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Components of Food

In lower classes, we made lists of the food items that we eat. We also identified food items eaten in different parts of India and marked these on its map.

A meal could consist of *chapati*, *dal* and brinjal curry. Another may be rice, *sambar* and a vegetable preparation of lady's finger (*bhindi*). Yet another meal could be *appam*, fish curry and vegetables.



Activity 1

Our meals usually have at least one item made of some kind of grain. Other items could be a *dal* or a dish of meat and vegetables. It may also include items like

curd, butter milk and pickles. Some examples of meals from different regions are given in Table 1.1. Select food items and enter these in Table 1.1.

Sometimes, we may not really have all this variety in our meals. If we are travelling, we may eat whatever is available on the way. It may not be possible for some of us, to eat such a variety of items, most of the time.

There must be some reason though, why meals usually consist of such a distribution. Do you think that our body needs different kinds of food for some special purpose?

1.1 WHAT DO DIFFERENT FOOD ITEMS CONTAIN?

We know that each dish is usually made up of one or more ingredients, which we get from plants or animals. These ingredients contain some components that are needed by our body. These

Table 1.1 Some common meals of different regions/states

Region/State	Item of grain	Item of dal/meat	Vegetables	Others
Punjab	<i>Makki</i> (corn) <i>roti</i>	<i>Rajma</i> (Kidney beans)	<i>Sarson saag</i> (Mustard leaf curry)	Curd, <i>ghee</i>
Andhra Pradesh	Rice	<i>Tuar dal</i> and <i>rasam</i> (<i>charu</i>)	<i>Kunduru</i> (<i>dondakai</i>)	Buttermilk, <i>ghee</i> , pickle (<i>aavakai</i>)

components are called **nutrients**. The major nutrients in our food are named carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals. In addition, food contains dietary fibres and water which are also needed by our body.

Do all foods contain all these nutrients? With some simple methods we can test whether cooked food or a raw ingredient contains one or more of these nutrients. The tests for presence of carbohydrates, proteins and fats are simpler to do as compared to the tests for other nutrients. Let us do these tests and record all our observations in Table 1.2.

For carrying out these tests, you will need solutions of iodine, copper sulphate and caustic soda. You will also need a few test tubes and a dropper.

Try these tests on cooked food items as well as raw materials. Table 1.2 shows you a way to record the observations from these tests. Some food items are given in this table. You can conduct the tests either with these or any other available food items. Do these tests carefully and do not try to eat or taste any chemicals.

If the required solutions are not available in readymade form, your teacher can prepare them as given in the box.

Let us begin by testing different food items to see if they contain **carbohydrates**. There are many types of carbohydrates. The main carbohydrates found in our food are in the form of starch and sugars. We can easily test if a food item contains starch.

A dilute solution of iodine can be prepared by adding a few drops of tincture iodine to a test tube half filled with water.

Copper sulphate solution can be prepared by dissolving 2 gram (g) of copper sulphate in 100 millilitre (mL) of water.

10 g of caustic soda dissolved in 100 mL of water makes the required solution of caustic soda.

Activity 2

Test for Starch

Take a small quantity of a food item or a raw ingredient. Put 2-3 drops of dilute iodine solution on it (Fig. 1.1). Observe if there is any change in the colour of the food item. Did it turn blue-black? A blue-black colour indicates that it contains starch.



Fig. 1.1 Testing for starch

Repeat this test with other food items to find out which of these contain starch. Enter all your observations in Table 1.2.

Test for Protein

Take a small quantity of a food item for testing. If the food you want to test is a solid, you first need to make a paste of it or powder it. Grind or mash a small quantity of the food item. Put some of this in a clean test tube, add 10 drops of water to it and shake the test tube.

Now, using a dropper, add two drops of solution of copper sulphate and ten drops of solution of caustic soda to the test tube (Fig. 1.2). Shake well

and let the test tube stand for a few minutes. What do you see? Did the contents of the test tube turn violet? A violet colour indicates presence of **proteins** in the food item.

Now, you can repeat this test on other food items.

