



Chapter 3

Substances, Mixtures, and Solubility



3 – 1 What is a Solution ?



Substances vs. Mixtures

- Substances

- Compounds
- Atoms

- Mixtures

- Heterogeneous
- Homogeneous



Substances

- Substances – matter with a fixed composition whose identity can be changed by chemical processes but not by physical processes.
 - It cannot be broken down into simpler parts by physical processes.
 - Always contains the exact same proportion of elements.



- Example : Nitrogen

- Nitrogen is an element. It cannot be broken down.

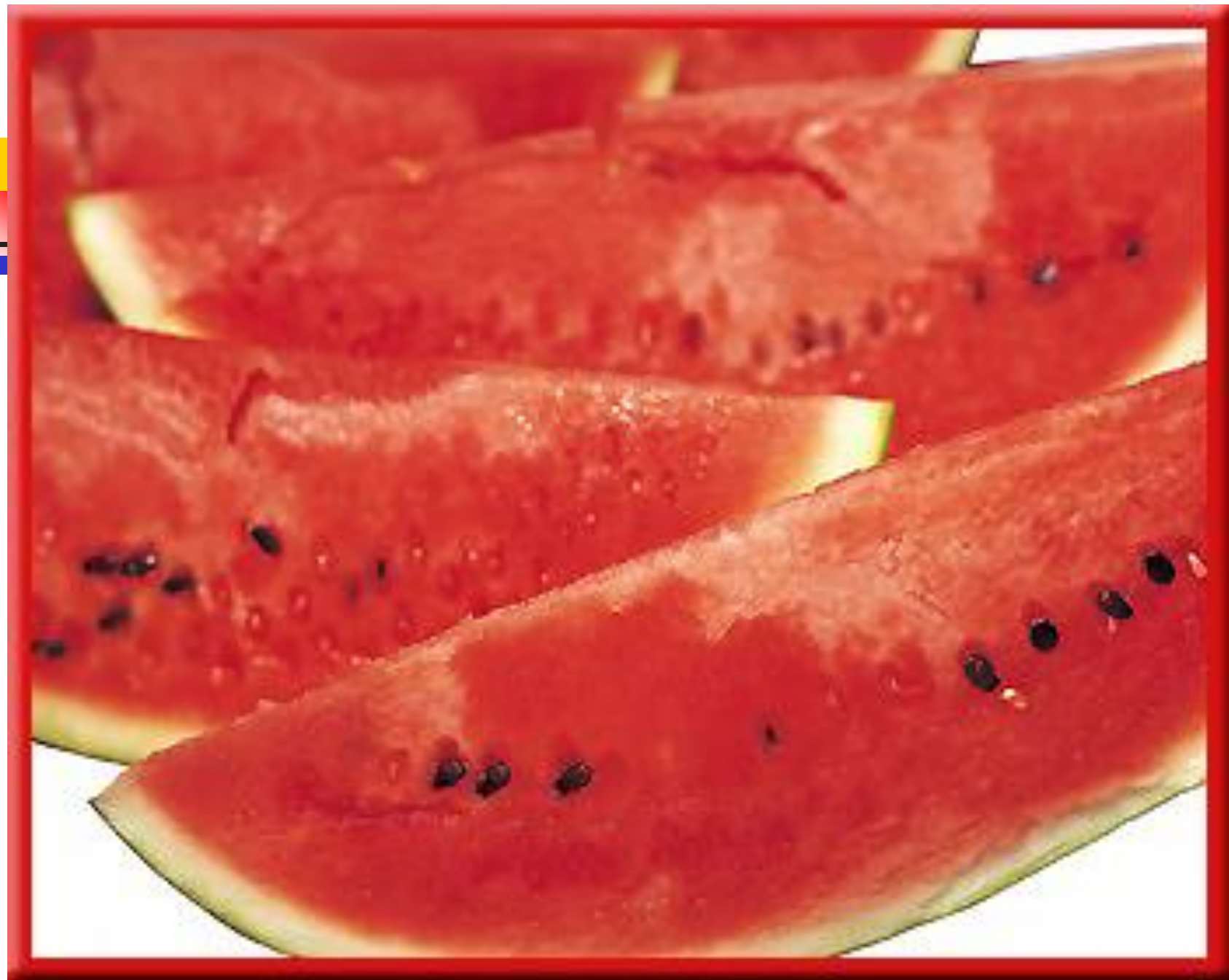
- Example : Water

- Water is made of Hydrogen and Oxygen. The water molecule cannot be broken down without a chemical reaction.



