

# Chapter 1: Fun with the Periodic Table

## Chapter Challenge

As you study the properties of the elements, you become able to place them into categories. You will learn how Mendeleev was able to arrange the elements according to the chemical behavior that was known at his time. Your challenge is to develop a game that can be used to teach others how to learn and use the periodic table. These games are left up to your creativity. Card, computer, or board games are some choices that you may decide to use.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: Organizing a Store

Students organize a store by categorizing the different items that are contained in the store and discover what to do with new items that had not been accounted for.

Periodicity  
Trends  
Mendeleev

### Activity 2: Elements and Their Properties

Students determine some of the physical and chemical properties of elements and learn how to use this information to organize elements into families.

Atoms, Elements  
Physical properties  
Chemical properties  
Conductivity  
Reactivity, pH

### Activity 3: Atoms and Their Masses

Students show why they believe in atoms and how the elements of different atoms interact with each other in a single-replacement reaction.

Atoms, Atomic mass  
Single replacement  
Double-replacement reaction  
Law of Definite Proportions  
Compounds, Filtration  
Quantitative analysis  
Measurements  
Mole, Avogadro's number  
Dalton, Gay-Lussac, Proust

### Activity 4: Are Atoms Indivisible?

Students learn through experimentation the properties of electrons and how Rutherford's experiment determined the location of the proton. In addition to this, they find that the nucleus is very dense.

Cathode rays  
Properties of electrons  
Nucleus, Alpha particles  
Dalton's Atomic Theory  
Rutherford, Thomson  
Nagaoka, Millikan  
Coulomb's Law

### Activity 5: The Electronic Behavior of Atoms

Students learn that when energy is supplied to a hydrogen atom, its electron is excited to higher levels and gives off light when it falls to lower levels. They also learn how to calculate the frequency of light waves and the energy of these waves.

Hydrogen line spectrum  
Frequency, Wavelength  
Photons, Einstein  
Bohr's Atomic Model  
Electromagnetic spectrum  
Spectroscopic analysis  
Planck, Quantum

### Activity 6: Atoms with More than One Electron

Students discover that each element produces a unique line spectrum and that the ionization potential of the elements helps them to understand why the elements occupy certain positions on the periodic table.

Element line spectrum  
Ionization energy, Ion  
Electron configuration  
Period, Group, *s, p, d, f* orbitals  
Excited state, Ground state  
Heisenberg, Wave-particle duality  
Atomic number

### Activity 7: How Electrons Determine Chemical Behavior

Students learn how to write the electron configuration for all of the elements. They also discover how the electron configuration can be used to show why families of elements behave the same with other elements.

Electron configuration  
Inert gases, Noble gases  
Valence electrons  
Chemical families  
Transition elements  
Rayleigh, Cavendish, Ramsay

### Activity 8: How Atoms Interact with Each Other

Students learn why atoms combine in certain proportions by transferring or sharing electrons from one atom to another. Students also learn the difference between an ionic and covalent bond.

Octet rule, Bonding  
Ionic bonds, Covalent bonds  
Chemical formulas  
Binary compounds  
Electron dot structure  
Bonding electrons  
Nonbonding electrons

### Activity 9: What Determines and Limits an Atom's Mass?

The students learn how to determine the atomic mass of an element and how the average atomic mass is determined from the common isotopes of an element. The activity also leads them through the factors that determine nuclear stability and how fission and fusion differ.

Atomic Mass  
Isotopes, Neutrons  
Nucleons, Beta particle  
Radioactivity, Half-life  
Binding energy  
Electrostatic forces  
Strong nuclear force  
Nuclear fission, Nuclear decay  
Nuclear fusion, Gamma ray

# Chapter 2: Movie Special Effects

## Chapter Challenge

A movie producer has asked your class to create a movie scene using special effects that involve chemical concepts. You are asked to develop a script for the movie scene and to provide an explanation of the chemistry concepts you used to produce your special effect.

## Activity Summaries

### Activity 1: Elements and Compounds

The activity discusses the basic concept of what is matter and how we can change compounds back to the elements. Also, students will conduct some simple tests to identify hydrogen and oxygen gas.

### Activity 2: States of Matter: Solid, Liquid, and Gas

This activity helps the students develop an understanding of molecular motion in the different physical states: solid, liquid, and gas.

### Activity 3: Solutions, Suspensions, and Colloids

This activity shows the students how to differentiate between solutions, suspensions, and colloids. The mixtures are tested for the Tyndall Effect and if they can be separated by simple filtration.

### Activity 4: Properties of Matter

This activity helps the students understand how small models can be used to represent large structures. Models can be used to develop an understanding of the physical properties of a substance.

### Activity 5: Mass and Volume

The students will determine the density of liquids and solids. The solids will be irregularly shaped, so that water displacement techniques need to be used to determine the densities.

### Activity 6: Metals and Nonmetals

This activity will study the physical properties of metals and will show how they can be differentiated from the nonmetals. They will also learn how the metals, metalloids, and nonmetals are arranged on the periodic table.

