**Physical and Chemical Changes Lab**  Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** To investigate combined substances so that we can practice classifying changes as physical or chemical.

**Problem:** Will the mixture of specific substances cause a chemical or physical change?

**Background Information**: In chemistry, the term change can refer to both physical and chemical changes. In the simplest sense, a physical change is a change in the form of the original substance. A chemical change is a change in the composition of the original substance. A chemical change is also called a chemical reaction.

**Chemical Changes**  
Chemists have developed a list of common signs that may indicate the occurrence of a chemical change. These include:

1. Bubbles of gas appear

2. A precipitate (solid) forms

3. An unexpected color change occurs

4. Gain or release of energy (heat or light)

5. A change in volume occurs

6. A change in electrical conductivity occurs

7. A change in melting point or boiling point occurs

8. A change in odor or taste occurs

9. A change in a distinctive chemical or physical property occurs; not easily reversed

**Physical Changes**  
Physical changes occur when objects undergo a change that does not change their chemical nature. A physical change involves a change in physical properties. Physical properties can be observed without changing the type of matter. Examples of physical properties include: texture, shape, size, color, odor, volume, mass, weight, and density. Change of state (ie. solid to liquid). And…

• Physical deformation (cutting, denting, stretching, etc.)

• Physical relocation (moving an object)

• Mixing sugar with water to dissolve sugar in the water is a physical change*. However, if one baked a cake with flour, water, sugar, and other ingredients, new substances would appear. Chemical reactions occur in the baking process, and the changes are chemical changes.*

**Lab Experiment #1 The Blob**   
**Prediction:** What will happen when corn starch is mixed with water?

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**Materials:** cornstarch, water, cup, stir stick   
**Procedure**

1. Place 30 mL of cornstarch in a cup

2. Add 10 mL of water and stir well

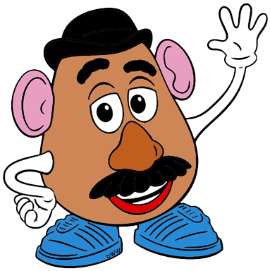
3. Place some of the mixture on a table.

4. Touch it with your fingertips  
  
 **Observations/Conclusions**

Is the product a liquid or a solid? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Did you observe a physical or chemical change?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is the product a mixture or a pure substance? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Lab Experiment #2 Mr. Potato Head**   
**Prediction:** What will happen when you put 3 to 4 drops of iodine on a potato slice?

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**Materials**: A small slice of potato, 3-4 drops of iodine  
  
**Procedure**

1. Place 3-4 drops of iodine on a fresh potato slice

2. Observe the changes

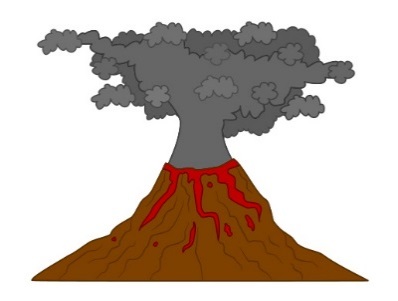
3. Throw your potato away

**Observations/Conclusions**

List any changes you observed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is this a physical or a chemical change? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your evidence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Lab Experiment #3 Vinegar & Baking soda  
Prediction:** What will happen when a crushed seltzer tablet is placed in water?

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**Materials**: vinegar, baking soda, test tube

**Procedure**

1. Put 1cm of vinegar into a test tube

2. Put a small amount of baking soda (about ½ cm long) on a craft stick.

3. Place the baking soda carefully in the test tube.

4. After your observations are complete, pour the test tube contents into the sink, and rinse the test tube with water.

**Observations/Conclusions**Did you observe a physical or a chemical change? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Lab Experiment #4 Seltzer Tablet**

**Prediction:** What will happen when a crushed seltzer tablet is placed in water?

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 **Materials:** alka seltzer tablet, test tube **Procedure**

1. Fill a test tube about ¼ full with tap water.
2. Put a small piece of crushed seltzer tablet into the water in the test tube.
3. Observe the substance.
4. When you have completed your observations, pour the test tube contents into the sink, and rinse the test tube with water before putting it back into the rack.

**Observations/Conclusions**  
What observations did you make? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What type of change is illustrated? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How do you know?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Lab Experiment #5 Red Bull & Milk  
Prediction:** What do you think will happen when Red Bull is added or mixed with milk?   
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**Materials: RedBull, milk, cups  
Procedure**

1. Pour 50 ml of Red Bull into the 50 ml of milk.
2. Wait for 5 minutes and observe the substance.
3. Record your observations in the chart.

**Observations/Conclusions**

What type of change is illustrated? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What is your evidence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Illustration:** Draw a picture of the substance below.

**Lab Experiment # 6- Milk and liquid dish detergent**

What do you think will happen when dish detergent is added or mixed with milk?

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**Materials**: milk, toothpick, dish soap, food coloring, bowl

**Procedure**

1) Pour milk into the dish just enough to cover the bottom.

2) Drop a drop of each color of food coloring in 4 corners of the milk.

3) Dip the end of the toothpick into the dish soap and then into the center of 1 drop of colored milk. Don’t stir it!

**Observations/Conclusions**

What type of change is illustrated? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What is your evidence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Illustrate what is happening to the milk below:

**Lab Experiment #7 Barnacles May Be Jealous   
Prediction:** What will happen when a crushed seltzer tablet is placed in water?

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**Materials**: 40 mL of skim milk, 10 mL of vinegar, 3 plastic cups, filter paper or coffee filter, plastic spoon, baking soda, 2 pieces of paper

**Procedure**

1. Pour about 40 mL of skim milk into a plastic cup. Add about 10 mL of vinegar and stir to mix.

2. Pour the mixture through a coffee filter into another cup.

3. Use a plastic spoon to scrape off the solid material that collects on the filter. Place this material in a third cup.

4. Add a pea-sized amount of baking soda to the third cup. Stir to mix.

5. Try sticking two pieces of paper together using this substance.

**Observations/Conclusions**  
Is making glue an example of a physical change or a chemical change? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What evidence is there that a physical or chemical change has taken place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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