DISCOVERING SCIENCE 9 TEACHER'S RESOURCE

UNIT 1: ATOMS, ELEMENTS, AND COMPOUNDS

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UNIT 1: OVERVIEW

Unit 1 provides students with an introduction to the study of chemistry by focussing on atoms and elements as the basic building blocks of matter. Understanding how elements combine to make compounds leads to the study of naming as well as an introduction to chemical change. As the photograph on the opening page shows, we can now visualize matter on the atomic scale. We are also beginning to control individual atoms to the point where materials can be built atom by atom.

Throughout this unit, models about the nature of matter and its transformations are at the heart of the numerous explorations and activities. In Chapter 1, safety in the science classroom is followed by an examination of how atomic theory explains the composition and behaviour of matter. In Chapter 2, students apply some of what they learned in Chapter 1 to the study of elements as the basic building blocks of matter. In Chapter 3, students venture into the field of chemical compounds, distinguishing between ionic and covalent compounds and seeing how they can be transformed during chemical and physical changes.

Chapter 1: Atomic theory explains the composition and behaviour of matter.

Understanding basic concepts of how to work safely in a laboratory setting is an important precursor to studying science through active participation in laboratory activities. Chapter 1 starts by reviewing safety rules, WHMIS symbols, and other hazard symbols. With this beginning, a framework of safe conduct in the laboratory is established.

Students are then introduced to matter and its physical and chemical properties. This concept will be picked up in Chapter 2 when describing the elements, as well as in Chapter 3, when students distinguish between ionic and covalent compounds and between physical and chemical change.

The last part of the chapter looks at a brief history of the study of atoms through the eyes of Dalton, Thomson, Rutherford, and Bohr. Students are encouraged to consider different atomic theories as a refinement that resulted from layer upon layer of new information that came from classic experiments. A model for the atom is presented, which identifies and locates protons, neutrons, and electrons within the atom and describes some of their properties.

Chapter 2: Elements are the building blocks of matter.

Elements are the focus of Chapter 2, and within that subject, students are exposed to the names and symbols of a group of important elements, take a "tour" of a smaller set of them, and then classify elements, first according to their properties and then by the arrangement of electrons in energy levels.

As a central organizing principle for the elements, the periodic table is examined and the meanings of atomic number, atomic mass, and mass number are examined. Four important families (alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, halogens, and noble gases) are identified. Trends within the periodic table, such as the location of metals, metalloids, and non-metals, as well as the location of transition metals and gases, are examined. In relating atomic theory to the Bohr-Rutherford periodic table, students will be led to discover that Bohr diagrams for atoms and ions of the elements present a stunning pattern when related to the position of elements within the periodic table.

Chapter 3: Elements combine to form compounds.

The last chapter of Unit 1 begins by revealing that most compounds fall into one of two categories of compounds—covalent or ionic—based on whether they form by sharing electrons between atoms or by transferring electrons between atoms, producing ions that are then held together by electrostatic attraction. Names of ionic compounds are an important focus for this chapter. Students study simple binary compounds made of only a metal and a non-metal.

Chapter 3 concludes with an introductory study of chemical versus physical change and how these changes can be observed and described. Applications of chemical change related to harnessing combustion, preventing corrosion, and producing traditional materials are examined.

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES CORRELATION FOR UNIT 1 ACTIVITIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

The table below shows the multiple intelligences engaged in the activities and investigations for this unit, in order to help you plan for differentiated instruction in your science lessons, as your students require. For more information about differentiated instruction and multiple intelligences, see the Introduction and Implementation section in this Teacher's Resource.

Multiple Intelligences:	٧L	vs	вк	MR	LM	N	E	IA	IE
UNIT 1: Atoms, Elements, and Compounds									
Find Out Activity: Combining Chemicals									
Chapter 1: Atomic theory explains the composition and behaviour of matter.									
Think About It Activity 1-1A: Science Lab Safety									
Think About It Activity 1-1B: Safety Guidelines for Your Lab									
Find Out Activity 1-2A: Bag of Change									
Think About It Activity 1-2B: A Chemical Family									
Conduct an Investigation 1-2C: Physical and Chemical Properties									
Think About It Activity 1-3A: The People Behind the Atom									
Conduct an Investigation 1-3B: Slivers of Silver									
Chapter 2: Elements are the building blocks of matter.									
Find Out Activity 2-1A: Meet the Elements	•		•		•			-	•
Conduct an Investigation 2-1B: Generating and Burning Hydrogen Gas									
Think About It Activity 2-1C: Essential Elements									
Think About It Activity 2-2A: Understanding the Periodic Table									
Think About It Activity 2-2B: The Modern Periodic Table									
Think About It Activity 2-3A: Looking for Patterns in Atoms									
Conduct an Investigation 2-3B: Flaming Metal Ions									
Chapter 3: Elements combine to form compounds.									
Find Out Activity 3-1A: The Synthesis of Oxygen									
Conduct an Investigation 3-1B: The Synthesis and Detection of Copper									
Find Out Activity 3-2A: What's in a Name?									
Find Out Activity 3-3A: Magnesium in Dilute Acid								•	
Design an Investigation 3-3B: Detecting Vitamin C in Fruit Drinks									
Core Lab Conduct an Investigation 3-3C: Observing Changes in Matter									
Unit 1 Project: Corroding Nails	•								
Unit 1 Integrated Research Investigation: Chemical Contents									•