Table 1.2 Nutrients present in some food items

Food item	Starch (present)	Protein (present)	Fat (present)
Raw potato	Yes		
Milk		Yes	
Groundnut			Yes
Uncooked powdered rice			
Cooked rice			
Dry coconut			
Uncooked <i>tuar dal</i> (powdered)			
Cooked <i>dal</i>			
A slice of any vegetable			
A slice of any fruit			
Boiled egg (white portion)			



Fig. 1.2 Testing for protein

Test for Fats

Take a small quantity of a food item. Wrap it in a piece of paper and crush it. Take care that the paper does not tear. Now, straighten the paper and observe it carefully. Does it have an oily patch? Hold the paper against light. Are you able to see the light faintly, through this patch?

An oily patch on paper shows that the food item contains **fat**. The food items may sometimes contain a little water. Therefore, after you have rubbed an item on paper, let the paper dry for a while. If there were any water that may have come from food, it would dry up after some time. If no oily patch shows up after this, the food item does not contain any fat.

What do these tests show? Are fats, proteins and starch present in all the food items that you tested? Does a food item contain more than one nutrient? Do you find any food item that does not contain any of these nutrients?

We tested food items for three nutrients — carbohydrates, proteins and fats. There are also other nutrients like **vitamins** and **minerals** that are present in different food items. Why do we need all these nutrients?

1.2 WHAT DO VARIOUS NUTRIENTS DO FOR OUR BODY?

Carbohydrates mainly provide energy to our body. Fats also give us energy. In fact, fats give much more energy as compared to the same amount of carbohydrates. Foods containing fats

and carbohydrates are also called 'energy giving foods' (Fig. 1.3 and Fig. 1.4).

Proteins are needed for the growth and repair of our body. Foods proteins

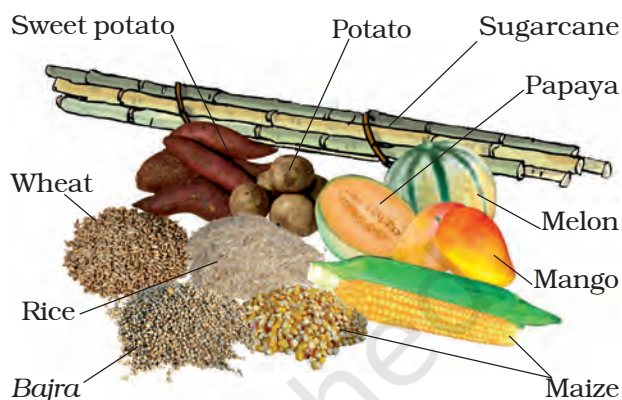
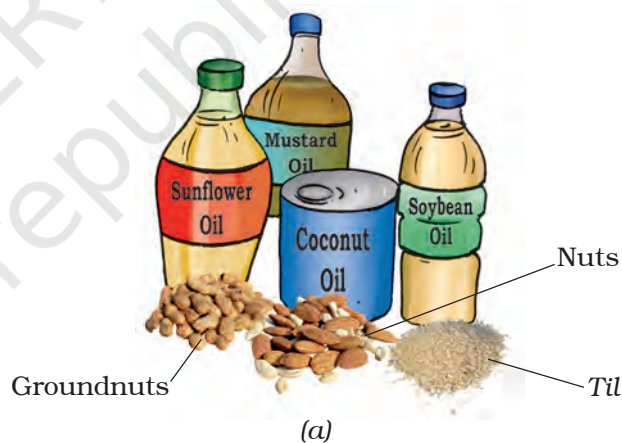


Fig. 1.3 Some sources of carbohydrates



(a)



(b)