### Activity 7: Polymers

This activity shows the students how to make the polymer “slime” and how to test this non-Newtonian liquid. They will find that it has both solid and liquid characteristics.

### Activity 8: Identifying Matter

This activity uses flame tests to help identify metal cations. The principles of electron excitation are discussed and applied to fireworks and neon signs. Different metals can be used to produce the different colors.

### Activity 9: Organic Substances

The students will learn what the term organic means to scientists and how the layman uses it incorrectly. They will study how to write organic structures and apply the Law of Conservation of Mass to combustion reactions.

## Chemistry Principles

Electrolysis  
Chemical reaction  
Elements  
Compounds  
Chemical properties  
Dissociation

Heating curves, Melting point  
Boiling point, Vaporization  
Potential energy, Kinetic energy  
Physical states of matter  
Sublimation

Tyndall Effect, Suspensions  
Emulsions, Filtration  
Homogeneous mixture  
Heterogeneous mixture  
Solutions, Solvent, Solute

Composites  
Emulsions, Texture  
Elasticity, Malleability

Density, Estimation  
Displacement  
Measurements  
Uncertainty

Metallic properties  
Nonmetals, Metalloids  
Oxidation  
Alloys

Polymers, Proteins  
Starch, Cellulose  
Cross-linked polymers  
Commercial uses

Metal flame colors  
Electron excitation  
Ions, Flame tests

Hydrocarbons  
Organic/Inorganic compounds  
Carbon bonding  
Alkanes, Alkenes  
Alkynes  
Combustion  
Law of Conservation of Mass



# Chapter 3: Artist as Chemist

## Chapter Challenge

Art is an activity found in every culture throughout history. Art can be expressed in a wide variety of media. You are asked to create a work of art that expresses yourself and to create a museum display around your artwork. The chemistry concepts you use to produce your artwork will be described in a museum placard.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: What Makes Something Art?

The students view several examples of artwork and discuss the features which enable a work to be defined as “art.”

Cultural role of chemistry  
Societal role of chemistry

### Activity 2: Choice of Media for Durability

This activity helps the students to understand the environmental impact of chemicals on sculptures. While doing this, they develop a working knowledge of acid/base chemistry by observing the effects of carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide, followed by designing their own experiment.

Acid/base chemistry  
pH scale, Indicators  
Chemical reactions  
Displacement reactions  
Synthesis reactions  
Arrhenius, G.N.Lewis  
Brønsted-Lowry

### Activity 3: Chemical Behavior of Metals

This activity shows the students how to determine the relative reactivity of different metals and which are more durable against corrosion. Valence electrons are discussed and the concept of electroplating is demonstrated.

Reactivity of metals  
Valence electrons  
Ions, Octet rule  
Electroplating  
Electron configuration

### Activity 4: Physical Behavior of Metals

Beginning with making brass from a penny, this activity helps the students understand the common physical properties of metals. The “electron sea” model is introduced to describe metallic bonding and the concepts of hardening, tempering, and annealing are explored.

Alloys, Brass, Bronze  
Electron sea model  
Cations, Annealing  
Tempering, Malleability  
Properties of metals

### Activity 5: Clay

Students will examine and dehydrate a hydrated compound as a model to better understand the chemistry of clay. From their dehydration data, students will determine the percent of water in the compound. The mole concept will be applied to determine the formula of the hydrate.

Nomenclature  
Mole, Molar mass  
Hydrate, Anhydrate  
Desiccants  
Ceramics

### Activity 6: Paints

The students will test various combinations of soluble compounds to determine which will produce precipitates in double-replacement reactions. This data will be tabulated and used to determine the best compounds to use as pigments for their paints.

Soluble, Insoluble  
Precipitate  
Suspension  
Anions  
Cations  
Double replacement  
Solubility rules

### Activity 7: Dyes

Students will determine a procedure for extracting dyes from natural materials and use them to dye pieces of wool. Then they will be introduced to the concept that the bonding of dyes to fibers is often pH-dependent. Students will observe the effect of changing pH on the colors of two natural dyes.

Organic compounds  
Mordant  
Chromophore  
Dye  
pH paper

### Activity 8: How Does Stained Glass Get Its Color?

In this activity, students will use borax as a glass substitute to observe how different compounds produce different colors in the “glass” as they are heated in a flame.

Borax, Minerals  
Metal oxides  
Ceramics, Glazes



# Chapter 4: Chemical Dominoes

## Chapter Challenge

You are challenged to create a prototype of a “chemical-dominoes sequence” that can be sold by a toy company to 10-15 year-old children. You are asked to demonstrate the product to company executives, as well as to explain the chemistry concepts behind each step. A detailed written explanation of the chemistry is also required.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: Alternative Pathways

Students compare different ways of producing carbon dioxide gas to blow up a balloon that tips a lever. They brainstorm criteria for selecting which method might be best for using in the *Chemical Dominoes* apparatus. After an introduction to two chemical concepts (endothermic/exothermic changes, entropy increase/decrease) and drawings of arrangements of particles in different states (before/after), each student in the group becomes an expert in one of the carbon dioxide production methods.