Multiple Intelligence codes:

VL = Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence; VS = Visual-Spatial Intelligence; BK = Body-Kinesthetic Intelligence; MR = Musical-Rhythmic Intelligence; LM = Logical-Mathematical Intelligence; N = Naturalist Intelligence; E = Existential Intelligence; IA = Intrapersonal Intelligence; IE = Interpersonal Intelligence

Planning Chart for Activities and Investigations for Unit 1: Atoms, Elements, and Compounds

ACTIVITY/ Investigation	ADVANCE PREPARATION	APPARATUS/MATERIALS	TIME Required		
UNIT 1: Atoms, Elements, and Compounds					
Find Out Activity: Combining Chemicals	1 day before: - Gather chemicals and equipment.	For each group: - 400 mL beaker - 50 mL water - 150 mL vinegar - 5 raisins - 25 g baking soda	• 20 min		
Chapter 1: Atomic t	heory explains the composition and be	ehaviour of matter.			
Think About It Activity 1-1A: Science Lab Safety	Day of instruction: Have a clear policy regarding the place of backpacks, electronic devices, and suitable attire in your lab setting.	None	• 15 min		
Think About It Activity 1-1B: Safety Guidelines for Your Lab	1 day before: Gather materials.	For each group: - poster paper (could be legal-sized paper) - coloured markers, pencil crayons, or paints	• 20 min		
Find Out Activity 1-2A: Bag of Change	1 day before:	For each group: - Chemical A (sodium hydrogen carbonate powder, NaHCO ₃) - Chemical B (calcium chloride powder, CaCl ₂) - Chemical C (bromothymol blue indicator solution) - 2 small spoons for measuring A and B - 50 mL graduated cylinder - 2 resealable plastic bags - water	• 30 min		
Think About It Activity 1-2B: A Chemical Family	Day of instruction: Optional: Photocopy BLM 1-11, A Chemical Family.	None	• 20 min		
Conduct an Investigation 1-2C: Physical and Chemical Properties	1 week before:	For each group: - Bunsen burner or propane burner - 5 cm metal strips of aluminum, magnesium, iron, copper, silver, lead - small pieces of aluminum, magnesium, iron, copper, silver, lead - steel wool - hydrochloric acid (1.0 mol/L solution) in a dropper bottle - bar magnet - tongs - heat resistant pad - electrical conductivity kit	• 40 min		
Think About It Activity 1-3A: The People Behind the Atom	1 week before: Book the library or computer lab, if desired. Decide what sort of format(s) will be accepted for this investigation. Consider whether assessment rubrics will be used.	For each student: - access to the Internet and/or other research material	• 40 min		

- Bunsen burner

- diffraction-grating glasses (optional)

ACTIVITY/ Investigation	ADVANCE PREPARATION	APPARATUS/MATERIALS	TIME Required			
Chapter 3: Elements combine to form compounds.						
Find Out Activity 3-1A: The Synthesis of Oxygen	1 day before: - Prepare chemicals and collect equipment.	For each group: - liquid dish soap - medium test tube in a test tube rack - 3% or 6% hydrogen peroxide solution (H ₂ O ₂) - candle and lighter - scoopula - potassium iodide (KI) crystals - 2 wooden splints	• 30 min			
Conduct an Investigation 3-1B: The Synthesis and Detection of Copper	1 day before: - Make the chemical solutions and ensure all equipment is ready.	For each group: - copper(II) chloride solution - two 400 mL beakers - aluminum foil - crucible tongs - waste container - dilute hydrochloric acid solution (HCI) - wooden splint - paper towel - Bunsen burner	• 40 min			
Find Out Activity 3-2A: What's in a Name?	No advance preparation necessary	For each student/group: – periodic table, such as BLM 1-19, The Modern Periodic Table, or page 50 of the student textbook	• 10 min			
Find Out Activity 3-3A: Magnesium in Dilute Acid	1 day before: Get chemicals and equipment ready.	For each group: - one 400 mL beaker - 2 medium-sized test tubes - water - rubber stopper fitted with glass tubing - rubber tubing - another small piece of glass tubing to fit inside rubber tubing (optional) - dilute hydrochloric acid solution (1.0 M HCI) - magnesium metal - paper towel - test tube clamp or tongs - candle and lighter or matches - wooden splints	• 30 min			
Design an Investigation 3-3B: Detecting Vitamin C in Fruit Drinks	1 day before: - Make the chemical solutions and ensure all equipment is ready.	For each group: - 1 vitamin C tablet, 100 mg or less - mortar and pestle - 100 mL beaker - water - stirring rod - 10 mL graduated cylinder - 2 medicine droppers - iodine-starch solution - up to 8 medium test tubes - samples of fruit juices or other beverages	• 40 min			

TALKS AND TOURS

Speaker and field trip recommendations for Unit 1:

- Invite people who work in chemistry related fields to visit the class, such as pharmacists, foresters, estheticians, laboratory technicians, doctors, nurses, veterinarians, water quality control technicians, and environmental technicians.
- Visit places where chemistry is used on a regular basis, such as water testing plants, analytical laboratories, and the quality control department in a refinery.
- Ask a local college or university whether they have a speakers' bureau.
- Before booking a field trip or asking a speaker to come in, make sure the topic is interesting and appropriate for students and that the speaker will cover material that students will find engaging.

