

## Physical vs. Chemical Changes and "The Code"

### Chemical Reactions

*Chemical Reactions* – when chemical react together they break apart and combine into new chemicals. When chemical changes occur, chemical bonds are broken and new ones are formed.

### Physical vs. Chemical Changes

**Physical change** – a substance changes appearance, but it is still that substance.



Frozen water

Ice melting changes the appearance, but it is *still water*.



Liquid water

Types of physical changes: *melting; boiling; breaking; cutting; ripping; dissolving.*

**Chemical change** – a substance actually changes into something else.

Oxygen

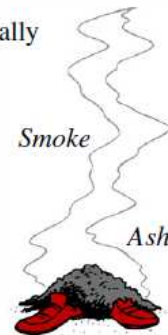
Wood



Fire turns wood and oxygen into smoke, ashes, and heat (energy). The wood is not wood anymore: *it has changed!*

Smoke

Ashes



Yes —  
Physical Change

Question: afterward is it  
still the same substance?

No —  
Chemical Change

### Evidence (Data) of a Chemical Change

**Bubbles** – a new gas formed. Soda pop fizzling is a physical change, though: the soda tastes the same.

**Turns cloudy** – a new solid (a precipitate) formed.

**Temperature changes** – chemical bonds broke or formed, creating or releasing energy.

**Exothermic** (*exergonic*) reactions get hot because energy is *exiting*.

**Endothermic** (*endergonic*) reactions get cold because energy is entering.

**Color changes** – a new substance formed.

**Change in smell or taste** – new substance formed. (SEE WARNING!) →



Chemical Reactions can be dangerous! Mixing **Ammonia and Chlorine bleach** (common cleaners) make **poisonous chlorine gas!** Also, **bleach and vinegar** make **poisonous mustard gas!**

If you mix chemicals and notice a chemical change: be safe, get out! You may have made something dangerous.

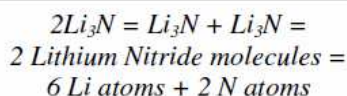
Your tongue and nose are **VERY** sensitive and accurate chemical detectors, **BUT BE VERY CAREFUL:** some chemicals can be harmful or even fatal.

**Waft, Don't Smell!** - Use your hand to waft (wave) some of the smell toward you, if you are instructed to smell a chemical by your teacher.

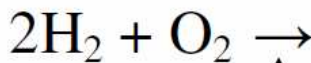
### Reading the Chemical Reaction "Code"

Reactants are on the left side. Reactants "react" in a chemicals reaction.

A *coefficient* shows the number of molecules  
2H<sub>2</sub> means 2 hydrogen molecules for a total of 4 hydrogen atoms.



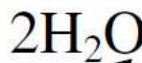
BEFORE  
**Reactants**



The *arrow* means "produces" or "yields" (or "turn into"). It always points from reactants to products.

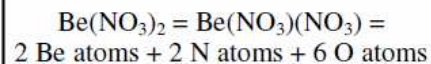
**Reactants produce Products**

AFTER  
**Products**



Products are on the right side. Products are "produced" in a chemical reaction.

A *subscript* shows how many atoms (or ions) in a formula: in H<sub>2</sub>O, the "2" says 2 atoms of hydrogen;



1. Physical change	A. When heat is produced in a chemical reaction.	1. Precipitate	A. A safer way to smell chemicals.
2. Chemical reaction	B. The chemicals before the reaction.	2. Wafting	B. Tells you the number of molecules.
3. Endothermic	C. When chemical bonds are broken and new substances are formed.	3. Ammonia	C. Will produce a poisonous gas when combined with Chlorine bleach.
4. Exothermic	D. A chemical reaction that gets cold.	4. Coefficient	D. Means "produces" or "creates".
5. Reactants	E. The chemicals created in a reaction.	5. Arrow	E. Tells the number of atoms of a particular element in a molecule.
6. Products	F. Changes appearance only.	6. Subscript	F. When a solid "falls out" of a liquid when a reaction occurs.

*Evidence of a Chemical or Physical Change?*

<input type="checkbox"/> Bubbles are formed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes temperature
<input type="checkbox"/> Melting wax	<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting up
<input type="checkbox"/> Gets cold	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaporating something
<input type="checkbox"/> Color changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Ripping paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Boiling water	<input type="checkbox"/> Gets hot
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes smell	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar dissolves
<input type="checkbox"/> Breaking glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Burning gasoline

*Evidence of a Chemical or Physical Change?*

Chewing food into smaller pieces.

When acids in your stomach break down your food into nutrients your body can absorb.

When enzymes in your saliva pre-digest and soften your food in your mouth before you swallow.

Tearing food with your teeth.

The complete act of digestion (all of the above).

What two sets of household chemical must you NEVER mix together? Be sure to give what they create.

*Endothermic or Exothermic Reaction?*

An activated heat pack?

Two chemicals are mixed and get hot?

Two chemicals are mixed and get cold?

Heat goes into the reaction?

An activated cold pack?

Heat comes out of a reaction?

Why are smelling or tasting chemicals dangerous?

If you HAD to smell a chemical, how would do it?

Is dissolving salt into water a physical or chemical change? (Be sure to give proof one way or the other.)

*How many total molecules are there?*

<input type="checkbox"/> 4H <sub>2</sub> O	<input type="checkbox"/> 3Be <sub>2</sub> Br	<input type="checkbox"/> 5CO <sub>2</sub>
<input type="checkbox"/> 8NaCl	<input type="checkbox"/> 2O <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> MgS

*How many total atoms are there?*

<input type="checkbox"/> 4H <sub>2</sub> O	<input type="checkbox"/> 3Be <sub>2</sub> Br	<input type="checkbox"/> 5CO <sub>2</sub>
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$\text{Li}_2\text{O} + \text{MgCl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{LiCl} + \text{MgO}$

Name the second reactant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name the first product: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Lithiums on the product side? \_\_\_\_\_

$2\text{K}_3\text{N} + 3\text{CaCrO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2 + 3\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$

Circle the second reactant. Underline the first product.

How many potassium atoms on the reactant side: \_\_\_\_\_

How many oxygen atoms on the product side? \_\_\_\_\_

$2\text{AlCl}_3 + 3\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Al}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3 + 6\text{NaCl}$

Circle the first reactant. Underline the second reactant.

How many Sodium atoms on the reactant side? \_\_\_\_\_

How many table salt molecules on the product side? \_\_\_\_\_

$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{C} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}$

Circle and Name the second product: \_\_\_\_\_

How many total atoms on the reactant side: \_\_\_\_\_

How many total molecules on the product side: \_\_\_\_\_