

Lesson: Introduction to Mixtures and Solutions
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Abbreviations:

T = Teacher S = Student Ss = Students

1 [00:00:00]
2 T: So we can now get started on getting in there and getting to learn about our materials. So, I'd
3 like everyone to look at the packet in front of you. Okay? The first page, we've already done
4 some of it so that we could move quickly. So go ahead and read step one and step two. Read
5 what we've already done.
6 Ss: *[students reading instructions out loud]* Label—[??]
7 T: Okay. I'll know you're ready if you're sitting like Mildred. And David. Okay. So this is really
8 similar to scooping like you've done before. But what does that level mean? That's a really
9 important part of living systems, but leveling is also really important especially in chemistry.
10 What does it mean to level? If I wanted to level something...Mia?
11 S: To help you get an exact amount.
12 T: Yeah! It's to help you get the same amount. So I want you all to take your hand like this.
13 Pretend like this hand is the scoop. Take your finger. And we're going to level it. So we're going
14 to go like this. And go like this. And say "I'm leveling!"
15 Ss: I'm leveling!
16 T: So make it level means to make it smooth so it's the same all the way across. And who
17 remembers why it's important that we do that? Why was it important when we did the yeast
18 experiment that we *leveled* the materials? Krista?
19 [00:1:24]
20 S: [??]
21 T: Yeah. Because if one had more than another, we just did a big scoop, we wouldn't have a
22 scientific experiment because we wouldn't know how much some had against what the other one
23 had. So, what we're going to be doing now is that I'd you all in your science notebooks to turn to
24 the worksheet that you have in front of you. Alina, can you hold yours up so everyone can see
25 what we're suppose to do right now. It should say "Properties of Matter" at the top. Go ahead
26 and point to it where it says "The Properties of Matter". And check that your partner's in the
27 right spot.
28 Ss: *[students shuffling through workbooks]*
29 T: So what we're going to be is we're going to do that first objective we had. We're going to be
30 making *observations*. And what we're going to use to make an observation is we're going to use
31 this hand lens. Go ahead. Tell your partner, tell your group, what did we use a hand lens for?
32 Ss: *[students talking all at once]* Like a magnifying glass.
33 [00:02:24]

34 T: Okay. Three, two,... So that should be a good idea, especially how Max was talking about how
35 it helps us see really tiny things. What Karina said too. So you're going to be using that and
36 you're going to be using this recording sheet. So, what I would like—and the rules for this, let
37 me tell you the rules. So when you were observing it, you want to know the texture. What do you
38 have to do in order to know the texture of something—really, really know the texture for it?

39 S: You feel it?

40 T: You have to feel it. So! You're going to get to pass this around. You're going to feel the
41 material, you're going to look at them, I don't want you to put your face over them. Especially
42 the diatomaceous earth because of the material—it licks the poop up. And if it gets into your
43 lungs, it can actually hurt that. Okay? Remember, as chemists, we're going to start using some
44 materials that only almost-middle-schoolers get to use. So we have to be really careful with that.
45 But you can touch the materials. You can look at them. You can look at them with the hand lens.
46 Talk with your groups. And then you're going to be jotting down on here, not complete
47 sentences, just jots, what color it is, what texture it is, just draw a picture of the shape and the rest
48 of the boxes, using adjectives to fill it in. Yes Dylan?

49 [00:03:43]

50 S: We get to look at any one?

51 T: Yeah so you're going to start anywhere you want and so in that way, you can all sort of take
52 turns, right? So that maybe one person is going to start looking at the gravel, one person will start
53 with the diatomaceous earth and one person will start sodium chloride. But it's really, really
54 important that you put it in the right box. If I'm doing the gravel box, am I going to put
55 diatomaceous earth here?