Fig. 1.4 Some sources of fats: (a) plant sources and (b) animal sources

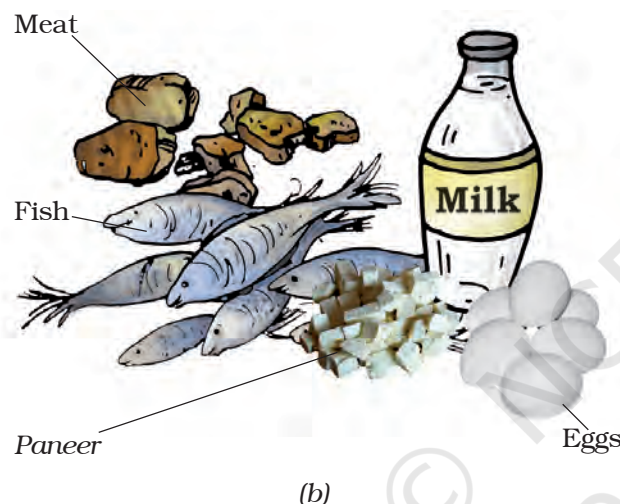
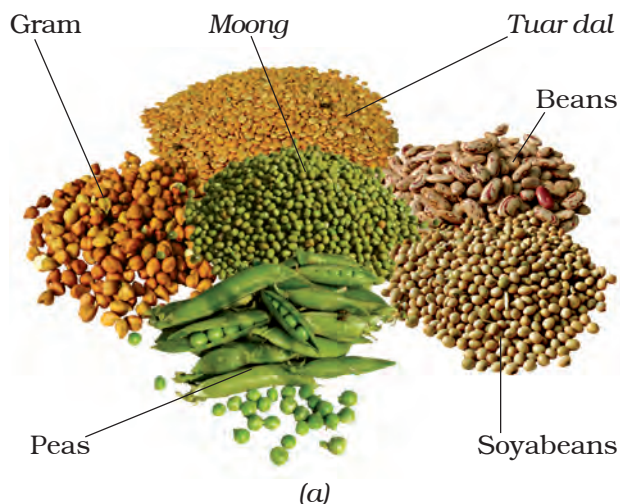


Fig. 1.5 Some sources of proteins: (a) plant sources and (b) animal sources

are often called 'body building foods' (Fig 1.5).

Vitamins help in protecting our body against diseases. Vitamins also help in keeping our eyes, bones, teeth and gums healthy.

Vitamins are of different kinds known by different names. Some of these are Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E and K. There is also a group of vitamins called Vitamin B-complex. Our body needs all types of vitamins in

small quantities. Vitamin A keeps our skin and eyes healthy. Vitamin C helps body to fight against many diseases. Vitamin D helps our body to use calcium for bones and teeth. Foods that are rich in different vitamins are shown in Fig. 1.6 to Fig. 1.9.

Minerals are needed by our body in small amounts. Each one is essential

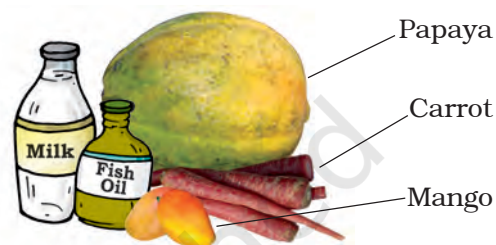


Fig. 1.6 Some sources of Vitamin A



Fig. 1.7 Some sources of Vitamin B



Fig. 1.8 Some sources of Vitamin C

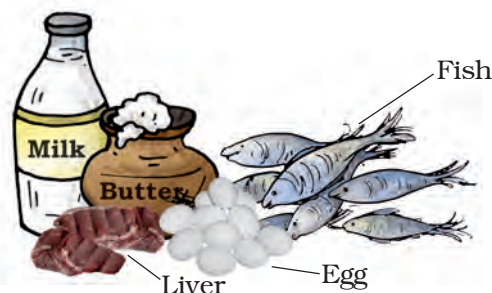
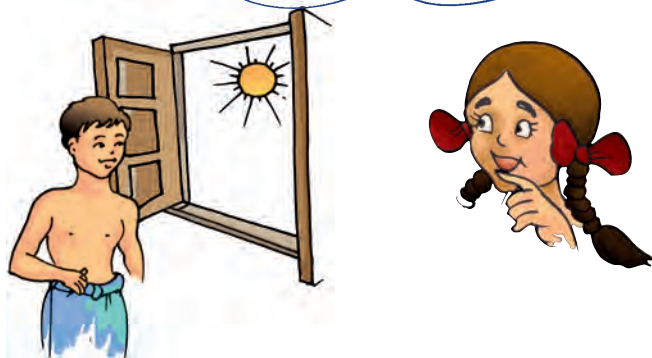


Fig. 1.9 Some sources of Vitamin D

Our body also prepares Vitamin D in the presence of sunlight. Nowadays, insufficient exposure to sunlight is causing Vitamin D deficiency in many people.



for proper growth of body and to maintain good health. Some sources of different minerals are shown in Fig. 1.10.

