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EXPERIMENT 3: FORMS OF MATTER AND CHEMICAL CHANGES

Equipment: magnet, paper, test tube, Bunsen burner, splint Materials: powdered sulfur, iron fillings, lead (IV) oxide

In this experiment, you'll learn what is meant by the terms: chemical change, element, compound, and mixture.

- A. Examine some powdered sulfur and some iron filings.
 - 1. Describe the appearance of each.
- B. Place a magnet near each.
 - 2. What effect does the magnet have?
- C. Make a mixture of iron filings and an equal volume of sulfur on a folded piece of paper.
 - 3. Describe the appearance of the mixture.
- D. Place a magnet near the mixture.
 - 4. Describe what happens.
- **E.** Add to the mixture a volume of sulfur equal to 1/4 the volume of the mixture.
 - 5. Is there a limit to the quantity of sulfur that may be added to the mixture?
- F. Transfer the mixture to a test tube and heat strongly until a red glow appears in the tube. Remove the flame as soon as the red glow appears.
 - 6. What happens to the red glow inside the test tube when the flame is taken away? Explain.
 - 7. Define "exothermic reaction."
 - 8. Which had more chemical potential energy, the reactants or the product? Explain your answer.
- G. Remove the product from the test tube and examine it. Test it with a magnet.
 - 9. Does it resemble iron or sulfur?
 - 10. What must have occurred to account for the change?

SUMMARY QUESTIONS

- 1. What is an element?
- 2. What is meant by "chemical change"?
- 3. What is a compound?
- 4. What are two important differences between a mixture and a compound?
- 5. Write equations for both chemical changes that you observed in this experiment.
- 6. Draw fully labelled potential energy diagrams for the two chemical reactions you observed in this experiment.
- 7. What is the source of the energy given off in an exothermic reaction?
- 8. In what form is the energy absorbed by an endothermic reaction stored? Where is it stored?
- 9. Define activation energy.