

# Ch 1 An Introduction to Chemistry

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1.1 chemistry

chemistry is the science of the composition, structure, properties, and reactions of matter, especially of atomic and molecular systems

1.3 matter

matter - anything that has mass and occupies space

- the entire universe consists of matter + energy
- matter is discontinuous + is composed of discrete, tiny particles called atoms

What physical states can matter exist in?

physical states of matter:

- solid is a state of matter having definite shape and a definite volume, whose particles cohere rigidly to one another, so that solid can be independent of its container
- > most are crystalline w/ particles in regular, repeating, 3D, geometric patterns

> some are amorphous —  
a solid w/o shape or  
form (e.g., plastics, glass,  
and gels do not have any  
regular, internal geometric  
pattern)

— liquid — a state of matter  
in which the particles moves  
about freely while the  
substance remains a definite  
volume; thus liquids flow  
and take the shape of  
their containers

— gas — a state of matter that  
has no shape or definite  
volume so that the substance  
completely fills the container

> particles in a gas have  
gained enough energy to  
overcome the attractive  
forces that held them  
together as liquids or solids

> particles press continuously  
in all directions on the walls  
of the container

> gases can be compressed

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substance

substance - matter that is homogeneous and has a definite, fixed composition; substances occur in two forms - as elements and as compounds  
- also known as pure substances  
- e.g. of elements = copper, gold, oxygen  
- e.g. of compounds = salt, sugar, water

how is matter classified?

matter is classified as homogeneous or heterogeneous  
- homogeneous - matter that has uniform properties  
- heterogeneous - matter w/o. a uniform composition - having two or more components or phases

phase

phase - a homogeneous part of a system separated from other parts by a physical boundary

system

system - a body of matter under construction

mixture

mixture matter containing two or more substances, which can be present in variable amounts; mixtures can be homogeneous (e.g. sugar water) or heterogeneous (e.g., sand and water)

how to distinguish mixtures from pure substances

mixture vs.

1. mixtures always contain 2 or more substances that can be present in varying amts.

2. the components of a mixture do not lose their identities & may be separated by physical means

pure substances

1. a pure substance (element or compound) always has definite composition by mass

2. the elements in a compound lose their identities and may be separated only by chemical means

another name for homogeneous mixture

homogeneous mixtures are also known as solutions