Most food items, usually, have more than one nutrient. You may have noticed this, while recording your observations in Table 1.2. However, in a given raw material, one particular nutrient may be present in much larger quantity than in others. For example, rice has more carbohydrates than other nutrients. Thus, we say that rice is a “carbohydrate rich” source of food.

Besides these nutrients, our body needs **dietary fibres** and water. Dietary fibres are also known as roughage. Roughage is mainly provided by plant products in our foods. Whole grains and pulses, potatoes, fresh fruits and vegetables are main sources of roughage. Roughage does not provide any nutrient to our body, but is an essential component of our food and adds to its bulk. This helps our body get rid of undigested food.



Fig. 1.10 Sources of some minerals

Water helps our body to absorb nutrients from food. It also helps in throwing out some wastes from body as urine and sweat. Normally, we get most of the water that our body needs from the liquids we drink — such as water, milk and tea. In addition, we add water to most cooked foods. Let's see if there is any other source which provides water to our body.

Activity 3

Take a tomato or a fruit like lemon. Cut it into small pieces. Do your hands get wet while doing so?

Carefully observe whenever vegetables and fruits are being cut, peeled, grated or mashed at your home. Do you find any fresh vegetables or fruits that do not contain some amount of water?

We see that many food materials themselves contain water. To some extent, our body needs are met by this water. Apart from this, we also add water while cooking many food items.

1.3 BALANCED DIET

The food we normally eat in a day is our diet. For growth and maintenance of good health, our diet should have all the nutrients that our body needs, in right quantities. Not too much of one and not too little of the other. The diet should also contain a good amount of roughage and water. Such a diet is called a **balanced diet**.

Do you think that people of all ages need the same type of diet? Do you also

think that, what we need for a balanced diet would depend on the amount of physical work that we do?

Prepare a chart of whatever you eat over a period of a week. Check whether all the nutrients mentioned are present in one or the other food items being eaten within a day or so.

Pulses, groundnut, soyabean, sprouted seeds (*moong* and Bengal gram), fermented foods (South Indian foods such as *idlis*), a combination of flours (*missi roti*, *thepla* made from cereals and pulses), banana, spinach, *sattu*, jaggery, available vegetables and other such foods provide many nutrients. Therefore, one can eat a balanced diet without expensive food materials.

Eating the right kind of food is not enough. It should also be cooked

Paheli wonders whether animal food also consists of these different components and do they also need a balanced diet?



properly so that its nutrients are not lost. Are you aware that some nutrients get lost in the process of cooking and preparations?

If the vegetables and fruits are washed after cutting or peeling them, it

may result in the loss of some vitamins. The skins of many vegetables and fruits contain vitamins and minerals. Similarly, repeated washing of rice and pulses may remove some vitamins and minerals present in them.

We all know that cooking improves the taste of food and makes it easier to digest. At the same time, cooking also results in the loss of certain nutrients. Many useful proteins and considerable amounts of minerals are lost if excess water is used during cooking and is then thrown away.

Vitamin C gets easily destroyed by heat during cooking. Would it not be sensible to include some fruits and raw vegetables in our diet?

Boojho thought that fats would be the best foods to eat, all the time. A *katori* (bowl) of fat will give much more energy than a *katori* of carbohydrate rich food, isn't it? So, he ate nothing but food rich



in fats — fried food like *samosa* and *poori* (snacks), *malai*, *rabdi* and *peda* (sweets).

Do you think he was right? No, of course not! It can be very harmful for us to eat too much of fat rich foods and we may end up suffering from a condition called **obesity**.

1.4 DEFICIENCY DISEASES

A person may be getting enough food to eat, but sometimes the food may not contain a particular nutrient. If this continues over a long period of time, the person may suffer from its **deficiency**. Deficiency of one or more nutrients can cause diseases or disorders in our body. Diseases that occur due to lack of nutrients over a long period are called **deficiency diseases**.

If a person does not get enough proteins in his/her food for a long time, he/she is likely to have stunted growth, swelling of face, discolouration of hair, skin diseases and diarrhoea.

If the diet is deficient in both carbohydrates and proteins for a long period of time, the growth may stop completely. Such a person becomes very lean and thin and so weak that he/she may not even be able to move.