Mixtures

- Mixture – A combination of substances that are not bonded together and can be separated by physical processes.
 - Does not always contain the same proportion of elements.
 - Example : Adding more sugar to Kool-Aid does not change it into something else, just gives a greater sugar concentration.





Heterogeneous Mixtures

- Different areas of a heterogeneous mixture have different compositions
 - Example : Watermelons do not have seeds evenly distributed throughout.
 - Example : Cereal does not give you the same proportion of cereal to milk each spoon full.
 - Example : Kool-Aid has a lot more sugar settle to the bottom of the pitcher.



Homogeneous Mixture

- Also known as a “**Solution**”
 - Solutions are formed by a Solute and a Solvent
 - Solute dissolves in the Solvent
 - Example : sugar (solute) dissolves in water (solvent)
 - Crystallization – occurs when a solute comes back out of its solution and forms a solid.
 - The result of a physical change.



Types of Solutions

- Liquid–Gas Solution
 - Gas is dissolved into a liquid
 - Example : Soda
- Liquid-Liquid Solution
 - Liquid is dissolved into a liquid
 - Example : Vinegar
- Gas-Gas Solution
 - Gas is dissolved into a gas
 - Example : Our atmosphere (oxygen dissolved into Nitrogen)



■ Solid Solutions

- The solute may be a solid, liquid, or a gas.
- Solid-solid solutions are the most common.
 - Most of our metals are not pure substances, they are a mixture of metals.
 - Alloy – a solution of two or more metals.



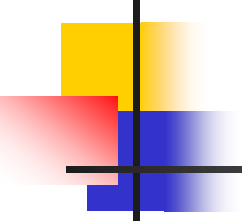


3 – 2 Solubility



Like Dissolves Like

- Why is it that when a spoon full of sugar is stirred into Kool-Aid, the sugar dissolves but the spoon does not dissolve ?

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- Polar solvents dissolve polar solutes.
 - Nonpolar solvents dissolve nonpolar solutes.
 - Ionic solvents dissolve ionic solutes.

 - Oil and water do not mix
 - Oil is nonpolar, water is polar



Water

- “The Universal Solvent”
 - Water will dissolve most solutes.
- Aqueous – Any solution in which water is the solvent.
- Water is polar, and dissolve both polar molecules and ionic compounds.



Solubility

- Solubility – measure of how much solute can be dissolved in a certain amount of solvent.
 - The amount of material that will dissolve into 100g of solvent at a given temperature.
 - If the solubility is 0, or is extremely low, the substance is considered “**Insoluble**”.



The Effect of Temperature on Solubility

- Liquid-Solid Solution
 - Increasing the temperature increases the solubility and speeds the rate at which the solute dissolves.
- Liquid-Gas Solution
 - Increasing the temperature decreases the solubility of the solution.



Saturated Solutions

- Saturated – a solution that holds the total amount of solute that it can hold under given conditions.
- Unsaturated – solution that does not hold the total amount of solute under given conditions.
- Supersaturated – solution that holds more solute than the total amount of solute under the given conditions.



Rate of Dissolving

1. Stir/Shake up -- increases rate
2. Raise temperature -- increases rate
3. Breaking the solute into smaller pieces -- increases rate



Concentration

- Concentration – how much solute is present in a solution compared to the amount of solvent present.
 - Concentrated solution has more solute present than a Dilute solution.



Effects of Solute Particles

- Solute particles prevent the molecules of the solvent from aligning in the proper arrangement in order to freeze.
 - Salt prevents water molecules from forming their crystalline structure when trying to freeze.
 - Salt prevents water molecules from escaping the liquid when boiling.