Reactants, Products  
Endothermic, Exothermic  
Energy, Entropy  
Engineering design process  
Covalent bond, Ionic bond  
Excited state

### Activity 2: Balancing Chemical Equations

Students first learn to recognize whether a chemical equation is balanced. Then, they learn to balance simple chemical equations by an accounting method. Along the way, they practice identifying how many of a particular element there are in a formula, which involves reading parentheses and subscripts properly. They also balance the equation for Method 2 from the previous activity, prove that it's balanced, and then design an experiment and demonstrate that mass is conserved when the reaction is run.

Conservation of matter  
Balancing chemical equations

### Activity 3: How Much Gas is Produced?

In this activity, students use pennies and a balance to explore the concept of a mole. They also learn dimensional analysis with “chemical dominoes.” The point of the activity, for students, is to be able to predict ahead of time how much baking soda will be necessary to use to make this happen. Then, after an empirical solution to the problem, they learn stoichiometry and test their “hypothesis.” Finally, they participate in a discussion of error analysis to query why the prediction and reality are so different.

Stoichiometry  
Dimensional analysis  
Mole, Molar mass  
Prediction  
Error analysis  
STP

### Activity 4: What Can Destroy a Metal?

Students build a circuit to light the red LED using aluminum foil as wire. They then experimentally learn to turn off the circuit by destroying the aluminum using three “mystery” chemicals. By observing the effects of known chemicals on metals, they deduce the identity of the “mystery” chemicals. They practice writing and balancing oxidation-reduction reactions. In a short activity, students address the confusion between dissolving, melting, and reacting and learn to define the terms properly.

Metal-activity series  
Reactivity of metals  
Oxidation-reduction  
Balancing equations  
Half-reactions  
Dissolving/melting  
Acids

### Activity 5: Producing and Harnessing Light

Students view the spectrum of visible light by looking at an incandescent light through a diffraction grating. After seeing that “white” light is made of many colors, they view the red LED through the diffraction grating. They then determine the minimum operating voltages for a series of colors of LEDs, leading them to conclude that as the wavelength of light decreases, the voltage (energy) required to light the LED increases. Next, students determine which colors of light can cause a glow-in-the-dark toy to phosphoresce. They conclude that for the phosphorescence to occur, a minimum amount of light energy must be added.

Matter-energy interactions  
Emission spectroscopy  
Absorption spectroscopy  
Energy vs. wavelength  
Electromagnetic spectrum  
Visible light, Fluorescence  
Conservation of energy  
Phosphorescence  
Excited state  
Ground state

### Activity 6: Electrochemical Cells

Students use their red LED to build a conductivity tester. After testing several solutions, they determine which solutions conduct electricity, and therefore contain electrolytes. Students then construct a zinc-copper battery and use the LED to determine in which direction electricity flows. Afterward, students are introduced to two ways to create more voltage (so they can light LEDs that require greater voltage): connecting batteries in series, and changing the relative concentrations of the zinc and copper ion solutions.

Enthalpy changes  
Endothermic  
Exothermic  
Effects of catalysts,  
Bond energy  
Reaction diagrams  
Activation Energy  
Activated complex  
Spontaneous reaction

### Activity 7: Reactions that Produce Heat

Students interpret observations from a military “Meals, Ready-to-Eat” (MRE) package. They operate the MRE and make sense of their observations. They learn about factors that speed up reactions, including particle size and catalysts. Finally, they use Hess's Law to determine whether changes are endothermic or exothermic, and how much heat energy the reactions require or give off.

Electrochemical cells  
Half-reactions  
Spontaneity  
Electrolytes  
Hess's Law

### Activity 8: Rubber Bands and Spontaneity

Students experiment with a rubber band, stretched and unstretched, to learn about enthalpy and entropy. They then build models to explain the behavior of the rubber bands. They formalize ideas of enthalpy and entropy change, and relate these ideas back to other activities in this chapter.

Reaction driving forces  
System, Surroundings  
Spontaneity  
Exothermic, Endothermic  
Degree of disorder  
Gibbs free energy  
Polymers, Monomers

# Chapter 5: Ideal Toy

## Chapter Challenge

You are challenged to create a toy that uses various chemical and/or gas principles. Your toy should appeal to an age group of your choice. Your final presentation to the board of the *Ideal Toy Company* will include a written proposal, either a detailed drawing or a mock prototype of the toy, a statement of any potential hazards or waste disposal issues, and a cost analysis of the item for manufacturing. An oral and written explanation of the chemistry principles used is a key part of the proposal.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: Batteries

In this three-part activity students will first explore what they already know about batteries and examine several types of batteries. Starting on the macro level, they will make observations about commercial batteries. Then they will use the metal-activity series to guide them as they build their own electrochemical cells. They will learn the nanoscopic concepts of redox reactions and electrochemical cell chemistry. They then return to the macroscopic level as they attempt to power a toy with the cells they have created.