Unit 1 Blackline Masters

CONTENT-RELATED BLACKLINE MASTERS	ASSESSMENT-RELATED BLACKLINE MASTERS
UNIT BLM 1-1, Unit 1 Summary BLM 1-2, Unit 1 Key Terms BLM 1-36, Unit 1 Review—Concept Map and Table BLM 1-37, Unit 1 Test	
CHAPTER 1 BLM 1-3, Safety Symbols BLM 1-4, Using Material Safety Data Sheets BLM 1-5, Safety Scavenger Hunt BLM 1-6, Using a Bunsen Burner BLM 1-7, Using a Hot Plate BLM 1-8, Using a Balance BLM 1-9, Science Equipment BLM 1-10, Physical and Chemical Properties of Matter BLM 1-11, A Chemical Family BLM 1-12, Parts of the Atom Concept Map BLM 1-13, Subatomic Particles BLM 1-14, Chapter 1 Quiz	 Assessment Checklist 1, Making Observations and Inferences Assessment Checklist 9, Oral Presentation Assessment Checklist 10, Computer Slide Show Presentation Assessment Checklist 11, Poster Assessment Checklist 12, Classification System Assessment Checklist 14, Events Chain or Flowchart Assessment Checklist 24, K-W-L Assessment Checklist Assessment Checklist 25, Safety Checklist Process Skills Rubric 2, Hypothesizing Process Skills Rubric 4, Problem Solving Process Skills Rubric 8, Interpreting Data Assessment Rubric 5, Conduct an Investigation Assessment Rubric 7, Scientific Research Planner Rubric Assessment Rubric 8, Research Project Rubric Assessment Rubric 9, Collecting Information Rubric Assessment Rubric 11, Communication Rubric Assessment Rubric 12, Using Tools, Equipment, and Materials Rubric
CHAPTER 2 BLM 1-15, Meet the Elements BLM 1-16, Symbols for Elements BLM 1-17, Common Elements BLM 1-18, Assessing Attitudes BLM 1-19, The Modern Periodic Table BLM 1-20, Groups in the Periodic Table BLM 1-21, Simplified Periodic Table BLM 1-22, Bohr-Rutherford Diagram Template BLM 1-23, Looking for Patterns in Atoms BLM 1-24, Bohr-Rutherford Diagrams BLM 1-25, Bohr-Rutherford Diagrams BLM 1-26, Electron Arrangements in the First 18 Elements BLM 1-27, Chapter 2 Quiz	Assessment Checklist 1, Making Observations and Inferences Assessment Checklist 4, Laboratory Report Assessment Checklist 9, Oral Presentation Assessment Checklist 10, Computer Slide Show Presentation Assessment Checklist 11, Poster Assessment Checklist 12, Classification System Assessment Checklist 13, Concept Map Assessment Checklist 18, Data Table Assessment Checklist 18, Data Table Assessment Checklist 24, K-W-L Assessment Checklist Assessment Checklist 25, Safety Checklist Process Skills Rubric 1, Developing Models Process Skills Rubric 7, Predicting Process Skills Rubric 8, Interpreting Data Process Skills Rubric 9 Questioning Assessment Rubric 3, Co-operative Group Work Rubric Assessment Rubric 5, Conduct an Investigation Rubric Assessment Rubric 12, Using Tools, Equipment, and Materials Rubric
CHAPTER 3 BLM 1-28, Anatomy of a Chemical Formula BLM 1-29, Chemical Bonds Concept Map BLM 1-30, Researching a Compound BLM 1-31, Kitchen Chemistry BLM 1-32, Chemical Formulas BLM 1-33, Forming Ionic Bonds BLM 1-34, Ionic Bonding BLM 1-35, Chapter 3 Quiz	Assessment Checklist 1, Making Observations and Inferences Assessment Checklist 2, Asking Questions Assessment Checklist 3, Designing an Experiment Assessment Checklist 6, Developing Models Assessment Checklist 11, Poster Assessment Checklist 13, Concept Map Assessment Checklist 24, K-W-L Assessment Checklist Assessment Checklist 25, Safety Checklist Process Skills Rubric 1, Developing Models Process Skills Rubric 3, Controlling Variables Process Skills Rubric 6, Designing Experiments Process Skills Rubric 10, Measuring and Reporting Assessment Rubric 1, Concept Rubric Assessment Rubric 3, Co-operative Group Work Rubric Assessment Rubric 5, Conduct an Investigation Rubric Assessment Rubric 6, Design Your Own Investigation Rubric Assessment Rubric 11, Communication Rubric Assessment Rubric 12, Using Tools, Equipment, and Materials Rubric

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