56 Ss: No

57 T: No! That would be a problem. Then my records wouldn't be accurate. As a scientist I need
58 accurate records. So I'm going to give you about five or ten minutes for this activity. And who
59 can tell me a good idea, when you're done, if you feel like you're done, what would be some
60 good things that you might want to do. Um, Mildred, what might you want to do?

61 S: vocabulary words

62 T: Okay, you might want to look at your vocabulary words. What else might you want to do,
63 Alexis?

64 S: Read your results or share them with your partner.

65 [00:04:35]

66 T: You might want to share your results with your group. See if you got the same adjectives or
67 different adjectives. So, uh, yes?

68 S: Or we can just catch up on our reading.

69 T: You could catch up on your reading. I think I want you to focus on science right now even
70 though that's an awesome idea and I love that you're being motivated to read. But let's focus on
71 the science and keep with vocabulary or especially sharing those results. Thumbs up if you
72 understand what you're supposed to do right now. Okay. Please go ahead and read the step...

73 Ss: Do the step!

74 T: So read step three and then you may pick up your cup and get started.
75 [00:05:04]
76 Ss: *[reading instructions outloud][students start their work]*
77 T: So Jaden, what substance do you want to start with first?
78 S: [???)
79 T: The sodium chloride? Okay, good! Okay so what would you do? What would be a great
80 solution for that?
81 S: [???)
82 T: [???) Well there is a paper towel on your tray so you can just use that. So Jonathan, now what
83 did you notice? What substance are you looking at right now?
84 S: Gravel.
85 T: Gravel. Okay, what adjectives have you figured out so far about gravel? What properties have
86 you noticed?
87 S: It's hard.
88 [00:06:08]
89 T: Okay! So what, which category did you put that under?
90 S: [???)
91 T: Okay so one of the properties of gravel is that it's hard. What else? What other properties
92 have you noticed?
93 S: It has some [???)]. It's white on some. [???)
94 T: Okay. So some of it is a little bit sharp. So where do you think that would go best? Probably
95 under the shape excellent.
96 [00:06:30]
97 T: I realized that we...we've talked about these when we were talking about the magnesium, but
98 with the—and um—so the shape which you are talking about, you can talk about, some are of a
99 round shape. Some are square. I heard the word “crystal” from one of the items. And then with
100 particle size, what you want to use our comparing words too. So you can say it's small. But I can
101 compare it to the other materials. So if I was saying gravel. The gravel particles—are they larger
102 or smaller than sodium chloride particles?
103 Ss: Larger!
104 [00:07:07]
105 T: So I could write here, “larger than”, using that comparing word, “larger than sodium chloride”.
106 And in the other boxes, any properties that you have observed that don't really seem to fit into
107 these? Anything else that you think is interesting or cool about that? Okay, keep going guys.
108 Make sure we're all sharing nicely.
109 Ss: *[students resume observations]*
110 T: So which one have you done? Have you done one yet? So let's make sure we're sharing. So
111 Dylan what did you notice about the sodium chloride?
112 S: It feels kind of kind of rough.
113 T: Okay, so what category would that go under?

114 S: [???

115 Ss: *[students talking among themselves]*

116 T: Okay, thirty more seconds. If you're done, you know to work on that vocabulary—are you

117 guys doing that? Awesome.

118 [00:08:09]

119 Ss: *[students talking among themselves]*

120 T: okay, the substances should be back on your tray and you should be practicing that vocabulary.

121 Ss: *[students talking among themselves]*

122 [00:08:31]

123 T: Okay, so I heard a lot of really good observations. Raise your hand if you compared one of

124 these to sugar. Anyone compare the sodium chloride with sugar...in the appearance of it? I saw

125 that on that other category for some of you. What were some other observations that you thought

126 were pretty cool or interesting. Anyone want to share out? Uh, James?

127 S: I noticed that some of the gravel had different kinds of minerals in it.

128 T: Okay, raise your hand if you agree. You also noticed that the gravel had different kinds of

129 minerals or materials in it. You can see they look different. They're pieces of gravel that look

130 different. Raise your hand if you also observed that—that the pieces of gravel were different.