Chemical properties of matter  
Metal-activity series  
Electrochemistry  
Redox reactions  
Matter/energy interactions  
Qualitative observations  
Quantitative observations  
Spectator ions, Cathode  
Anode, Voltage, Current

### Activity 2: Solid, Liquid, or Gas?

In this two-part activity, students will use the free Chem Sketch and 3-D Viewer programs from ACD Labs to create representations of different molecules. The focus is on the fact that the size and shape of a molecule have an important effect on the properties of the molecule. Properties examined are boiling points and melting points of organic compounds.

Kinetics  
Particle nature of matter  
Molecular size, shape, polarity  
Polar, Non-polar  
Electronegativity  
Intermolecular forces  
London dispersion forces

### Activity 3: Cartesian Divers

This activity involves two parts. In Part A, students rotate through two stations and explore the effect of pressure on gas volume. In one station, students will simply explore pressure changes on volume using a syringe. At another station, students will explore pressure changes on buoyancy of a Cartesian diver, without using their hands. In Part B, students will use the Pressure Sensor probe and their graphing calculators to derive Boyle's Law ( $P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$ ).

Natural laws  
Units of pressure  
Boyle's Law  
Gas constant  
mm Hg

### Activity 4: Hot-Air Balloons

Students will use an indirect measure of gas volumes at decreasing temperatures to determine the relationship between gas volume and temperature. From this data, they will graphically determine absolute zero and gain an understanding of the Kelvin scale versus the Celsius scale. Then, students will apply their understanding of temperature and gas volumes by constructing and testing hot-air balloons.

Kelvin scale  
Charles' law  
Kinetic theory  
Absolute zero

### Activity 5: How are Gases Produced?

In this two-part activity students will generate and test for hydrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide gases. They will then determine an effective ratio of hydrogen/oxygen gases to use in the propulsion of a small rocket.

Molar relationships  
Reaction types, Catalysts  
Decomposition reactions  
Single-replacement reaction  
Double-replacement reaction  
Balanced equations

### Activity 6: Ideal Gas Law for the Ideal Toy

This activity gives students an opportunity to use knowledge gained from the preceding activities in order to determine the volume of one mole of hydrogen gas. With this information in hand they will then calculate the gas law constant "R".

STP, Gas law constant  
Combined gas law  
Ideal gas law

### Activity 7: Moving Molecules

First, students will use pictorial and physical models to determine the effect of mass on gas effusion rates. Then, students will apply stoichiometric relationships to determine the amount of HCl and Zn needed to completely inflate a baggie with hydrogen gas. Finally, students will explain the observations made using the balloon/baggie model and the molecular weights of the gases generated.

Kinetic molecular theory  
Graham's Law  
Limiting reagents  
Balanced equations  
Diffusion, Effusion

### Activity 8: Plastics

This activity has two parts. In Parts A and B, students will make and explore a thermoplastic and a thermoset polymer. They will note the differences between the two types of plastics and construct an item, which could be a part of their prototype, from each type. In Part B, students will test different types of plastics to determine the best choice for its function. Students will identify two important criteria of the plastic needed for their toy, and then they will design tests to determine which plastic best fits their criteria.

Types of polymers  
Thermoset  
Thermoplastic  
Organic compounds  
Polymers, Monomers

# Chapter 6: Cool Chemistry Show

## Chapter Challenge

One of the best ways to demonstrate that you understand the chemical concepts that you have studied is to teach those concepts to others. Your challenge in the *Cool Chemistry Show* chapter is to demonstrate chemistry concepts to grade school children. You not only demonstrate the concepts, but also have to be able to explain them and to answer questions on the concept you are presenting.

## Activity Summaries

### Activity 1: Chemical and Physical Changes

Students learn what conditions are necessary in order to determine whether the process is a physical or chemical change.

## Chemistry Principles

Chemical change  
Physical change  
Chemical reaction  
Chemical tests  
Reactant, Product  
Solution, Solvent, Solute  
Molarity, Concentration  
Saturated solution, Unsaturated  
Precipitate, Polymer

### Activity 2: More Chemical Changes

Students learn what characteristics are used to identify a chemical reaction taking place, how indicators are used to identify acids and bases, and tests used to identify gases.

Chemical tests  
Acid-Base indicators  
Precipitates

### Activity 3: Chemical Names and Formulas

Students learn how to use the symbols from the periodic table and how to write the correct formulas of compounds. In addition to writing formulas, they will also learn how to name compounds.

Chemical symbols  
Chemical formulas  
Chemical compounds  
Chemical names  
Anions, Cations,  
Polyatomic ions  
Covalent bond  
Oxidation number

### Activity 4: Chemical Equations

Students practice writing chemical changes by using word equations and chemical equations. In addition to learning how to express an equation, they will also study single-replacement and double-replacement reactions.

