



Physical vs. Chemical Changes Notes

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physical and **chemical**.

Physical Changes:

Physical changes occur when the **appearance** of a substance changes, but **chemically** the substance is the same. The individual molecules do not **change**. Examples of physical changes are melting, freezing, or changing **size** or **shape**. A physical change also occurs when substances are **mixed** and something **dissolves**, like when making salt water or Kool-Aid. The water, salt and sugar still keep their **original properties** and the substances can be separated again.

Chemical Changes:

A **chemical change** occurs when the atoms making up matter **rearrange** to form a new substance with **new properties**. This usually occurs during a **chemical reaction**.

Evidence of a chemical change:

Evidence	What You Might Observe
production of a gas	<u>bubbles</u> foaming odor fizzing smoke
color change *not all color changes are chemical!!	a <u>different</u> color appears
formation of a <u>precipitate</u>	cloudiness foggy <u>solid</u> at the bottom of the container
change in <u>heat</u> or light energy	temperature increases or decreases sparks <u>explosion</u> glowing

These are only **clues**... a chemical change has not actually taken place unless matter has changed into a **new substance**. Some common examples of chemical changes include **rusting**, tarnishing, burning, cooking and digesting.

If you have the chemical **equation**, you can tell if a chemical change has taken place by looking to see if the products in the equation are **different** from the **reactants**.

TEKS 6.5D identify the formation of a new substance by using the evidence of a possible chemical change such as production of a gas, change in temperature, production of a precipitate, or color change.

TEKS 8.5E investigate how evidence of chemical reactions indicate that new substances with different properties are formed.

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