131 Okay um, Jonathan M, what's something you observed about one of our materials being used?

132 S: Um, I think the gravel was hard?

133 T: Okay, so you observed that the gravel was hard. Excellent, raise your hand if you also

134 observed that the gravel was hard. Or rough. Excellent.

135 [00:09:35]

136 T: So these properties, we're going to be using for our second part of our experiment. Now we

137 are going to create mixtures! Tell your group what you're going to be doing!

138 Ss: Create mixtures!

139 T: So does anyone remember, from the very, very, very beginning what we said we'd be mixing

140 our ingredients with? Anyone remember what we're mixing with after that?

141 S: Water

142 T: We're going to mix it with water. So, in just a few moments, we're going to be setting up our

143 notebook. The first person who is done, and we're not going to rush, we're going to do a good

144 job because scientists make sure our records are really great, but the first person who finishes

145 setting up their notebook is going to come up here and get a container of water. Are you going to

146 move around really crazy with it?

147 Ss: No

148 T: Are you going to put it on the crack between the two desks.

149 Ss: No

150 T: Okay, put it safely on the desk so that we can get ready to make some mixtures.

151 [00:10:30]

152 T: So the first person who is done with our next activity from each group will come to get one

153 dish. Ready, set, read!

154 Ss: Draw three empty cups and label after part two of lab, draw your mixture in the correct cup.
155 Label drawings with adjectives to describe your mixtures [*students reading instructions*]
156 T: So all we're worrying about right now is step one. And that's making your paper look like this.
157 So you're going to draw three cups and you can tell it takes up the whole page. And you're going
158 to label them with their titles. And this column is called predictions and this one is called results.
159 The first person in your group who has finished this nicely, if it's rushed, it won't count, has to
160 look really nice, will come over here and get one of the bowls and bring it back. Go ahead and
161 work on that please.
162 [00:11:22]
163 T: Okay, before we get started, we need to make a prediction. We need to think about what do
164 you think will happen. So what you'll be doing is you're going to take some water. You're going
165 to take our favorite amount—50 milliliters of water, okay. You are going to be, adding it in to
166 the material. What do you think is going to happen to this material? Like the properties—how it
167 looks, the texture...do you think any of that is going to change? You are going to use one of
168 these frames, and these are the same ones that are in the back of your science notebook and
169 they're up here, and on your piece of paper, if you look at Laura's right here, excellent dear,
170 excellent. On your piece of paper, you're going to write next to the cup, your prediction.
171 T: [continued] So I might write, "I think gravel, or the gravel mixture, will (blank)" or "I think
172 the gravel will..." or "What I already know about gravel helps me predict that...". And I'm
173 going to try to do a different one for each one. So this is a quiet activity right now. You're going
174 to go ahead and write down your predictions and I will give you about two minutes. And then I
175 will call on some volunteers. So go ahead and write your predictions for each one. So what do
176 you think will happen to the gravel when you mix it with water? What do you think will happen
177 to the diatomaceous earth when you mix it with water? And what do you think will happen to
178 the sodium chloride when you mix it with water?
179 [00:12:49]
180 T: [*talking to a student*] So I predict the diatomaceous earth will...what do you think will
181 happen to it? when you mix it with that water, what do you think what?
182 S: Swirl? I think it will swirl around in the water?
183 T: It will start like...swirl around?
184 S: Yes
185 T: Okay. Put that down. You can say "I predict the diatomaceous earth will swirl around
186 because..." Why do you think that will happen?
187 S: Because... [???]...in the water...[???]
188 T: Excellent. That's a really good point. Write that down.
189 [00:13:35]
190 T: So I heard some really good predictions coming from some people. I heard someone make a
191 comparison to maybe a diatomaceous earth, it might start making like a pancake sort of mixture
192 because it sort of looks like flour. Lots of things sort of swirling around. Using those properties,