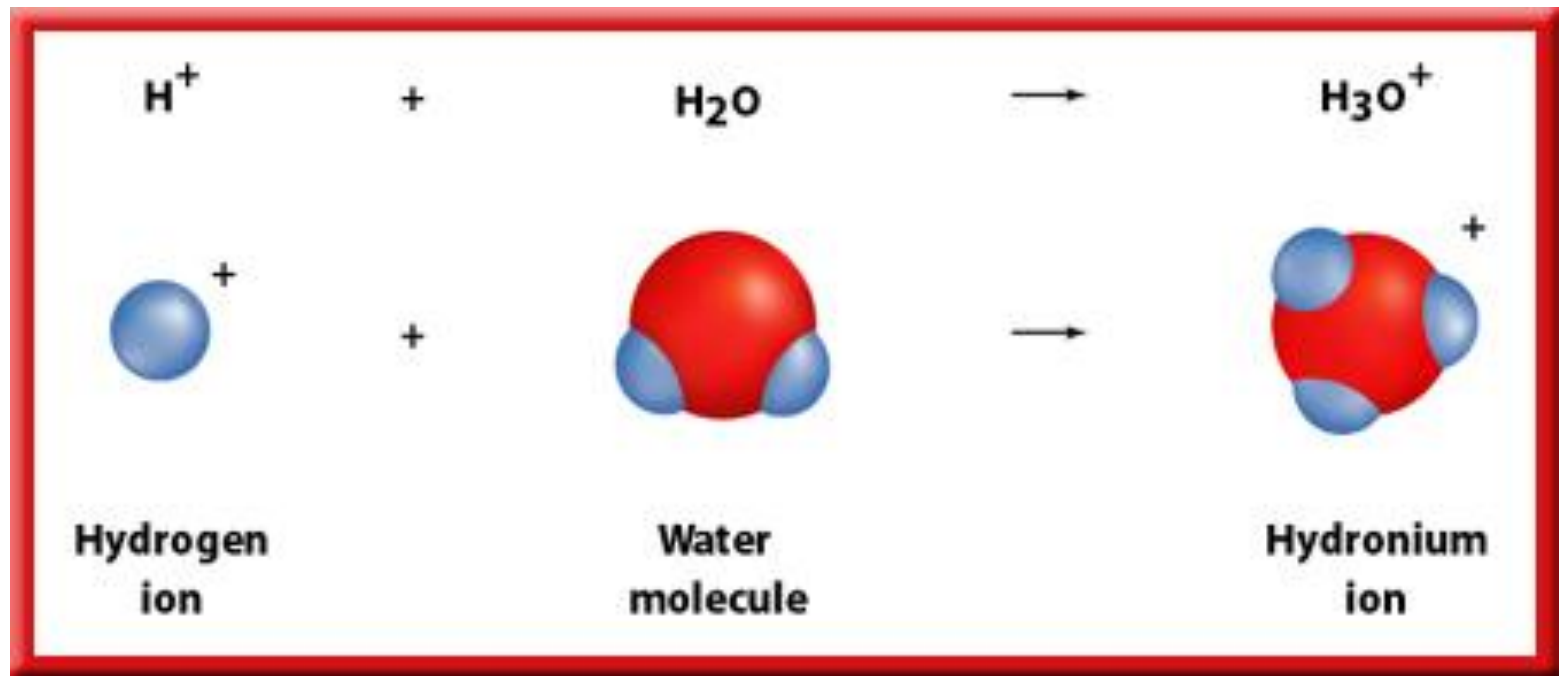
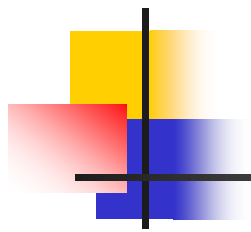
3 – 3 Acidic and Basic Solutions





Acids

- Acids are substances that release positively charged hydrogen ions, H^+ , in the water.
- When an acid mixes with water, the acid dissolves, releasing a hydrogen ion.
- The hydrogen ion then combines with a water molecule to form a hydronium ion.
- **Hydronium ions** are positively charged and have the formula H_3O^+ .





