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Polarity Lab: Water vs. Hexane

Pre-Lab:

1. Fill out the following table:

Compound	Lewis Structure	Polarity of Molecule	Strongest IMF present
Water (H ₂ O)			
Hexane (C ₆ H ₁₄)	$ \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array} $		
Iodine (I ₂)			

2. Predict what you think will happen when Water, Hexane, Iodine, and Copper (II) sulfate are combined into a test tube. (Hint: Like dissolves like.)

Procedure:

1. Obtain a test tube and fill $\frac{1}{3}$ of the test tube with water.
2. Fill the test tube about $\frac{2}{3}$ with hexane. Cap with thumb and shake for 30 seconds. Let sit for 30 seconds. **Record observations on the back of this sheet.**
3. Using a scoopula, add copper (II) sulfate to the test tube. Cap with thumb and shake for 10 seconds. Let sit for 30 seconds. Record observations.
4. Using a wood splint, add a few small pieces of iodine (I₂). Cap with thumb and shake for 10 seconds. Let sit for 30 seconds. **Record observations on the back of this sheet.**

Data table for Observations:

Post-Lab Questions:

1. Explain what happened when water and hexane were added to the test tube. Why did this happen?
2. Explain what happened to the copper (II) sulfate (Hint: This is an ionic compound) and what type of molecule can an ionic compound dissolve in to.
3. Explain what happened to the iodine (I_2) using your knowledge of polarity. Why did this occur?