Chemical equations  
Balancing equations  
Single-replacement  
Double-replacement  
Synthesis  
Decomposition  
Metal-activity series  
Solubility rules

### Activity 5: Chemical Energy

Students learn how to use chemical thermodynamics to produce products that use endothermic and exothermic reactions.

Heat energy  
Endothermic reactions  
Exothermic reactions  
Conservation of energy  
Activation energy  
Heat vs. Temperature

### Activity 6: Reaction Rates

Students study those factors that can alter the rate of a chemical reaction. The factors studied are temperature, concentration, the nature of the reactants, and catalysts.

Reaction rates  
Concentration  
Kinetic energy  
Collision theory  
Catalysts, Surface area

### Activity 7: Acids, Bases, and Indicators—Colorful Chemistry

Students study the special properties of acids and bases. Special properties that the student will need to understand: how they react with metals, how they feel, how they taste (however, remember that you do not taste chemicals in the laboratory), and how they can be tested for using indicators.

Acids/Bases  
Arrhenius acids and bases  
Indicators, Buffers  
pH Scale  
Titration  
Neutralization

### Activity 8: Color Reactions that Involve the Transfer of Electrons

Students investigate metal activity. They study oxidation and reduction and how we might be able to control them to our benefit.

Oxidation, Reduction  
Ions, Spectator ions  
Polyatomic ions  
Single replacement  
Galvanization  
Metal plating, Rust



# Chapter 7: Cookin' Chem

## Chapter Challenge

This chapter challenges you to create a segment of a television cooking show that explains in detail the chemistry behind the cooking involved. This can be videotaped, live, or a voice-over of a popular television program. In your final presentation, you must discuss the chemical principles in each part of the food preparation that you select.

## Activity Summaries

### Activity 1: What is Heat?

By studying the heat from a light bulb, students learn the three ways in which heat can be transferred. A distinction is made between heat and temperature. Heat transfer is also discussed by examining a partially cooked potato. Students find examples in their homes that demonstrate convection, conduction, and radiation.

### Activity 2: Safety and Types of Fires

By observing a unlit and lit candle, students learn the necessary features that support combustion. This knowledge is used to discuss the control of combustion reactions.

### Activity 3: Cooking Fuels

Using an insulated container containing water, students measure the heat content of several fuels. This leads to a discussion of how energy is stored in fuels and how it is released.

### Activity 4: Boiling Water

By taking data and graphing a heating curve, students learn about the heat of evaporation, and phase changes. The students also learn the effect of pressure on the boiling point.

### Activity 5: Freezing Water

By taking data and graphing a cooling curve, students learn about the heat of fusion, and phase changes. The students also practice their skills of graphing.

### Activity 6: How Do You Choose Cookware?

The students examine the properties of several substances (Cu, Fe, Al, plastics, glass, ceramics) and learn about specific heat and the principles of heat transfer.

### Activity 7: How Do Proteins in Foods React?

Students denature raw egg protein in two ways—with heat by boiling in water and by pH change with acid. The structure of proteins is studied: primary, secondary, and tertiary.

### Activity 8: How Does the Home Canning Process Work?

Students observe the effects of pressure on a heated can which is suddenly cooled. The principles are investigated more quantitatively in a simulated canning experiment using a rubber balloon as the “canned food.”

## Chemistry Principles

Heat vs. temperature  
Convection, Conduction  
Radiation, Heat energy  
Kelvin scale, Absolute zero  
Calorie

Combustion reactions  
Balancing equations  
Hydrocarbons, Catalysts  
Law of Conservation of Mass

Thermochemistry  
Exothermic, Endothermic  
Activation energy  
Bond energy, Joules  
Mole concept  
Hydroxyl group, Alcohols  
Specific heat capacity

Heating curves  
Phase changes  
Heat of vaporization  
Boiling point  
Energy of phase changes

Cooling curves  
Phase changes  
Heat of fusion  
Melting point  
Energy of phase changes

Specific heat  
Calorimetry  
Conduction  
Alloys

Organic molecules  
Denaturation  
Functional groups  
Proteins, Amino acids  
Primary, secondary, tertiary structure

Boyle's Law  
Kinetic theory  
Atmospheric pressure  
Inverse proportion



# Chapter 8: CSI Chemistry

## Chapter Challenge

You are challenged to create a crime scene and to prepare evidence that requires the use of at least three forensic chemistry techniques learned in this chapter in order to solve the crime. Before developing the story for the crime-show episode, you will need to analyze the evidence created in the laboratory and to determine which pieces the detectives in the show will use to solve the crime. Your crime story should include a police report, description of the crime, a diagram of the crime scene, a list of all the evidence found at the scene, and a thorough discussion of the chemical concepts used.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: Clue Me In

In this activity, students use their deductive reasoning skills to identify elements based on clues about their properties, names, position on the periodic table, and history. Next, students work collaboratively to gather evidence and solve a crime using deductive reasoning.