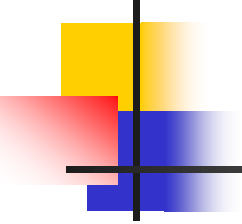
Properties of Acidic Solutions

- Sour taste.
- They can conduct electricity.
- Corrosive - They break down certain substances.
 - Many acids can corrode fabric, skin, and paper.
 - The solutions of some acids also react strongly with certain metals.



Uses of Acids

- Vinegar, which is used in salad dressing, contains acetic acid.
- Lemons, limes, and oranges have a sour taste because they contain citric acid.
- Your body needs ascorbic acid, which is vitamin C.
- Sulfuric acid is used in the production of fertilizers, steel, paints, and plastics.

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- Acids often are used in batteries because their solutions conduct electricity.
 - Hydrochloric acid, which is known commercially as muriatic acid, is used in a process called pickling.
 - Pickling is a process that removes impurities from the surfaces of metals.



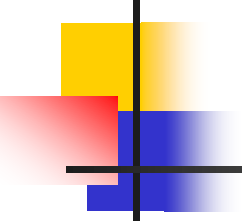
Acid in the Environment

- Carbonic acid plays a key role in the formation of caves and of stalactites and stalagmites.
- Carbonic acid is formed when carbon dioxide in soil is dissolved in water.
- When this acidic solution comes in contact with calcium carbonate—or limestone rock—it can dissolve it, eventually carving out a cave in the rock.



Bases

- **Bases** are substances that can accept hydrogen ions.
- When bases dissolve in water, some hydrogen atoms from the water molecules are attracted to the base.
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- This pair of atoms is a negatively charged ion called a hydroxide ion.
 - A hydroxide ion has the formula OH^- .
 - Most bases contain a hydroxide ion, which is released when the base dissolves in water.



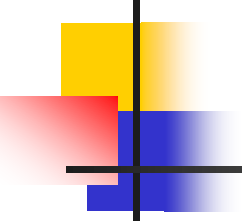
Properties of Basic Solutions

- Basic solutions feel slippery.
- Bases also taste bitter.
- Like acids, bases are corrosive.
- Basic solutions contain ions and can conduct electricity. Basic solutions are not as reactive with metals as acidic solutions are.



Uses of Bases

- Bases give soaps, ammonia, and many other cleaning products some of their useful properties.
- The hydroxide ions produced by bases can interact strongly with certain substances, such as dirt and grease.

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- Chalk and oven cleaner are examples of familiar products that contain bases.
 - Your blood is a basic solution.



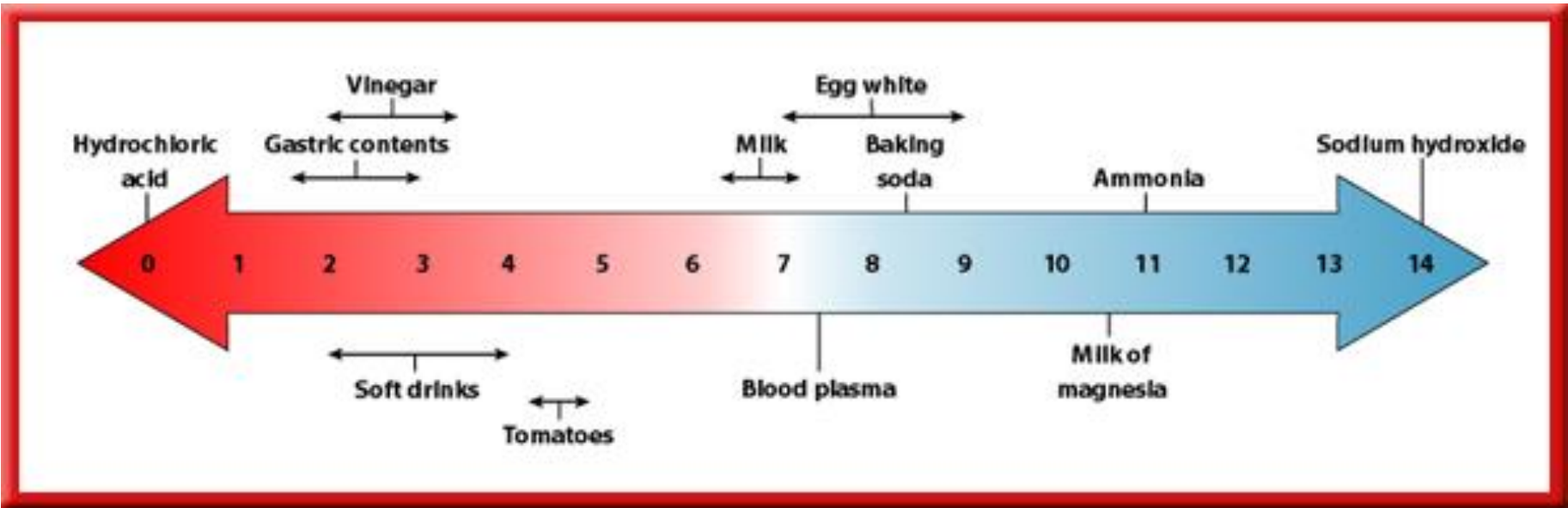
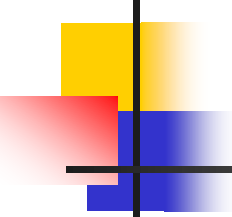
What is pH?

