Matter

2. Separating mixtures

CONCEPT 1

PURE SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURES

NOTES

A **pure substance** contains only one type of particle. Elements e.g. gold Au and oxygen O_2 , and compounds e.g. water H_2O and carbon dioxide CO_2 are pure substances.

A **mixture** is made up of two or more pure substances mixed together. Fruit juice and sea water are mixtures. The amounts of each substance in a mixture can vary. Mixtures only have the properties of the substances in the mixture.

An **element** is a pure substance made up from one type of atom e.g. copper Cu, oxygen O, neon Ne.

A **compound** is a pure substance consisting of two or more elements chemically joined together e.g. carbon dioxide CO₂ (carbon and oxygen), water H₂O (hydrogen and oxygen), sodium chloride NaCl (sodium and chlorine).

Diagram	Description	Example
&	Pure element	oxygen
	Pure compound	carbon dioxide
9	Mixture of elements	oxygen and helium
	Mixture of compounds	alcohol and water
	Mixture of elements and compounds	air