Elements  
Periodic table  
Categorization  
Chemical families  
Group, period, series  
Deductive reasoning  
Halogens, Metals  
Nonmetals, Metalloids  
Alkali, Alkaline earth  
Transition metals

### Activity 2: Distinguishing Glass Fragments

In this activity, students determine the density of a glass sample using the slope method. They compare the density of their sample to the density of another group's sample to determine if they have the same type of glass.

Density, Measurements  
Graphing  
Chemical properties  
Physical properties  
Extensive properties  
Intensive properties

### Activity 3: Presumptive Blood Testing: The Luminol Reaction

In this activity, students learn the principles of chemiluminescence while testing bovine hemoglobin with luminol reagent. These principles include ground state, excited state, energy levels and catalysis. They also study the formation of ions through the gain or loss of electrons.

Atomic structure  
Spectroscopy  
Chemiluminescence  
Ions, Reactants  
Products, Catalyst  
Ground state, Excited state  
Energy levels

### Activity 4: Identification of White Powders

In this activity students learn how to use and read a flow chart. They will also create a flow chart that will identify six white powders. The creation of the flow chart will be based on the chemical and physical properties of the six white powders with which they experiment.

Anions, Cations  
Polyatomic ions  
Ionic bonds  
Solubility rules  
Double replacement  
Word equations  
Flow charts  
Qualitative analysis

### Activity 5: Developing Latent Prints

Students learn how to use a double-replacement reaction and an oxidation-reduction reaction to develop invisible fingerprints on paper.

Solvents, Solutes  
Oxidation  
Reduction  
Fingerprint analysis  
Crystalline structure

### Activity 6: Metal Activity Series

Students add metals to different ionic solutions to create a smaller version of the activity series.

Oxidizing agent  
Reducing agent  
Single replacement  
Double replacement  
Oxidation number  
Valence electrons  
Transition metals

### Activity 7: Serial-Number Etching

In this activity, students stamp a serial number into a piece of metal and then apply what they have learned about single-replacement reactions to restore that serial number after it has been obliterated. Next, they build and manipulate a clay model in order to understand what happens to metal atoms when they are stamped and how the changes caused by stamping allow restoration of serial numbers.

Redox reactions  
Properties of metals  
Nanostructure of metals  
Etching, Grain of metal

### Activity 8: Chromatographic Capers

In Part A, students perform a separation of black marker dye. In Part B, they create a model of the separation process to learn how it separates the different dyes in the ink. In this model a felt board is used to represent the paper and different colored poker chips represent the dyes in the marker ink. Finally, in Part C, they create a set of standard chromatograms  $R_f$  value of different black inks. They are then given an unknown sample of black ink and asked to determine the brand of ink.

Chromatography  
Mixtures  
Pure substances  
Separation methods  
Mobile phase  
Stationary phase  
 $R_f$  value

# Chapter 9: It's Alimentary

## Chapter Challenge

In this chapter you are challenged to learn the chemistry involved in the digestion of food as it passes down the alimentary canal. You will demonstrate your understanding in a skit depicting the perils you would encounter in a trip down the alimentary canal, assuming you had become one-billionth of your current size. The vehicles you ride in this futuristic theme park called Anatomy World must be a portion of food from a recently ingested meal. Most of the chemical substances that you encounter will be much larger than they are in this “nano-world.” In order to survive you will have to understand chemistry at its molecular level, instead of observing only what you can see and manipulate in the “macro-world” of a chemistry laboratory.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: The Upper End of the Alimentary Canal

The effect of salivary amylase is examined in the mouth and in the test tube. Tests for both starch and sugars are conducted on matzo crackers that have been hydrolyzed. Rate of reaction is studied.

Hydrolysis  
Starch test  
Sugar test  
Benedict's reagent  
Reaction rates  
Enzyme/catalyst  
Amylase

### Activity 2: Antacids in the Stomach

The purpose of antacids is examined. Are all antacids the same? A comparison of standard antacids' neutralizing capacity is performed. The nature of a new acid-base indicator is explored in these titrations. Heartburn and acid indigestion are compared.

Acids  
Bases  
pH  
Titration  
Neutralization  
Indicators

### Activity 3: Studying Carbon Dioxide

How can carbon dioxide be identified? A bottle of carbonated beverage is degassed and the volume measured. The volume is studied at three different temperatures. The need for an absolute temperature scale is developed and Charles' Law is introduced.

Gas collections  
CO<sub>2</sub> test, Limewater  
Charles' Law  
Kelvin scale  
Precipitate

### Activity 4: Observing Real Food in Artificial Stomachs

Four foods are subjected to differing conditions in artificial “stomachs” with the goal of finding out the optimum set of conditions needed to digest food in the stomach. Evidence for the type of food that can be digested in the stomach is also collected.