- **pH** is a measure of how acidic or basic a solution is.
- The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14.
- Acidic solutions have pH values below 7.
- A solution with a pH of 0 is very acidic.
- A solution with a pH of 7 is neutral.
- Basic solutions have pH values above 7.



pH Scale

- A change of 1 pH unit represents a tenfold change in the acidity of the solution.
- For example, if one solution has a pH of 1 and a second solution has a pH of 2, the first solution is not twice as acidic as the second—it is ten times more acidic.

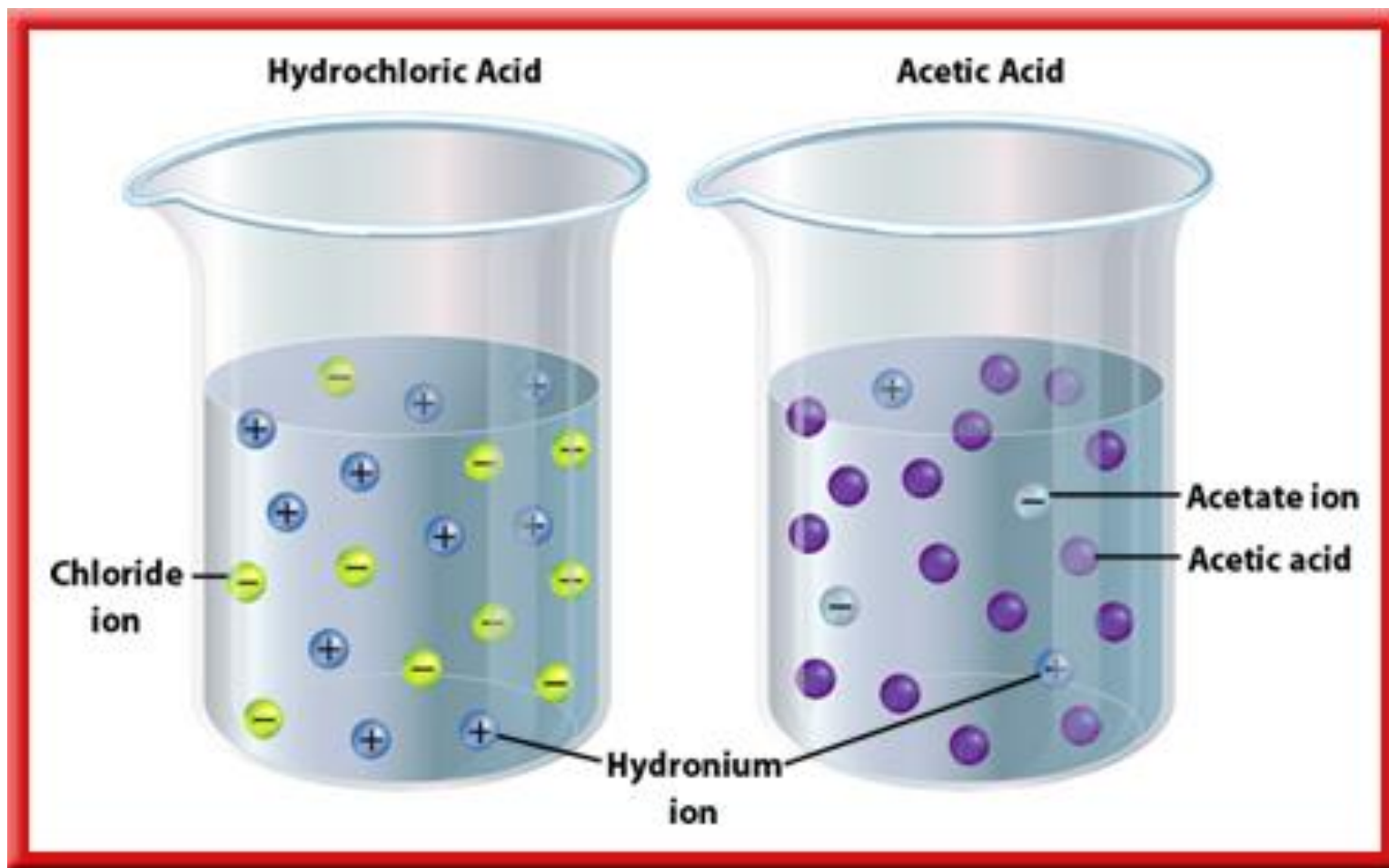




Strengths of Acids and Bases

- The difference between food acids and the acids that can burn you is that they have different strengths.
- The strength of an acid is related to how easily the acid separates into ions, or how easily a hydrogen ion is released, when the acid dissolves in water.

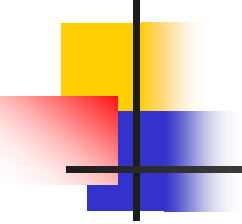
- In the same concentration, a strong acid—like hydrochloric acid—forms more hydronium ions in solution than a weak acid does—like acetic acid.



- More hydronium ions means the strong-acid solutions has a lower pH than the weak-acid solution.

Strengths of Some Acids and Bases

	Acid	Base
Strong	hydrochloric (HCl) sulfuric (H ₂ SO ₄) nitric (HNO ₃)	sodium hydroxide (NaOH) potassium hydroxide (KOH)
Weak	acetic (CH ₃ COOH) carbonic (H ₂ CO ₃) ascorbic (H ₂ C ₆ H ₆ O ₆)	ammonia (NH ₃) aluminum hydroxide (Al(OH) ₃) iron (III) hydroxide (Fe(OH) ₃)

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Indicators

- **Indicators** are compounds that react with acidic and basic solutions and produce certain colors, depending on the solution's pH.
- Because they are different colors at different pHs, indicators can help you determine the pH of a solution.
- When litmus paper is placed in an acidic solution, it turns red. When placed in a basic solution, litmus paper turns blue.