Deficiency of different vitamins and minerals may also result in certain diseases or disorders. Some of these are mentioned in Table 1.3.

All deficiency diseases can be prevented by taking a balanced diet.

In this chapter, we asked ourselves the reason why widely varying food from different regions had a common

Table 1.3 – Some diseases/disorders caused by deficiency of vitamins and minerals

Vitamin/Mineral	Deficiency disease/disorder	Symptoms
Vitamin A	Loss of vision	Poor vision, loss of vision in darkness (night), sometimes complete loss of vision
Vitamin B1	Beriberi	Weak muscles and very little energy to work
Vitamin C	Scurvy	Bleeding gums, wounds take longer time to heal
Vitamin D	Rickets	Bones become soft and bent
Calcium	Bone and tooth decay	Weak bones, tooth decay
Iodine	Goiter	Glands in the neck appear swollen, mental disability in children
Iron	Anaemia	Weakness

distribution. This distribution, we find, ensures that our meals have a balance of the different nutrients needed by the body.

Summary

- The major nutrients in our food are carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals. In addition, food also contains dietary fibres and water.
- Carbohydrates and fats mainly provide energy to our body.
- Proteins and minerals are needed for the growth and the maintenance of our body.
- Vitamins help in protecting our body against diseases.
- Balanced diet provides all the nutrients that our body needs, in right quantities, along with adequate amount of roughage and water.
- Deficiency of one or more nutrients in our food for a long time may cause certain diseases or disorders.



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Nutrients

Proteins

Roughage

Scurvy

Starch

Vitamins



Exercises

1. Name the major nutrients in our food.
2. Name the following:
 - (a) The nutrients which mainly give energy to our body.
 - (b) The nutrients that are needed for the growth and maintenance of our body.
 - (c) A vitamin required for maintaining good eyesight.
 - (d) A mineral that is required for keeping our bones healthy.
3. Name two foods each rich in:
 - (a) Fats
 - (b) Starch
 - (c) Dietary fibre
 - (d) Protein
4. Tick (✓) the statements that are correct.
 - (a) By eating rice alone, we can fulfill nutritional requirement of our body. ()
 - (b) Deficiency diseases can be prevented by eating a balanced diet. ()
 - (c) Balanced diet for the body should contain a variety of food items. ()
 - (d) Meat alone is sufficient to provide all nutrients to the body. ()
5. Fill in the blanks.
 - (a) _____ is caused by deficiency of Vitamin D.
 - (b) Deficiency of _____ causes a disease known as beri-beri.
 - (c) Deficiency of Vitamin C causes a disease known as _____.
 - (d) Night blindness is caused due to deficiency of _____ in our food.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Prepare a diet chart to provide balance diet to a twelve year old child. The diet chart should include food items which are not expensive and are commonly available in your area.
2. We have learnt that excess intake of fats is harmful for the body. What about other nutrients? Would it be harmful for the body to take too much of proteins or vitamins in the diet? Read about diet related problems to find answers to these questions and have a class discussion on this topic.
3. Test the food usually eaten by cattle or a pet to find out which nutrients are present in animal food. Compare results obtained from the whole class to conclude about balanced diet requirements for different animals.

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Sorting Materials into Groups

2.1 OBJECTS AROUND US

We have seen that our food and clothes have so much variety in them. Not just food and clothes, there is such a vast variety of objects everywhere. We see around us, a chair, a bullock cart, a cycle, cooking utensils, books, clothes, toys, water, stones and many other objects. All these objects have different shapes, colours and uses (Fig. 2.1).

Look around and identify objects that are round in shape. Our list may include a rubber ball, a football and a glass marble. If we include objects that are nearly round, our list could also include objects like apples, oranges, and an earthen pitcher (*gharha*).



Fig. 2.1 Objects around us

Let us say, we wish to make a group of objects that are made of plastics. Buckets, lunch boxes, toys, water containers, pipes and many such objects, may find a place in this group. There are so many ways to group objects! In the above examples we have grouped objects on the basis of their shape or the materials they are made from.

All objects around us are made of one or more materials. These materials may be glass, metal, plastics, wood, cotton, paper, mud or soil. Can you think of more examples of materials?

