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Chemical Reactions – Elephant Toothpaste Lab

Directions Part 1: Use the word bank to fill in the reading on chemical changes.

odor	changes	irreversible	substance	reverse	heat
color	reaction	chemical	reversible	bubbles	

A **chemical change** occurs whenever matter _____ into an entirely different _____ with different _____ properties. A chemical change is also called a chemical _____. Notice that when fireworks go off, you cannot _____ the changes back into a firework. It is now changed into completely different substances that are _____. So what are some signs of chemical changes? Most chemical changes are not as dramatic as exploding fireworks, so how can you tell whether a chemical change has occurred? There are usually clues. You need to know what to look for. A chemical change has probably occurred if _____ are released, a change of _____ or an _____ is produced. Other clues include the release of _____ or light.

Elephant Toothpaste Lab

Materials:

- Plastic bottle
- Dry yeast
- Warm water
- Dish soap
- Food coloring
- 3% hydrogen peroxide
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Safety glasses
- Tray, pan, or plastic plate

Instructions:

1. Measure and pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of hydrogen peroxide into the bottle.
2. Add a squirt of dish soap and shake in a circular motion.
3. Mix 1 tablespoon of yeast with 3 tablespoons of warm water and stir for 30 seconds in a cup.
4. Add 3 drops of food coloring to the bottle on both sides.
5. Pour the yeast mixture into the bottle. Step back and watch it go!
6. Congratulations! You just made elephant toothpaste.

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Post-lab Questions: Use the following words to fill in questions 1 through 3. Not all words will be used

Oxygen	Water	Liquid	Warm	Releases
Cold	Endothermic	Exothermic	Takes in	

1. How does it work? Yeast removes _____ from the hydrogen peroxide and gets trapped in the dish washing _____.
2. This made your bottle feel warm or cold? _____
3. That means that this is an (endothermic or exothermic) _____ reaction because it (takes in or releases) _____ heat.
4. Is this experiment a chemical or physical reaction? _____
Provide evidence to support your claim. _____

5. How can you determine if a physical change has occurred? _____

6. How can you determine if a chemical change has occurred? _____

7. Fill out the following T-chart by listing the properties of chemical and physical changes.

Chemical Change	Physical Change