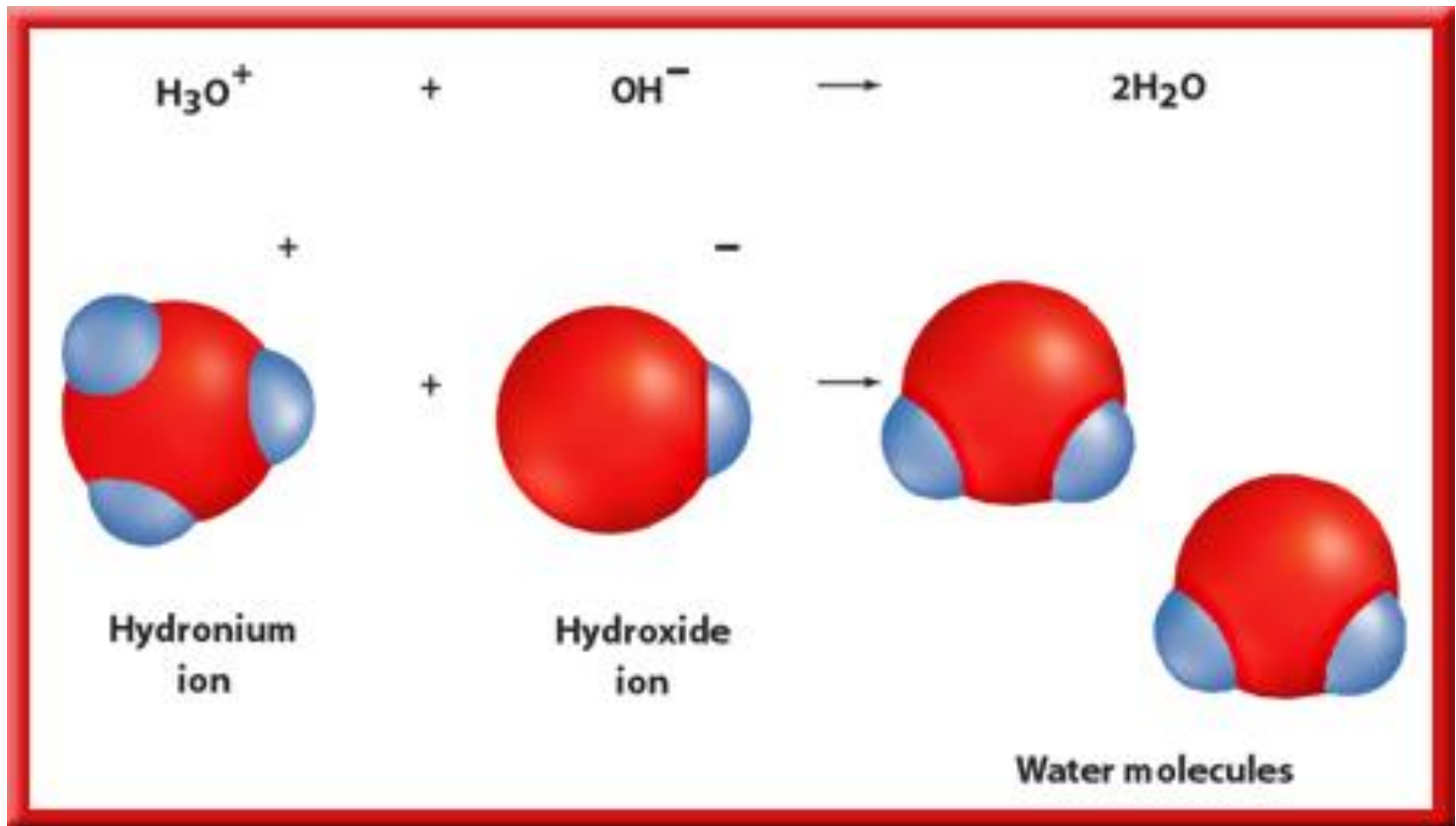
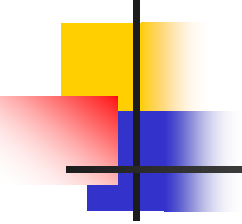
Neutralization

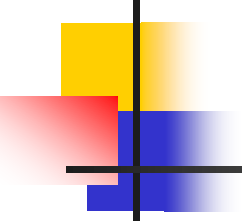
- Heartburn or stomach discomfort is caused by excess hydrochloric acid in the stomach.
- An antacid product, often made from the base magnesium hydroxide, $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$, neutralizes the excess acid.
- **Neutralization** (new truh luh ZAY shun) is the reaction of an acid with a base. It is called this because the properties of both the acid and base are diminished, or neutralized.

How does neutralization occur?



- Recall that every water molecule contains two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom.
- When one hydronium ion reacts with one hydroxide ion, the product is two water molecules. This reaction occurs during acid-base neutralization.



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- Equal numbers of hydronium ions from the acidic solution and hydroxide ions from the basic solution react to produce water.
 - Pure water has a pH of 7, which means that it's neutral.