

Pure Substances & Mixtures (Terms with definitions)

Matter Anything that takes up space, has mass, and is

made up of particles.

Pure Substance A material that is composed of only one type of

particle; examples of a pure substance include gold,

oxygen and water.

Mixture A material made up of at least two different pure

substances.

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Solution

A mixture in which each material maintains its own

properties.

A mixture in which the distinct properties of the different substances are combined into one set of

properties.

Homogeneous A material having only one set of properties.

Heterogeneous A mixture, made up of parts that retain their own

properties, even if these properties are not visible to

the unaided eye.

Solute A substance that can be dissolved in a solvent; for

example, salt is a solute that dissolves in water.

Solvent A substance into which a solute may be dissolved;

for example, water is a solvent that dissolves sugar.

Dissolve The act of a solute completely combining with a

solvent to become a solution.

Distillation A process for separating the parts of a liquid

solution. The solvent is heated to change it into a

gas, then it is converted back to a liquid.

Soluble The ability, of a solute, to dissolve in a solvent.

When a solute in not able to dissolve in a solvent.

Dilute To weaken the strength of a solution by increasing

the amount of solvent.

Saturated The point at which no more solute can be dissolved

in a solvent.