Hydrolysis  
Catalytic action  
Pepsin  
Enzyme activity with pH  
Peristalsis  
Proteins, Amino acids

### Activity 5: Gas Pressure

The relationship between pressure and temperature is experimentally determined by monitoring the pressure generated by carbon dioxide being produced from reaction of an effervescent antacid tablet and water. Quantitative methods are developed to calculate volume, pressure, and temperature using Gay-Lussac's Law and Charles' Law. The fundamental principles of the Kinetic-Molecular theory of gases is examined.

Gas pressure  
Atmospheric pressure  
Gay-Lussac's Law  
Reaction rates  
Charles' Law  
Kinetic theory  
Ideal gas

### Activity 6: Size of Molecules

A scale will be developed for common biochemical molecules assuming they could be enlarged from their nano-world size into the macro-world.

Scale and models  
Nanometer

### Activity 7: Hydrolysis of Lactose

The cause and treatment for lactose intolerance will be studied. The fate of certain monosaccharides and disaccharides in the presence of lactase will be explored.

Lactose intolerance  
Disaccharides  
Monosaccharides  
Testing for glucose  
Enzymes



# Chapter 10: Soap Sense

## Chapter Challenge

In this chapter, you are challenged to create a soap from natural sources that are readily available. In working through the activities, you explore variations in the two main ingredients of soap and their effect on the properties of your target soap. At the conclusion, you will prepare two presentations—one for corporate executives of a soap company and a second for the marketing department of that company.

## Activity Summaries

### Activity 1: What Makes a Good Soap?

Students list different cleaners and soaps and describe their characteristics. They design and administer a survey to identify the most important characteristics. They choose a characteristic they want to measure quantitatively, and design an experiment to do so. After running the experiment, they discuss possible revisions.

### Activity 2: Modeling Molecules

Students build organic molecules of steadily increasing complexity, and examine the chemical bonding rules which determine these structures. A fat molecule is modeled and subjected to saponification and a skit is performed to demonstrate this reaction.

### Activity 3: How Do You Clean Dirty Laundry?

Students test different cleaning solutions of varying polarity on different types of “dirt” to see which ones are most effective. They will discover that most types of dirt fall into one of two categories (polar or non-polar) and that laundry detergent in water will wash out most of them. Students perform a couple of quick experiments involving static electricity, observing that water behaves like a charged object and kerosene does not.

### Activity 4: How Does Soap Work?

Students explore surface tension and the effect of soap on it. They then separate various liquids and solids according to their polarity. Models to describe the behavior of interactions between polar and non-polar substances are designed. The effect of adding a surfactant is considered, and students will also observe the characteristics of a mixture of water and oil.

### Activity 5: How Does Chain Length Affect the Properties?

Students determine the melting points of three saturated fatty acids of increasing chain length, identifying the trend. They examine a heating curve to help understand the phase transition between the solid and liquid states, and generate an explanation for this behavior. They examine three soaps made with high percentages of these three fatty acids, looking for trends between the properties and increasing chain length.

### Activity 6: Changing the Fat: Does Unsaturation Make a Difference?

Students use paper clips to model the overall shapes of a related series of fatty acids with increasing numbers of double bonds and examine the relationship between shape and melting point. They model the packing behavior of each acid, then predict and measure their melting points. Students will examine the properties of soaps containing large amounts of these fatty acids in terms of the number of double bonds. They will then predict the attributes of other soaps with these fatty acids.

### Activity 7: Soap, Other Bases, and pH

Students measure the pH of an array of different soaps brought from home, and use acid to neutralize the pH of the soap. Then they measure the pH of an acid solution and try to dilute the acid enough to change the pH by 1 unit. After they discover the amount of water required to change the pH by 1 unit, they make predictions for more pH changes and carry them out.

### Activity 8: Making Soap Functional and Appealing

Students test and compare the soap they bought as a target to the soaps they made before beginning the chapter. They consider the properties of the various fats available and choose one or more as the basis for the soap they will design. After learning about moisturizers, thickeners, pH adjustments, and foaming agents, they decide whether to include any of them or not. Finally, they make the soap they have designed.

## Chemistry Principles

Experimental design  
Cleaning agents  
Soaps vs. other cleaners  
Market research  
Detergents, Soap scum  
Quantitative tests  
Qualitative tests

Molecular models  
Lewis diagrams  
Organic molecules  
Covalent bonding  
Saponification  
Fat, Fatty acid  
Bohr model, Quantum mechanics  
Valence electrons  
Functional group  
Carboxylic acid group  
Bonding and nonbonding electrons  
Cis/trans double bonds

Electrostatic forces  
Hydrophilic interactions  
Hydrophobic interactions  
Polar molecules  
Non-polar molecules  
Polar covalent bonds  
Electronegativity  
Surfactant

Polar molecules  
Non-polar molecules  
Surface tension  
Surfactants  
Micelles

Melting point/freezing point  
Heating/cooling curves  
Phase transitions  
Structural effects on properties  
Intermolecular forces  
London dispersion forces  
Saponification, Fats  
Fatty acids