Activity 1

Let us collect as many objects as possible, from around us. Each of us could get some everyday objects from home and we could also collect some objects from the classroom or from outside the school. What will we have in our collection? Chalk, pencil, notebook, rubber, duster, a hammer, nail, soap, spoke of a wheel, bat, matchbox, salt, potato. We can also list objects that we can think of, but, cannot bring to the classroom. For example, wall, trees, doors, tractor, road.

Separate all objects from this collection that are made from paper or wood. This way we have divided all objects

into two groups. One group has the objects that are made from paper or wood while the other group has the objects that are not made of these materials. Similarly, we could separate the things that are used for preparing food.

Let us be a little more systematic. List all objects collected, in Table 2.1. Try to identify the materials that each one is made of. It would be fun to make this a large table – collecting information about as many objects as possible. It may seem difficult to find out the materials out of which some of these objects are made. In such cases, discuss with your friends, teacher and parents to identify the materials.

Table 2.1 Objects and the materials they are made of

Objects	Materials they are made of
Plate (<i>thali</i>)	Steel, glass, plastics (any other)
Pen	Plastics, metal

Activity 2

Table 2.2 lists some common materials. You can also add more materials in Column 1 that are known to you. Now, try and think of everyday objects you know, that are made mainly of these materials, and list them in Column 2.

Boojho wants to know, whether we found some materials that were used for making more than one type of an object.



Table 2.2 Different types of objects that are made from the same material

Material	Objects made of these materials
Wood	Chair, table, plough, bullock cart and its wheels, ...
Paper	Books, notebooks, newspaper, toys, calendars,...
Leather	
Plastics	
Cotton	

What do we find from these tables? First, we grouped objects in many different ways. We then found that objects around us are made of different materials. At times, an object is made of a single material. An object could also be made of many materials. And then again, one material could be used for making many different objects. What decides which material should be used for making any given object? It seems

that we need to know more about different materials.

2.2 PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

Have you ever wondered why a tumbler is not made with a piece of cloth? Keep in mind that we generally use a tumbler to keep a liquid. Therefore, would it not be silly, if we were to make a tumbler out of cloth (Fig 2.2)! What we need for a tumbler is glass, plastics, metal or other such material that will hold water. Similarly, it would not be wise to use paper-like materials for cooking vessels.

We see then, that we choose a material to make an object depending



Fig. 2.2 Using a cloth tumbler

on its properties, and the purpose for which the object is to be used.

So, what are all the properties of materials that would be important for their usage? Some properties are discussed here.

Appearance

Materials usually look different from each other. Wood looks very different from iron. Iron appears different from copper or aluminium. At the same time, there may be some similarities between iron, copper and aluminium that are not there in wood.

Activity 3

Collect small pieces of different materials – paper, cardboard, wood, copper wire, aluminium sheet, chalk. Do any of these appear shiny? Separate the shiny materials into a group.

Now, observe as the teacher cuts each material into two pieces and look at the freshly cut surface (Fig. 2.3). What do you notice? Does the freshly cut surface of some of these materials appear shiny? Include these objects also in the group of shiny materials.

Do you notice such a shine or lustre in the other materials, cut them anyway as you can? Repeat this in the class with as many materials as possible and make a list of those with and without lustre. Instead of cutting, you can rub the surface of material with sand paper to see if it has lustre.



Fig. 2.3 Cutting pieces of materials to see if they have lustre

Materials that have such lustre are usually metals. Iron, copper, aluminium and gold are examples of metals. Some metals often lose their shine and appear dull, because of the action of air and moisture on them. We therefore, notice the lustre, only on their freshly cut surface. When you visit an ironsmith or a workshop, look out for freshly cut surfaces of metal rods to see if they have lustre.

Hardness

When you press different materials with your hands, some of them may be hard to compress while others can be easily compressed. Take a metal key and try to scratch with it, the surface of a piece of wood, aluminium, a piece of stone, a nail, candle, chalk, any other material or object. You can easily scratch some materials, while some cannot be scratched so easily. Materials which can be compressed or scratched easily are called **soft** while some other materials which are difficult to compress are called **hard**. For example, cotton or sponge is soft while iron is hard.

In appearance, materials can have different properties, like lustre, hardness, be rough or smooth. Can you think of other properties that describe the appearance of a material?

