

Physical and Chemical Properties

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* QUICK: You lost your backpack at lunch. How would you describe it to the office to see if it had been found.

* When you use any sort of descriptor of your backpack, you are describing it's physical properties.

Chemical Properties

- * A <u>chemical property</u> describes how a substance reacts with another to form a new substance.
 - * Ex: Combustibility
 - * Ex: Flammability
 - * Ex: Light sensitivity

* A physical property is one that can be observed or measured without making a new substance.

* Colour, density, ect.

* You can determine a physical property by using one of your five senses.

- * There are two types of physical properties:
 - * <u>Qualitative</u>: does not provide numerical information.
 - * Ex: Colour
 - * <u>Quantitative</u>: any physical property that does use numerical data
 - * Ex: length

* 1) Physical State:

* Solid, liquid, gas.



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* 2) Hardness:

- * Resistance of a solid to being scratched or dented
- * Example: diamond is harder than glass



* 3) Malleability

- Ability of a metal to be hammered or bent into different shapes
- * Example: Aluminum foil is easily bent



* 4) Ductility

- * Ability of a metal to be pulled into wires
- * Example: Copper is very ductile and is commonly used for electrical wiring



* 5) Melting and Boiling Points

 Temperature at which substances change state

 Water changes from solid to a liquid at 0°C



* 6) Crystal Form

- * The solid form taken by many minerals. Each mineral usually takes a characteristic pattern
- * Salt Crystals usually look like tiny cubes



* 7) Solubility

The ability of a substance to dissolve in a solvent

* Example: Sugar is soluble in water



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* 8) Viscosity

* How easy a liquid flows

* Example: The thicker the liquid, the slower it flows and is more viscous. Corn syrup is viscous



* 9) Density

- * The amount of matter per unit volume
- * Example: Lead is very dense, feathers are not dense



* 10) Conductivity

 If a substance is able to conduct heat or electricity.



* 11) Brittleness:

* The ability to break apart or shatter easily.



* 12) Lustre:

* The ability of an object to reflect light.



* 13) Clarity

- the transmission of light trough a substance.
 - Substances can be defined as transparent, translucent, or opaque.

