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Part 1

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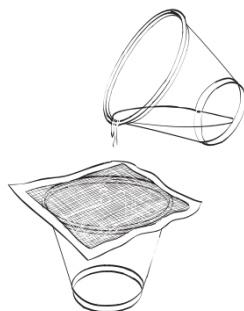
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How can a mixture be separated?

Procedure

Separate all three mixtures, using screens and filters.

1. Place a screen over an empty, labeled cup.
2. Stir the mixture thoroughly.
3. Pour the mixture through the screen.
4. Pour the mixture through the filter paper.



Did you separate the mixtures? Record your results.

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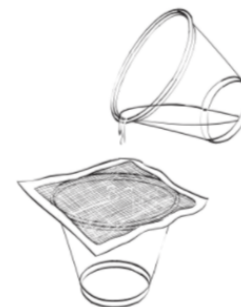
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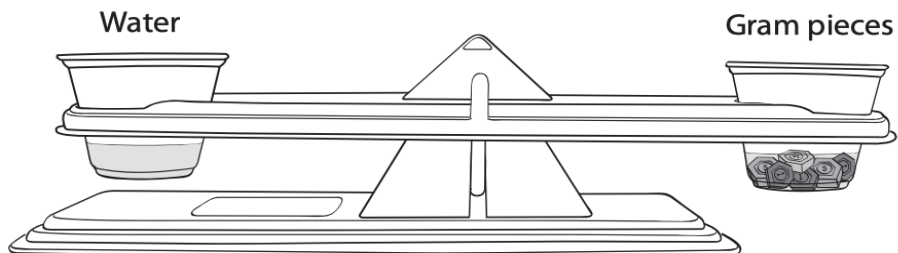
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Making a Solution



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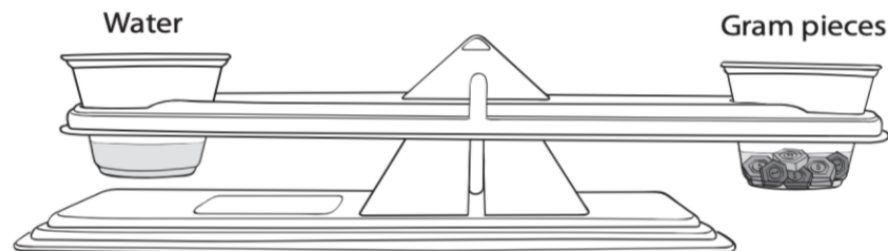
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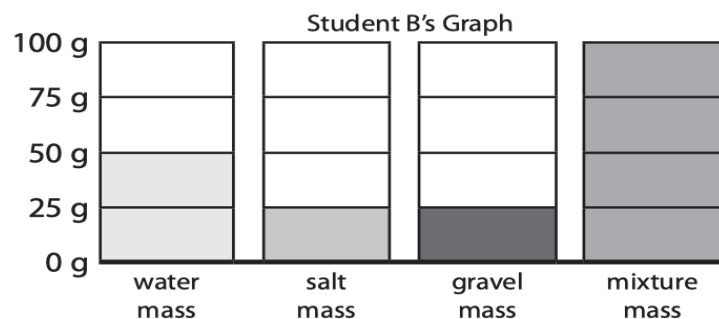
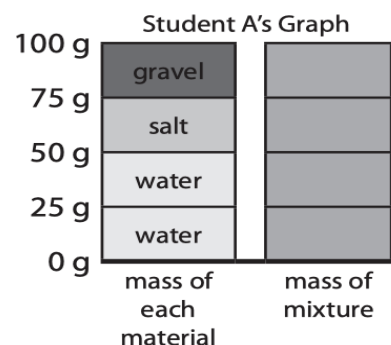
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Response Sheet—Investigation 1

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Below are the graphs that Student A and Student B made to show what they did.

Explain which graph you think better shows that the mass of materials doesn't change when they are mixed together.

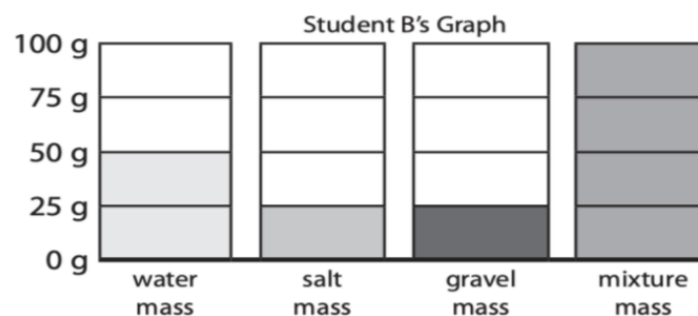
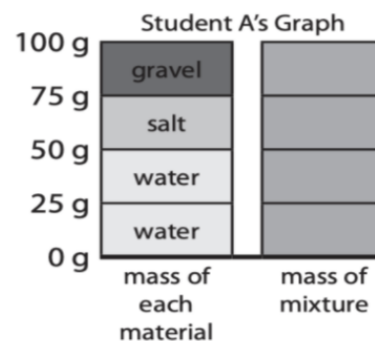


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Focus Question Are there materials outdoors that will dissolve in water?	Focus Question Are there materials outdoors that will dissolve in water?