193 like, I think the sodium chloride will float because it's light. So making those predictions.
194 Uh...please pick your favorite prediction and share it with your group. Go.
195 Ss: *[students talking among themselves]*
196 T: So we are ready to do the next part. In the next part you're going to do it with your group.
197 You need to read the step...
198 Ss: Do the step!
199 T: Okay. Make sure you do step one, step two...so you're going to take the water from this bin
200 that you have, with your syringe, to put it into the cup. Now I'm noticing on this directions it has
201 this part right here where it says "stir for one minute".
202 Ss: "stir for one minute"
203 [00:14:34]
204 T: Who can raise their hand and tell me how you will know if you've stirred it for one minute.
205 How could I know if I stirred something for one minute? Eva, how would I know if my group
206 has stirred something for one minute? How could I figure that out?
207 S: Look at the clock?
208 T: You can look at the clock! So you find the red hand, when it gets to like 35, and then look
209 until it gets back to that 35. So someone else has to be stirring and you have to have someone to
210 time—timing it. Raise your hand if you have a watch in your group. Someone...anyone have
211 watches?
212 Ss: *[students murmuring]* I forgot.
213 T: Okay. A few of you have that. If you wanted, you can use that. But it's really easy to just
214 follow that red hand until it gets back to the same number. So I'm going to go ahead and when
215 you do this, you are going to—look up here real quick and then I can let you go ahead and get
216 started on that lab. You're going to be labeling your cup. So this is your cup. I'm going to draw
217 some arrows and write some adjectives like "it's clear" or maybe "it's cloudy". Maybe it floats,
218 it sinks, it's clunky—to describe that cup. So this goes on the cup on your worksheet. Thumbs up
219 if you understand. Okay, you're going to read the step...
220 Ss: do the step!
221 [00:15:45]
222 T: What's everybody starting with?
223 Ss: Water.
224 T: Okay, go!
225 Ss: *[reading instructions out loud]*
226 T: Excellent, thank you.
227 Ss: *[students talking among themselves and working on the lab]*
228 [00:16:34]
229 T: *[talking to a group of students]* So what's in that one?
230 S: Salt, it disappeared
231 T: Salt? Why do you think that happened?
232 S1: It disappeared. It's salt water now

233 S2: It dissolved. It turned into salt water.
234 T: OK so there should be some label. OK so you should put those labels down, so draw your
235 water, and you put that it looks like water, so put your labels.
236 [00:17:06]
237 T: *[Talking to a group of students]* So which one are you doing right now?
238 S: We already done with the [???] now we're doing the salt.
239 T: OK so what have you noticed so far, what's happened?
240 S: This one's harder, this one was white but now it's gone.
241 T: OK, so what else besides white?
242 Ss: [???] *[students continuing to discuss lab]*
243 [00:17:26]
244 T: There was a lot of excitement especially about the sodium chloride. What was so unique about
245 sodium chloride that was sort of a—you guys seemed sort of—raise your hand if you were
246 surprised by sodium chloride and what happened to it. Some of you. Anyone want to share what
247 surprised them about that sodium chloride. Mia, what surprised you?
248 S: Uh...it surprised me that...when we didn't have it in water in the cup, it was a solid—but
249 when we put the water and we mixed it for a minute, it got clear.
250 T: Anybody else saw that clear part? You think like salt is white, but then you add water and
251 then—what was the word...some people used...I think it was maybe...Alexis, what word did
252 you use?
253 S: The salt dissolved.
254 T: Dissolved! Raise your hand if your group also used that word, *dissolved*. So it disappeared.
255 Give me an interesting reason why. Max, why don't you share with the class what your
256 reasoning was and why you think it dissolved and wait until everyone gives you respect.
257 [00:18:35]
258 S: My reasoning for why it dissolved was that, um, the salt was all dry and since it dissolved,
259 um...it dissolved because the water was all soggy and like...
260 T: It sort of reminds me...raise your had if you've had hot cocoa before?
261 Ss: What? Hot co...?
262 T: Hot cocoa? Like hot chocolate?
263 Ss: Oh!
264 T: Keep your hand if you've ever used like the powder, and you mix it up...
265 Ss: *[students speaking up in agreement]*
266 T: So...it sort of reminded me of that. You have like a powder and you're mixing it. But I know
267 with the hot cocoa, did it stay clear?
268 Ss: No
269 T: No. It was more like a diatomaceous earth where it sort of kept the color of that powder.
270 Sodium chloride is clear so that makes it different. So that makes it sort of like a special type of
271 mixture. And we're going to be looking at that.
272 [00:19:30]

