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**Lab: Identifying Elements, Compounds, and Mixtures**

**Directions**:

1. Read through the review chart below and answer the pre-lab questions.
2. Obtain one substance at a time and identifying each substance as an element, compound, or mixture. If it is a mixture, be sure to include whether it is **homogeneous** or **heterogeneous**.
3. Do 8 out of the ten samples from the back counter and then the 2 unknown liquids on your table.
4. For the unknown liquids, you must determine if the liquid is water or if it is a solution (mixture). See notes on solutions.
5. Be sure to include 3 observations of the substance, and a meaningful REASON for your classification!

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| **Element** | **Compound** | **Mixture** |
| * Made of ONE kind of atom (found on the periodic table) * Cannot be separated into any simpler form chemically or physically | * Made of 2 or more kinds of atoms chemically combined in a certain ratio (e.g. a water molecule is 2 hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom) | * 2 or more elements or compounds mixed together physically. * Not chemically combined! * Each part keeps its own chemical identity. * Can be **heterogeneous** (different throughout) or **homogeneous.** (the same throughout) * Liquids that are homogeneous solutions are called **solutions.** |

**Pre-Lab Questions**

1. What is the difference between an atom and a compound?
2. How is a heterogeneous mixture different from a homogeneous mixture?
3. How is the way a mixture is combined DIFFERENT from how a compound is combined?
4. What is easier to separate, a mixture or a compound? Why?
5. Which can be found on the periodic table: elements, compounds or mixtures?

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| **Substance #** | **Description/Observations** | **Classification**  **(Element, Compound, Homogeneous Mixture or Heterogeneous Mixture)** | **How do you know?** |
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**Teacher Notes:**

Challenging for kids

Goal: to classify matter

Substances used:

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| Oil + water | Heterogeneous |
| Copper | Element |
| Chalk (CaCO3) | Compound |
| Rocks and sand | Heterogeneous |
| H2O2 | Compound |
| Gatorade  (Colored water) | homogeneous |
| Sucrose | Compound |
| Iron | element |
| Brass | homogeneous |

Unknowns:

Salt water (or baking soda water) and **distilled** water.

Salt water seemed to work best. Make and then pour solution through filter paper to make clear.

Set-up

Back counter: 3 samples of each substance #1-9

Each table: 2 large beakers and 2 small beakers with unknowns (odd-salt and even-water)

Around room (5 worked well): hot plate and hot pad

Have half the groups start with the unknowns

**Day 2:**

1. Get in your groups and white board your groups

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| Elements | Compounds | Hetero mixture | Homo mixture |
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1. Present boards

Look for similarities and differences

Does everyone agree on the classifications?

What is different?