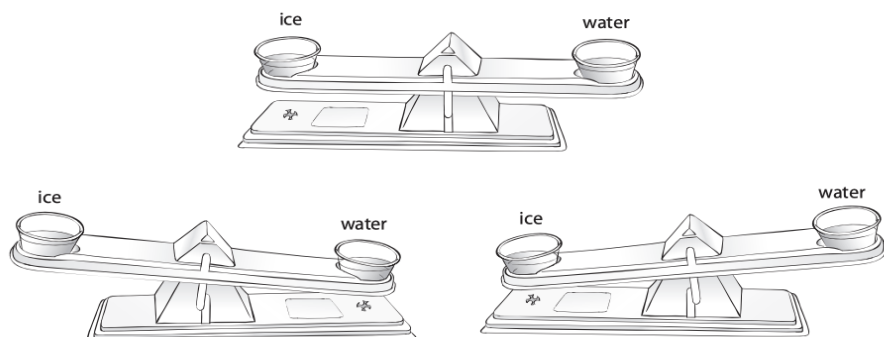
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Focus Question How does a drought-stopper system work?	Focus Question How does a drought-stopper system work?

Response Sheet—Investigation 2

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Circle the picture that shows what you think the balance will look like after the ice has completely melted.

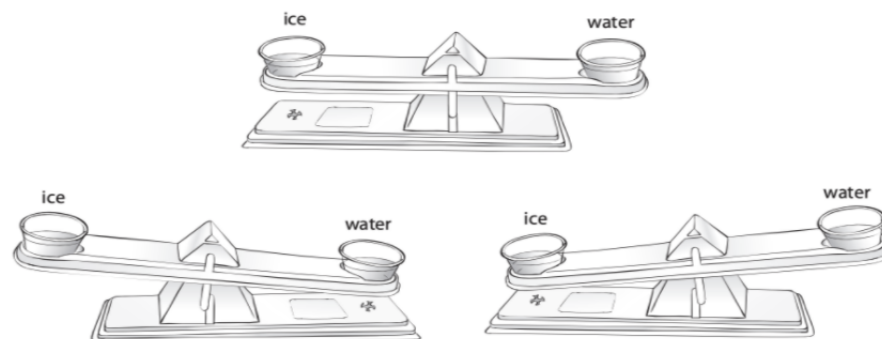


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Soft-Drink Recipes

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Differences

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Comparing Salt Solutions

Compare Equal Volumes

If you compare the mass of 50 mL of Solution 1 with the mass of 50 mL of Solution 2, what will you observe?

Prediction

Measured mass:

Solution 1 _____ Solution 2 _____

Salt Solution 3: 3 spoons of salt and 150 mL of water

Is Solution 3 more concentrated, less concentrated, or the same concentration as Solution 2? Explain your answer.

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Use the straws to record the colors of the salt solutions you tried to layer.

