

The nature of chemistry

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Chemistry Study of substances that make up the world and the changes they undergo

Pseudo-science Process inv. the collection of info that is supported by **belief** or **opinion**

Science Process inv. the collection of info that is supported by **evidence**

Science is systematic, inv. collection of info and ideas, inv. obs. and experimentation, supp. by evidence

Science relies on process, is objective, is updated constantly Pseudoscience lacks process, is subject, is resistant to new info (i.e. flat earths..)

Scientific inquiry is the process of using obs, investigations, and exp. to learn about natural phenomena -> any testable questions about obs., importance on creativity

Formulating Scientific Questions

Scientific question Based on obs. and is **testable**

Formulating Scientific Questions (cont)

Most Q are based on obs. What is that? Why? How does it work? I wonder why..

A good one narrow focus, unknown answer, addresses gap in knowledge, leads to a hypothesis that can be tested

Non scientific question based on supernatural, opinion, rely on moral or social values

Scientific methods

Dependent variable Variable that is changed by another variable

Independent variable The variable that you change

Qualitative Obs/data that is not measured on numbers/precise measurements

Quantitative Obs/data based on numbers/precise measurements

Sc. Inquiry Process of using obs, inv., and exp. to learn about natural phenomena

Conclusion Summary of the results

Controlled exp. an exp. in which one variable is changed

Scientific methods (cont)

Control sample Sample in a controlled exp. with variables that don't change

Exp. sample sample in a controlled exp. in which one variable changes

Models Simple, idea, picture, equation, method, diagram -> visualizing exp. results

Writing a lab report Question/Hypothesis -> materials -> procedure -> results/data -> analysis -> conclusion

Research in Science

Skepticism Open minded knowledge in a certain area may be uncertain

Bias Point of view influenced by opinion

Scientific consensus General agreement along scientists on an idea

How to develop sc. census? Communication! Publications (peer-reviewed), meetings/conferences, discuss findings (person/online)

Databases Pubmed, NCBI, NHI, Google scholar

Hypothesis, Theory, and Law

Hypothesis Testable expl. of a sc. problem based on research and obs. (if/then). Must be testable, supported/refuted by data

Theory Hypothesis or a group of rel. hypothesis as true based on obs. and repetitive exp., must be testable, req. many exp. and confirmed data to overturn/-modify, can be used for predictions or explanations

Law Statement of facts generally accepted to be true, describes relationships in nature, but does not prov. explanation; can be used to predict events/exp. results, support. by all obs. and data, doesn't

Hypothesis, Theory, and Law (cont)

How to work with a Hypothesis? Attempt to explain an obs. or answer a Q -> test it -> if support, then data will agree with it -> if refute, then data will not agree, redo procedure or hypothesis -> continue evaluating data

Dalton's Atomic Theory all matter is comp. of atoms, atoms cannot be made/destroyed during chemical reactions, all atoms of an element are identical, different elements have diff. kinds of atoms, chemical reactions occur through rearrangement of atoms

Atomic Theory Explains law of conservation of mass

Hypothesis, Theory, and Law (cont)

Reproducibility leads to reliability Theory must be supported by all evidence, other scientists should get similar results, all experiment must be reproducible

Safety in Science

MSDS (material safety data sheet) Describes properties, handling, and emergency procedures of a substance

General safety practices Avoid lose clothes/hair, wear long sleeves/close toed shoes, do not drink/eat/chew gum, no jewelry, avoid contacts if possible, avoid clutter in lab

Handling chemicals/equipment Use tongs/mitts for hot objects, label all containers, inspect equipment before use, dispose of all substances appropriately

Safety in Science (cont)

PPE (personal protective equipment) Eyes/face: safety goggles/shield, skin/clothing: lab coat/apron, hands: gloves

Emergency equipment Fire extinguisher, eye wash, safety shower, first-aid kit

Chemistry glass ware Beaker, flask, test tubes, graduated cylinder

Handling glass ware check for breaks/chips, use tongs/holders

Heating devices Bunsen burner/alcohol burner, hot plate

Use of chemicals Use clear/accurate labels, do not taste/smell/touch chemicals, use pipettes to transfer liquids, do not put liquids back into storage container, refer to MSDS for storage/disposal/handling

Accident Stay calm, report, avoid danger, spill kit, help injured

Cuts from broken glassware apply pressure/flush

Safety in Science (cont)

Chemical burns/irritations/heat burns remove heat source/put out fire

Inhalation of toxic chemicals Get fresh air/report

Chemicals in eyes Eye wash (10-15 mins), report

Tools and Technology in chem

Balance Measure mass

Beaker Holds liquids

Buret Used to deliver specific volume, i.e. titrate volumes

Degrees Celsius Fahrenheit - 30 : 2 = ~ x C

Graduated cylinder Measure volume of liquid

SI International system of units, standard set of units used by all scientists

Kelvin SI unit for temperature in science, 0 C = -273.15 K

Kilogram SI Unit for mass

Liter SI unit for volume

Meter SI unit for distance

Metric system

The Metric System is Base 10

Prefix	Symbol	Multiplier	Prefix	Symbol	Multiplier
tera-	T	1,000,000,000,000	centi-	c	0.01
giga-	G	1,000,000,000	milli-	m	0.001
mega-	M	1,000,000	micro-	μ	0.000001
kilo-	k	1,000	nano-	n	0.000000001



Common SI units

Common SI Units and Units Used with SI

Prefix	Distance	Volume	Mass	Time
kilo-	kilometer (km)	kiloliter (kL)	kilogram (kg)	kilosecond (ks)
(none)	meter (m)	liter (L)	gram (g)	second (s)
centi-	centimeter (cm)	centiliter (cL)	centigram (cg)	centisecond (cs)
milli-	millimeter (mm)	milliliter (mL)	milligram (mg)	millisecond (ms)
micro-	micrometer (µm)	microliter (µL)	microgram (µg)	microsecond (µs)
nano-	nanometer (nm)	nanoliter (nL)	nanogram (ng)	nanosecond (ns)

Temperature: degree Celsius (°C), kelvin (K)
Time: minute (min)

Metric conversion example

Metric Conversions

- Convert 5.97 cm to millimeters.
 - 1 cm = 10 mm
 - 5.97 cm = (5.97)(10) = 59.7 mm
- Convert 25.0 mL to liters.
 - 1 mL = 0.001 L
 - 25.0 mL = (25.0)(0.001) = 0.025 L
- Convert 0.0453 kg to grams.
 - 1 kg = 1,000 g
 - 0.0453 kg = (0.0453)(1,000) = 45.3 g

Collecting and organizing data

inference logical conclusion made from observation

Qualitative data non-numerical, descriptive - describes categories or characteristics of things

Quantitative data numerical data that can be measured, data that is easy to analyze over graph or table, has units, always numbers

Charts Used for qualitative data

Tables Used for numerical data set in columns and rows

Graphs Bar/line/pie, display data for analysis

Labels for all parts of charts, tables, and graphs

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