**What’s in a formula?**

You should have noticed in chemistry that each substance has some sort of chemical formula e.g. carbon dioxide is CO2. Does it matter how exact this formula is and what can we learn from a formula?

Materials: iron nail, sulfur, iron sulfide, iron(II) sulfate, iron(III) sulfate, iron nitrate, magnet

1. Iron and sulfur

Examine your sample of iron and your sample of sulfur. Describe each and test each with a magnet.

Iron description: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sulfur description: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Question: If iron and sulfur react to form a compound, will the compound be magnetic? Will it be a hard, tough solid?

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2. Compounds of iron and sulfur

Several compounds of iron and sulfur are supplied for you. For each compound, fill in a row of the table below.

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| Name | Formula | Magnetic? | Description |
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What conclusions can you draw?

Are the properties of a compound an average of those of the element?

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Do all compounds of iron and sulfur behave the same?

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What patterns are there in the naming system of elements?

What will be the difference between zinc carbide and zinc carbonate.

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What will the name of the compound formed from aluminium and nitrogen be? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What will the name of the compound formed from aluminium, nitrogen and oxygen be? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Salt**

Salt has a formula NaCl. It is quite edible and is often added to food. It is safe to handle.

Salt is made from sodium and chlorine. Research the properties of sodium and chlorine.

Sodium properties \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Chlorine properties \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Conclusion: Are the properties of a compound a combination of the elements it is made from?

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**H2O vs H2O2**

Care – do not get hydrogen peroxide on your hands, rinse off quickly if you do.

Task:

1. You are supplied with a sample of H2O and a sample of H2O2.

Describe the appearance of each: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Add 20 mL of water to a 100 mL measuring cylinder. Add 20 mL of hydrogen peroxide to a different measuring cylinder.

Add a few drops of detergent to each.

Add a small amount of manganese dioxide powder to each measuring cylinder.

What do you observe? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Can you write an equation for the reaction which occurred?

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Uses of hydrogen peroxide. Google its uses. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Conclusion: Does the change in formula (H2O vs H2O2) make much difference?

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