

Atoms, Elements and Compounds

Atoms

Smallest particle of an element that has the **same chemical properties** of that element

Element

Pure substance that **cannot be broken down** into simpler substances **by chemical process**

Compound

Pure substance that are made up of **two or more** elements **chemically combined** in a **fixed ratio**

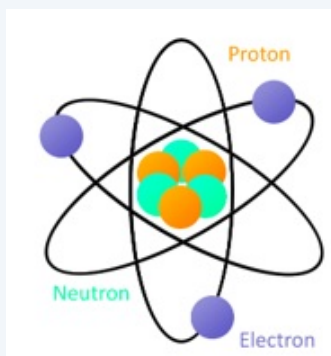
Molecule

Group of **two or more atoms** chemically bonded together

Mixture

Two or more substances that are **not chemically combined** (physical)

Atom

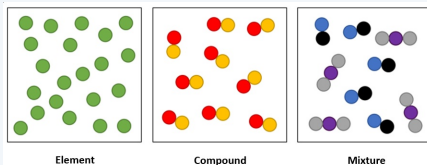


An atom consists of a nucleus (containing protons and neutrons) surrounded by electrons in different energy shells. Protons are positively charged (+1), neutrons have no charge (0), and electrons are negatively charged (-1).

Periodic Table of Elements

- An element consists of only one type of atom and cannot be broken down into simpler substances by chemical means.

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Property	Compound	Mixture
Separation	Cannot be separated physically	Can be separated by physical means
Compos- ition	Fixed ratio	Variable
Properties	Has different properties from its components	Retains properties of individual components
Example	Water (H ₂ O)	Air (O ₂ , N ₂ , CO ₂)

Active Recall

1. What is a compound? How is it different from an element?

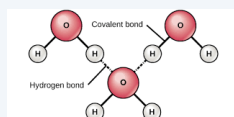
- A compound is a substance made up of two or more different elements chemically combined in a fixed ratio. Unlike elements, compounds can be broken down into simpler substances.

2. What is the difference between a molecule and a compound?

- A molecule is a group of atoms chemically combined together (can be the same two or more atoms bonded or different elements).
- A compound is a molecule that contains at least two different elements.

- Periodic table organizes elements based on their atomic number and properties.

Compound



- A compound is formed when two or more different elements chemically combined in a fixed ratio.
- Example: Water (H₂O) consists of 2 hydrogen atoms and 1 oxygen atom.
- Chemical bonds (ionic or covalent) hold the atoms together.



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