273 T: What we're going to do now is just going to get started with this on, um, trying to separate
274 these. So you have three cups full of mixtures and we want to take them apart. So in order to do
275 that, we're going to use something called a filter. Everyone say "filter"!
276 Ss: Filter!
277 T: Make sure your hands are empty. We are not touching lab materials right now. Okay. So
278 filters are something that we used to separate a mixture or remove things. And this is sort of an
279 interesting word 'cause it has a noun form and a verb form. Mildred, how do we say the noun
280 form of filter?
281 S: filtro
282 T: Everyone, one, two, three!
283 Ss: Filtro!
284 T: So the noun form is a thing. So I have here a filter I use all the time. Raise your hand if you
285 have one of these filters at home. Tell your group what you use it for.
286 Ss: [???] Potato! | Macaroni and cheese! | salads *[all talking at once]*
287 T: Mata Loma!
288 S: Leopard leaders!
289 T: What do I use this filter for, um, Mariah?
290 S: [???]
291 [00:20:42]
292 T: I could use it for salad. So in that case, I'm trying to filter out, I'm trying to separate the salad
293 from the water that's on the salad—that mixture. Um what else might I use this for? Antonio do
294 you have one of these at home?
295 S: Yes
296 T: What do you use it for?
297 S: Macaroni and cheese
298 T: Okay and what are you trying to separate?
299 S: The water?
300 T: The water from the noodles. Raise your hand if you also use this for separating water and
301 noodles? Anyone else use it to separate salad from water? A few of you...okay! So...what's
302 really cool about filters is that they let us separate a lot of mixtures. And, um, sometimes people
303 use like coffee filters...raise your hand if you've seen one of those at home before.
304 Ss: I've seen them. | Yeah...
305 [00:21:30]
306 T: Okay and that separates out the coffee grounds from the coffee—the liquid coffee. You
307 wouldn't want to drink the solid coffee part. Okay, we have air filters. And air filters can
308 separate out things that get stuck in the air. And then I have one of these at home. It's called a
309 Brita filter. And what a Brita filter is, is that it separates out stuff you wouldn't want in water.
310 Does anyone have a Brita filter at home? Okay. So...these are all different kinds of filters.
311 They're nouns. But, a filter can also be a verb. Mildred, how do we say the verb form of filter?
312 S: Filtrar