Melting points  
Molecular packing  
Molecular structure  
Single and double bonds  
Saturated/unsaturated  
Van der Waals forces  
Animal fat  
Vegetable fat  
Polyunsaturated

pH scale, Logarithms  
Acids/Bases  
Arrhenius definition  
Brønsted definition  
Neutralization  
Dilution  
Mole, Molarity  
Weak acids and bases  
Strong acids and bases

Experimental design  
Soap additives  
Marketing  
Moisturizers  
Humectants  
Thickeners, Waxes  
Foaming agents  
Esters

# Chapter 11: H<sub>2</sub>Woes

## Chapter Challenge

You have been assigned by an international health organization, such as UNESCO, to improve the water supplies of communities in Latin America. The communities are of three types: **1. mining** and logging areas that have drawn water from mountain streams; **2. farming** areas that rely on wells, rivers, swamps, or lakes as sources of water; **3. industrialized** areas that depend on water reservoirs fed by rivers and wells. You will develop a flow chart for their recommended purification procedures, explain the chemistry behind the procedures, and present your plan to the class.

## Activity Summaries

## Chemistry Principles

### Activity 1: What's in Natural Water?

Students learn some of the minerals common to natural waters and that they are composed of ions. They also study the reactions involved when gases dissolve in water and how to measure concentrations. Different sources of pollution, such as agricultural runoff and industrial discharge, are encountered.

Hydrological cycle  
Aquifer  
Naming compounds  
Ionic substances  
Molecular compounds  
Polar covalent bonds  
Concentration units, ppm  
Electronegativity  
Hydrogen bonds  
Solubility rules

### Activity 2: Factors Affecting Solubility of Solids

Students explore solubility for ionic compounds and develop a set of rules for various combinations of cations and anions. The solubility of covalent compounds is also investigated and the importance of hydrogen bonds is discovered. The effect of temperature on solubility is observed, as well as the exothermic or endothermic nature of solution formation.

Solubility rules  
Chemical bonding  
Electrostatic forces  
Energy changes, Enthalpy  
Disorder changes  
Thermodynamics  
Gibbs free energy  
Ion dissolution  
Saturated solutions  
Disorder changes, Spontaneity

### Activity 3: How Much Solute is in the Water?

Students learn several common measurements for substances found in water. These include nitrates, iron, and the alkaline earth elements, magnesium and calcium. These quantitative analysis techniques will use colorimetry and titration.

Periodic trends  
Classes of substances  
Solubility  
Colorimetric analysis  
Precipitation reactions  
Acids and bases, pH  
Titration, EDTA  
Water hardness  
Indicators, Endpoint  
Ion-specific electrodes

### Activity 4: Aqueous Balance: Equilibrium

Students generate calcium oxalate in a micro-lab experiment and calculate the  $K_{sp}$  for the equilibrium. Similarly, the  $K_w$  of water is explored. The concept of a shift in equilibrium and methods for causing a shift are learned.

Equilibrium  
Equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$   
Solubility Product,  $K_{sp}$   
Acid/base equilibria, pH  
Law of Mass Action  
LeChatelier's principle  
Total ionic equation  
Net-ionic equation  
Spectator ions

### Activity 5: Removing Suspended Particles and Iron

As a model, students construct a filtration column using a syringe and use it to filter iron (as its hydroxide) from water. In a second experiment, iron is removed in a batch process and the results of the two experiments are compared. Suspended particles are removed using a gel of aluminum hydroxide.

Colloids, Tyndall Effect  
Suspensions, Filtration  
Coagulation, Alum  
Rate of reaction  
Properties of fluids  
Batch method, Flow method

### Activity 6: Water Softening

Students study the removal of magnesium and calcium ions in the water softening process using a precipitation reaction. Quantitative results are obtained and compared to removal by an ion exchange resin.

Ionic equilibrium  
Precipitation reactions  
Separation methods  
Soda-lime process  
Water hardness  
Ion exchange resins

### Activity 7: Removing Toxic-Metal Ions

Students learn the toxic heavy metals which must be removed from a water supply and what the maximum allowed concentrations are. Copper, cadmium, and nickel are removed as their sulfides by precipitation. Also by precipitation, chromium, lead, tin, or zinc concentrations can be lowered by formation of their hydroxides.

Human toxicity limits  
Incomplete precipitation  
Precipitation reactions  
Solubility  
Heavy metals  
Distillation, Reverse osmosis

### Activity 8: Disinfection

Students complete their study of water purification methods by examining the final steps of the process. Bacteria are killed by administering hypochlorite solution and the effectiveness is measured by comparing tests from agar jelly. Other bacteriocides are studied and compared with regard to safety and cost. Finally, the pH is adjusted with acid or base.

Toxic bacteria, Pathogens  
Bacterial origins in water  
Chlorination reactions  
Acids and bases, pH, Acid rain  
Chlorinated organic pollutants  
Ozone, Activated carbon