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# A Penny for Your Thoughts Introduction to Chemistry

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## **Purpose**

To observe a chemical transformation firsthand.

### Materials and Safety

- 1. What equipment is used in the demonstration?
- **2.** In the table, briefly describe your observations of each chemical used in the demonstration. The first one has been done for you.

Chemical	Observation
penny	shiny, reddish-brown, cylinder-shaped solid
zinc	
3 M sodium hydroxide	
water	

3. Safety is extremely important in the chemistry lab. In the space below, write three important safety considerations for this demonstration.

1.		
2.		
3.		

#### **Procedure and Observations**

In the table, record your observations for each step of the procedure. Step 1 has been completed for you.

Procedure	Observations
Place the beaker with zinc and sodium hydroxide on a hot plate and set the hot plate to 4. If the liquid begins to boil, turn down the hot plate a little.	Zinc covers the bottom of the beaker. The sodium hydroxide is a clear colorless liquid that fills the beaker about halfway. During heating, there is a slightly putrid odor and bubbles form.
Use tongs to place the penny in the heated beaker. After a few minutes, remove the penny with tongs.	
3. Put the hot penny in the beaker of cold water to cool and rinse it.	
4. Use tongs to place the penny on the hot plate. When the penny has changed color, use the tongs to place it in the beaker of cold water to cool again.	

#### **Analysis**

Working with the students at your table, spend a few minutes discussing descriptions of what you observed during the experiment. Then answer the questions individually.

- **4.** Describe what happened to the penny during the experiment.
- 5. What do you think turned the penny silver?
- 6. What do you think turned the penny gold?
- **7. Making Sense** Do you think you made real gold? Why or why not? How could you find out?

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# What's the Matter? Defining Matter

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#### **Purpose**

To decide what is and what isn't matter and to define matter.

ACTIVITY Questions

1. Discuss the items listed with your group. Decide which things in the list are matter. Use the table to divide the items into three categories.

batteries heat electricity fear dust
DNA helium bacteria wind atoms
sound clouds car exhaust wisdom fire

Matter	Unsure	Not matter

- **2.** In your group, discuss the common properties, or characteristics, of the items in the matter category. Below, create a list of those properties that apply to *all* items that are matter.
- **3.** In your group, examine your list of properties. Use them to write a definition of matter.
- **4. Making Sense** Pick one of the items you consider to be "not matter." Explain why you believe that item is not matter by showing how it doesn't fit your definition of matter.
- 5. If You Finish Early Some of the items on the list, such as wind, can be categorized as the movement of matter. List some other things that describe the movement of matter.

Discussion Notes: In Your Notebook

Homework: Read pages 7-8+ answer questions 1-6

pages 9-12 answer questions 1-6