313 T: How do we say the verb form of filtrar, Mildred?
314 S: Filtrar
315 T: Can you say it louder
316 S: Filtrar
317 Ss: Filt-rar
318 T: Okay, repeat after Mildred. Real loud, one, two, three?
319 Ss; Filtrar!
320 T: Okay...the rest of us...I have trouble with that one.
321 Ss: Filtrar
322 T: Mata Loma!
323 Ss: Leopard leaders!
324 [00:22:37]
325 T: Okay so a verb is the action. So this is a filter. I am using it to filter my pasta. So the action
326 is...so I want to filter out the water from my pasta. So we're going to be using filters today. So
327 eyes up here. I want you to turn to the next one. And read this question out loud with me on three.
328 One, two, three...
329 T+Ss: What do you think will happen when you use the screen to filter the mixtures?
330 T: So...go ahead and look at the back. And I'll take care of you guys in just a second. So...we're
331 going to make our predictions and it looks like we'll be doing this part on...later. But this is a
332 screen. Which of your mixtures do you think you can separate the water from your material
333 using this? I'm going to pass these out. Go ahead, and if you look at the board, go ahead and
334 make a prediction which ones do you think you can filter out.
335 S: They use these on the door screen thing!
336 S: Oh yeah!
337 Ss: *[students discussing]*
338 [00:23:43]
339 T: So in this column, if you think gravel can be separated by the screen, the gravel mixture, go
340 write yes here. If you think it can't, go write no, Same thing for these. You have about twenty
341 more seconds to make your prediction.
342 S: It's going to stay there.
343 Ss: *[students discussing]*
344 T: Raise your hand if you think you *can* separate the gravel mixture? Okay. Pretty confident with
345 that one. Okay, hands down. Raise your hands if you think you can separate the diatomaceous
346 earth mixture? A few people think maybe. Okay, hands down. And raise your hands if you think
347 you can separate the sodium chloride mixture? Oh, not too many people. Just a couple. Okay, so
348 what you're going to do. Please go ahead, flip in your packet, to the next page.
349 [00:24:37]
350 T: And then sit with a learning body. Okay. So what you're going to be doing is you are going to
351 take—you're going to start with your gravel and you'll have your empty cup—where should
352 your empty cup be? Tell your neighbor.

353 Ss: On the tray
354 T: And then look back to me when you're ready. Okay. So, Mildred, where should your cup be?
355 S: On the tray.
356 T: OK it should be on the tray on the paper towel. So you're going to have your empty "G" cup
357 and then you need to put this on top. Now this is—you have to be very careful. If you try to pour
358 this fast, it's just going to spill right off. All over. So what you do is—pour it slowly. And you
359 can sort of use your fingers to rub it to help get the water to start going through. But it's going to
360 be very slow. Once you poured this one, you'll put it down and then on your worksheet, you will
361 write results. Yes or no, did it work? And if you've noticed anything special.
362 [00:25:46]
363 T: Then you're going to do the same thing with the diatomaceous earth with the "D" empty cup
364 and the same thing with the "S" cup. Now last time you had some trouble following directions.
365 So it's really important that we're carefully following the steps as they are. Okay, we don't have
366 much time left so I'm hoping we can finish the screening for all three, but we need to be done in
367 about seven minutes so we can do a quick closing and finish up. OK? So I need your help to be
368 really focused. So thumbs up if you can do that. Okay, please go ahead.
369 [0:26:26]
370 Ss: *[students discussing and working]*
371 *[audio is cut to after their activities wrap up]*
372 T: Most of you have finished. But not all of you. That's okay. You're going to get a moment to
373 finish is just a second. But a lot of you are done so I want you to know what we're finishing with
374 today. We're going to finish by reflecting on why do we think a mixture will separate. So I want
375 everyone to read this with me with the blanks. Even if you're not done with your filtering with
376 using your screen as a filter. We're going to read this up here. So ready, set, read.
377 T+Ss: The mixture of (blank) and (blank) was separated by (blank). I think that the screen was
378 able to separate this mixture because (blank).
379 [00:27:23]
380 T: So on your worksheet, the first question is this question. And you're going to use this. What
381 would go under—so in the first two blanks would be water and whatever water got mixed with.
382 What would—what are we using to separate? Which kind of filter were we using in this part? Go
383 ahead and tell your partner the name of the filter.
384 Ss: Screen
385 T: So what kind of filter were we using, Laura?
386 S: Screen
387 T: We're using a screen. And you're going to say why you think this screen could separate that
388 mixture so please finish this up now and we're going to share out and that's going to be our
389 closing. We need to be done in about two to three minutes. If you're not done filtering it with
390 your screen, go ahead and finish that and then answer that. Go ahead. Go.