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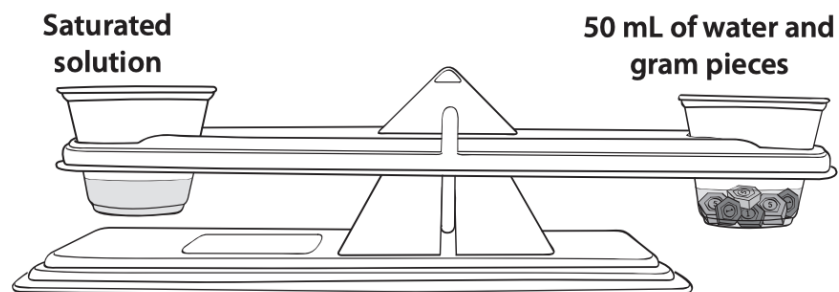
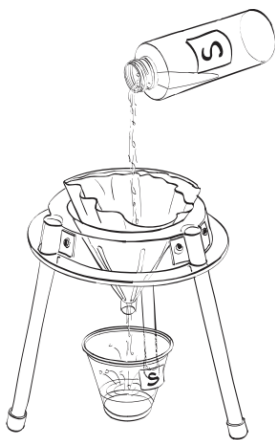
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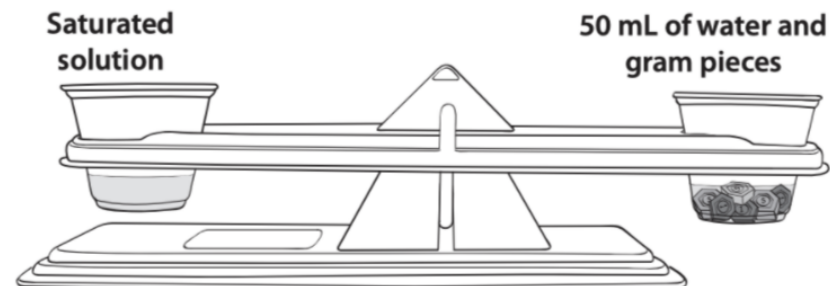
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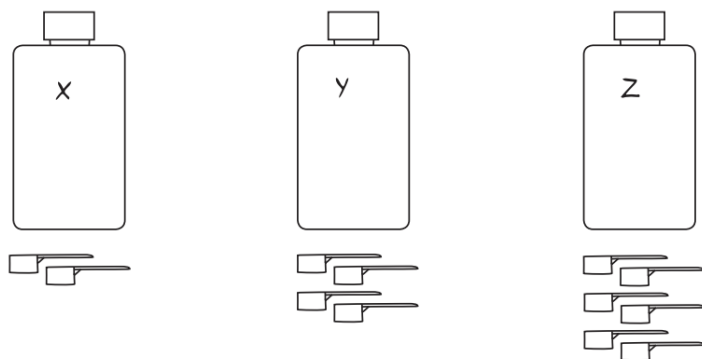
Response Sheet—Investigation 4

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I made three solutions of water and sugar. I put the same amount of water in each bottle. I added sugar.

I shook each bottle for 1 minute. When I was done, I knew I had a saturated solution in Bottle Z.

Bottle	Spoons of Sugar
x	2
y	4
z	6



The student's bottles are shown above.

- Draw the liquid level in all three bottles.
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- Be sure to show a saturated solution in Bottle Z.
- If the student used Epsom salts instead of sugar, would you expect the same results? Why or why not?

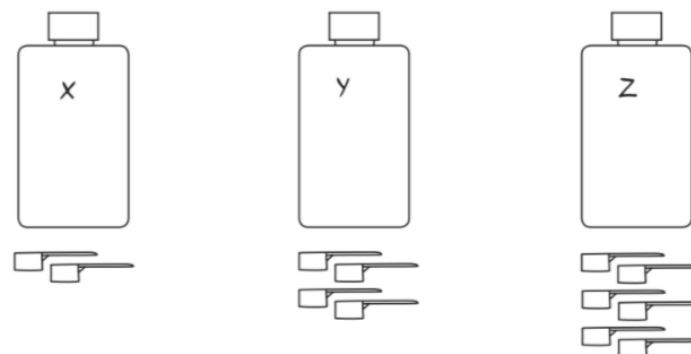
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Does it always take the same amount of solid materials to saturate 50 mL of water?	Does it always take the same amount of solid materials to saturate 50 mL of water?

Solubility Table

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Focus Question What is in our water samples? What is a design to remove salt from ocean water?	Focus Question What is in our water samples? What is a design to remove salt from ocean water?

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Two-Substance Mixtures

Cup 1: 1 spoon of calcium chloride, 1 spoon of baking soda



50 mL of water

Cup 2: 1 spoon of calcium chloride, 1 spoon of citric acid



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Focus Question What is the effect of mixing two substances with water?	Focus Question What is the effect of mixing two substances with water?

Response Sheet—Investigation 5

My neighbor wanted to make a model volcano. His aunt told him that a mixture of vinegar, baking soda, and soap powder would make good “lava.” He made the mixture to see what would happen. Here are his observations.

First, I mixed the soap powder and baking soda. Nothing happened. Then I added vinegar. The mixture bubbled and spilled over the edge of the cup! After the bubbling stopped, the liquid was clear. There was no precipitate.

My neighbor said,

I think I made a mixture, a solution, and a reaction.

Do you think he made a mixture? Explain.

Do you think he made a solution? Explain.

Do you think he made a reaction? Explain.

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Focus Question How can we identify the products from the baking soda and calcium chloride reaction?	Focus Question How can we identify the products from the baking soda and calcium chloride reaction?

Focus Question What happens when you mix substances with water in a bag?	Focus Question What happens when you mix substances with water in a bag?

