

## PREPARING SOLUTIONS AND REAGENTS



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## Chemical Solutions (aqueous = **water** is the solvent)

Types of vessels (least to most precise):

- Beaker
- Erlenmeyer flask
- Graduated cylinder

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## DEFINITIONS:

- **SOLUTES** -- substances that are dissolved (**Miracle Grow**)
- **SOLVENTS** -- substance in which solutes are dissolved (**water**)
- **CONCENTRATION** -- the amount of solute divided by the amount of solvent. How much **Miracle Grow** is in the **water**?

\*How strong is the Kool-Aid?



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## Facts of Life

- Mass is measured in Grams, mg,  $\mu\text{g}$   
1g = 1000mg = 1,000,000 $\mu\text{g}$
- Volume is measured in liters, mL,  $\mu\text{L}$   
1L = 1000mL = 1,000,000  $\mu\text{L}$
- Density of water is 1 g / mL
- Concentration is expressed in many ways:
  - 1. percent
  - 2. mg/ mL
  - 3. molar
  - 4. "X" solution

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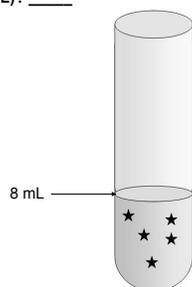
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Each star represents 1 mg of NaCl.  
What is the total amount of NaCl in the tube? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the concentration of NaCl in the tube (in mg/  
mL)? \_\_\_\_\_



$$\frac{5 \text{ mg}}{8 \text{ mL}} = \frac{?}{1 \text{ mL}}$$

? = 0.63 mg, so the  
concentration is  
0.63 mg/mL

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## Percent Solutions

- Per means "for every one"
- Cent means 100
- Example: a 5% miracle grow solution has 5 grams of solute for 100g of solution

$\frac{5\text{g}}{100\text{mL}}$  100 g of water = 100 mL  
The solution is mostly water

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**Germination Lab:**

Make 100 mL of a 5% Miracle Grow solution

5 g / 100 g = 5 g / 100 mL  
because the density of water is 1 g / mL

Use 5 g of Miracle Grow and  
bring to a volume of (BTV)  
100 mL with water

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**Diluting Solutions**

Formula:

$$C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$$

Concentration<sub>1</sub> x Volume<sub>1</sub>

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Concentration<sub>2</sub> x Volume<sub>2</sub>

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**Germination Lab: 3.75% solution**

- Solution 1 is 5% Miracle Grow (stock solution)
- Solution 2 is 3.75% Miracle Grow (what you want)
- How do you make 10 mL of 3.75% Miracle Grow solution?
- $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$
- (5%) (?) = (3.75%) (10 mL)
- ? = 7.5mL of Solution 1
- How much water do you use to make 10mL?
- Add 2.5mL water to 7.5mL 5% stock solution!

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### Germination Lab: 2.5% solution

- Solution 1 is 5% Miracle Grow (stock solution)
- Solution 2 is 2.5% Miracle Grow (what you want)
- How do you make 10 mL of 2.5% Miracle Grow solution?
- $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$
- (5%) (?) = (2.5%) (10 mL)
- ? = 5mL of Solution 1
- How much water do you use to make 10mL?
- Add 5mL water to 5mL 5% stock solution!

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### Germination Lab: 1.25% solution

- Solution 1 is 5% Miracle Grow (stock solution)
- Solution 2 is 1.25% Miracle Grow (what you want)
- How do you make 10 mL of 1.25% Miracle Grow solution?
- $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$
- (5%) (?) = (1.25%) (10 mL)
- ? = 2.5mL of Solution 1
- How much water do you use to make 10mL?
- Add 7.5mL water to 2.5mL 5% stock solution!

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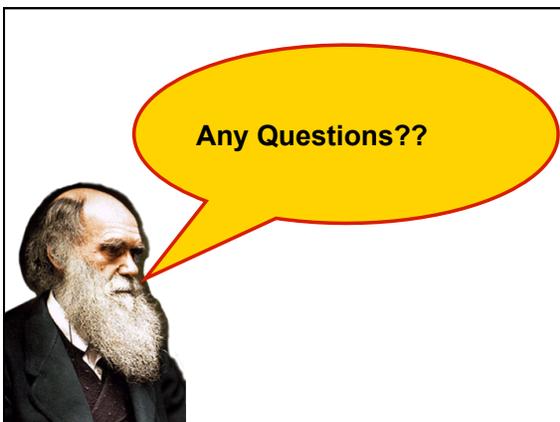
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