Physical or Chemical Change Lab

Physical and Chemical Changes are Different:

What's needed:

Baking soda Vinegar Two clear cups Spoon Thermometer Stopwatch or timer Safety goggles



What to do:

- 1. Put on your safety goggles.
- 2. Place a spoonful of baking soda into one of the clear cups.
- 3. Pour an equal amount of vinegar into the other clear cup.
- 4. Measure the temperature of both cups using the thermometer and record it in a table.
- 5. Observe the two cups and record your observations in a table.
- 6. Slowly pour the vinegar into the cup with baking soda and immediately start the stopwatch or timer.
- 7. Observe the mixture and record your observations in a table.
- 8. Measure the temperature of the mixture using the thermometer and record it in a table.
- 9. Repeat steps 4-8, but this time, place the vinegar in the cup with baking soda.

Compare the results of both trials and answer the following questions:

- What happened to the baking soda and vinegar when they were combined?
- Was there a change in temperature? If so, what happened?
- Did the mixture change in color or texture? If so, how?
- Was this a physical or chemical change? Explain your answer

Conclusion:

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Teacher Notes:

Based on the observations and data, students should conclude that when baking soda and vinegar are combined, they undergo a chemical change in state.

The mixture becomes fizzy and bubbles are produced, indicating the formation of a new substance.

The temperature of the mixture may also increase due to an exothermic reaction.

This is different from a physical change in state, such as melting or boiling, where the substance remains the same but changes its form.