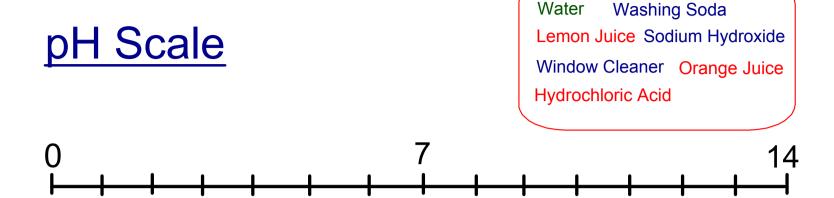
Acids and Bases

What acids do you know?

Acid comes from Latin and means sour. It is dangerous to taste certain acids so we need a better way to test for acids.



Sour milk contains lactic acid.



The pH scale is a scale that measures how acidic or basic a chemical is.

The scale goes from 0 to 14. 0 - 6 is Acid, 7 is Neutral and 8 - 14 is Basic. Another word for a Base is an Alkali.

Bases

Bases are chemically opposite to acids. Some common bases are....

Sodium Hydroxide - NaOH

Found in drain cleaner, also known as Caustic Soda.



Toothpaste

Antacids - like Rennie

This mixes with your stomach acid to make salt and water.



If you turn in a car what do you use to show which way you are going?



An indicator changes colour to show if a chemical is an Acid or a Base. The most common indicator is a chemical called Litmus. It's taken from a lichen and is purple.

We can make our own Litmus indicator from Red Cabbage.

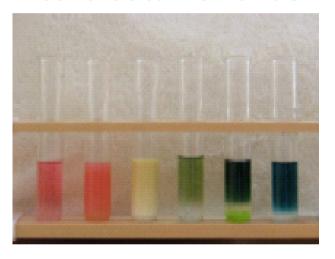
Using Red Cabbage as a Indicator.



Litmus

An Acid is a chemical that turns litmus from Blue to Red.

A Base is a chemical that turns litmus from Red to Blue.



Universal indicator - turns different colours with different pHs. Universal indicator can be in a paper or liquid form.

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Experiment

Colour		PH
Red		1
Light Red		3
Green		6
Ligh+ Blog		8
Dark Blue		14
	Red Light Red Green	Red Light Red Green Light Blog

Conclusion

Different substances have different pHs and these can be tested using an universal indicator

What you should know -

An indicator shows if a substance is an acid or a base

(by a colour change)

Acids turn litmus red
Bases turn litmus blue
A solution with pH 7 is Neutral.
A solution with pH 0 - 6 is Acidic
A solution with pH 8 - 14 is Basic (Alkaline)

pH = 10

Universal Indicator shows how strong an acid or base is. Universal indicator is a mixture of different indicators.