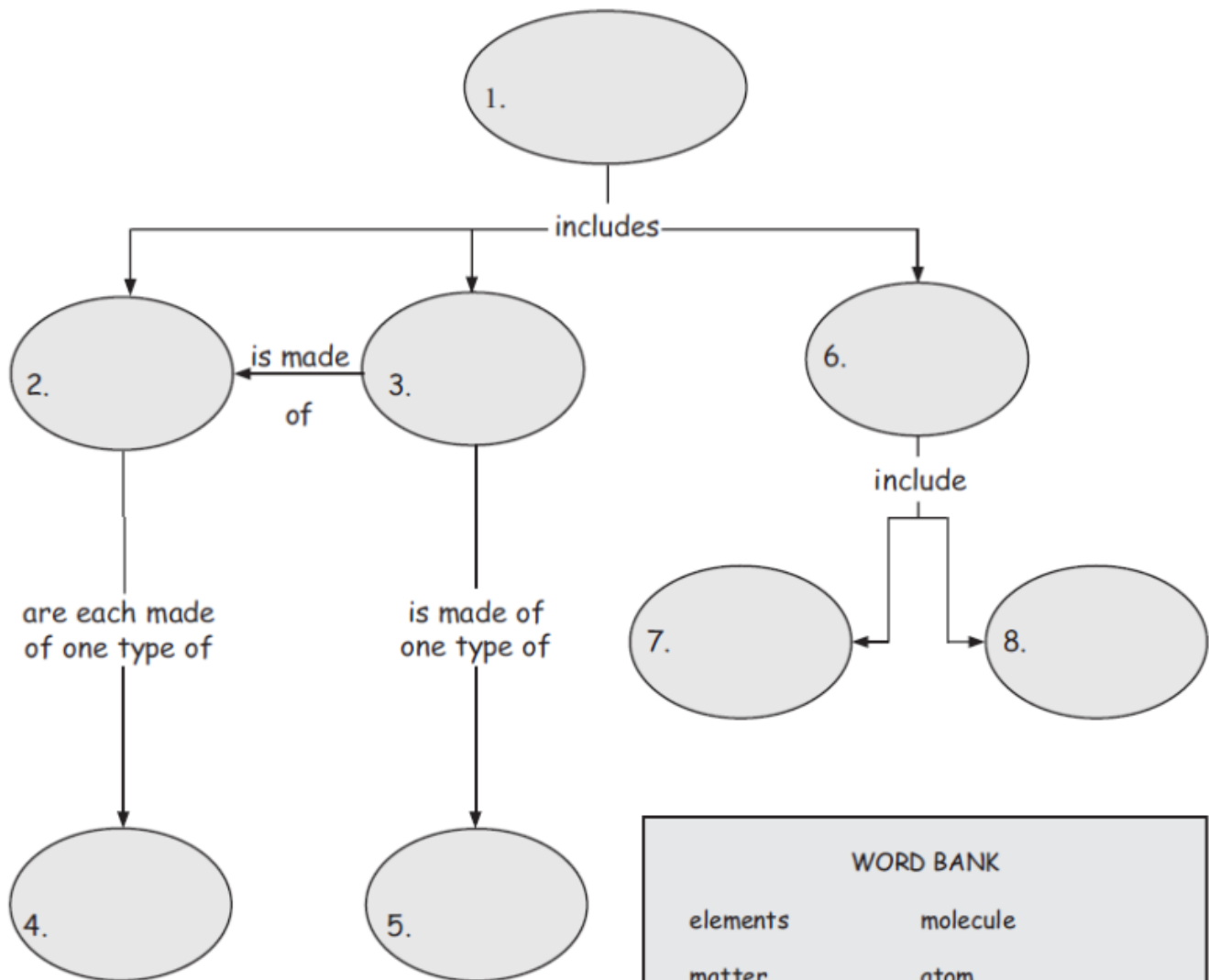
12. _____



Concept Map: Matter



Fill in the bubbles with the words from the word bank. Use the Mini-Comic, Source Cartoons, and related background section from this chapter as source material.



WORD BANK	
elements	molecule
matter	atom
compound	heterogeneous mixture
mixtures	homogeneous mixture

Breaking Down Compounds and Mixtures

COMPOUND - a pure substance made of two or more elements that are combined chemically in a specific ratio.

A pure substance		
made of two or more elements		
combined chemically		
in a specific ratio.		

MIXTURE - made of two or more substances – elements, compound, or both – that are together in the same place but are not chemically combined.

Made of two or more substances		
that are together in the same place		
but not chemically combined		

Compound Vs. Mixture - Complete the table below to help you remember the differences between compounds and mixtures.

Compound	Vs.	Mixture
	What's it made of?	
	Type of Change	
	Properties	
	How Much?	
	Molecules	
	Draw a Picture	

Use the choices below to complete the compound and mixture chart above.

Two or more elements	Physical Change	Set ratio of atoms and elements	Different properties from the original substances	No set ratio of substances
One type of molecule	Two or more substances	Properties of the original substances do not change	Chemical Change	Two or more molecules or one type of molecule and one separate type of atom

Name _____

The Space in Matter

Purpose

- Explain how it is known that most of a compound is empty space.

Materials

- Distilled water
- Salt
- Rubbing alcohol
- Two 100 mL graduated cylinders
- Balance or scale



Procedure Trial A

1. Using a graduated cylinder, carefully measure 50 mL of water.
2. In the second graduated cylinder, measure 50 mL of rubbing alcohol.
3. Predict what the volume would be if the water and rubbing alcohol were mixed together. Write out your reasoning in the space provided.
4. Carefully pour all of the alcohol from the second graduated cylinder into the water.
5. Measure the volume of the two materials that are mixed together and record it.
6. Find the difference between the expected answer and the actual final measurement of the volume. Explain the results in the space below.

Data/Results Trial A

Volume of Water	Volume of Alcohol	Predicted Volume of Combination	Actual Volume

Explain why you expect the predicted volume of the combination of water and rubbing alcohol:

Actual volume: _____ mL

Difference between the expected volume and actual volume: _____ mL



Procedure Trial B

1. Using a graduated cylinder, carefully measure exactly 50 mL of water.
2. Using a balance, measure exactly 50 g of salt.
3. Pour the salt into a dry, clean graduated cylinder.
4. Record the volume of the 50 g salt.
5. Predict what the volume would be if the water and salt were mixed together. Write out your reasoning in the space provided.
6. Pour the salt into the water in the first graduated. Dissolve the salt as completely as possible.
7. Measure the volume of the two materials that are mixed together and record it.
8. Find the difference between the expected answer and the actual final measurement of the volume. Explain the results in the space below.

Data/Results Trial B

Volume of Water	Volume of Salt	Predicted Volume of Combination	Actual Volume

Explain why you expect the predicted volume of the combination of water and rubbing alcohol:

Actual volume: _____ mL

Difference between the expected volume and actual volume: _____ mL

Conclusion/Analysis

1. Were the actual volumes simply a matter of adding the two volumes together?

2. What was responsible for the difference between the predicted volume and the actual volume?

3. What does this say about compounds?