Soluble or Insoluble?

Activity 4

Collect samples of some solid substances such as sugar, salt, chalk powder, sand and sawdust. Take five glasses or

beakers. Fill each one of them about two-thirds with water. Add a small amount (spoonful) of sugar to the first glass, salt to the second and similarly, add small amounts of the other substances into the other glasses. Stir the contents of each of them with a spoon. Wait for a few minutes. Observe what happens to the substances added to water (Fig. 2.4). Note your observations as shown in Table 2.3.



Fig. 2.4 What disappears, what doesn't?

Table 2.3 Mixing different solid materials in water

Substance	Disappears in water/ does not disappear
Salt	Disappears completely in water
Sugar	
Sand	
Chalk powder	
Sawdust	

You will notice that some substances have completely disappeared or dissolved in water. We say that these substances are **soluble** in water. Other substances do not mix with water and do not disappear even after we stir for a

long time. These substances are **insoluble** in water.

Water plays an important role in the functioning of our body because it can dissolve a large number of substances. Do liquids also dissolve in water?

Activity 5

Collect samples of vinegar, lemon juice, mustard oil or coconut oil, kerosene or any other liquid. Take a glass tumbler. Fill it up to half with water. Add a few spoonfuls of one liquid to this and stir it well. Let it stand for five minutes. Observe whether the liquid mixes with water (Fig. 2.5). Repeat the same with other liquids, as many different liquids as are available to you. Write your observations in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4 Solubility of some common liquids in water

Liquid	Mixes well/ Does not mix
Vinegar	Mixes well
Lemon juice	
Mustard oil	
Coconut oil	
Kerosene	

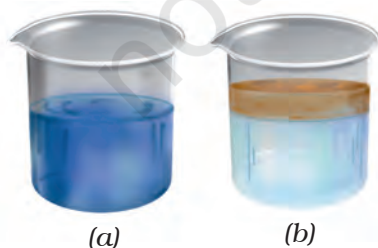


Fig. 2.5 (a) Some liquids mix well with water while (b) some others do not

We notice that some liquids get completely mixed with water. Some others do not mix with water and form a separate layer when kept aside for some time.

Boojho suggests that we also check if the liquids that we used in Activity 5, mix well with some liquid other than water.

Paheli is curious to know whether gases also dissolve in water.

Some gases are soluble in water whereas others are not. Water, usually, has small quantities of some gases dissolved in it. For example, oxygen gas dissolved in water is very important for the survival of animals and plants that live in water.

Objects may float or sink in water

While doing Activity 4, you might have noticed that the insoluble solids separated out from water. You may have also noticed this with some liquids in Activity 5. Some of these materials that did not mix with water, floated to the surface of water. Others may have sunk to the bottom of the tumbler, right? We notice many examples of objects that float in water or sink (Fig. 2.6). Dried leaves fallen on the surface of a pond, a stone that you throw into this pond, few



Fig. 2.6 Some objects float in water while others sink in it

drops of honey that you let fall into a glass of water. What happens to all of these?

Boojho would like you to give him five examples each, of objects that float and those that sink in water. What about testing these same materials to see if they float or sink in other liquids like oil?

Transparency

You might have played the game of hide and seek. Think of some places where you would like to hide so that you are not seen by others. Why did you choose those places? Would you have tried to



Fig. 2.7 Looking through opaque, transparent or translucent material

hide behind a glass window? Obviously not, as your friends can see through that and spot you. Can you see through all the materials? Those substances or materials, through which things can be seen, are called transparent (Fig. 2.7). Glass, water, air and some plastics are examples of transparent materials. Shopkeepers usually prefer to keep biscuits, sweets and other eatables in transparent containers of glass or



Fig. 2.8 Transparent bottles in a shop

plastic, so that buyers can easily see these items (Fig. 2.8).

On the other hand, there are some materials through which you are not able to see. These materials are called opaque. You cannot tell what is kept in a closed wooden box, a cardboard carton or a metal container. Wood, cardboard and metals, are examples of opaque materials.

Do we find that we can group all materials and objects, without any confusion, as either opaque or transparent?

Activity 6

Take a sheet of paper and look through it towards a lighted bulb. Make a note of your observation. Now, put 2-3 drops

of some oil and spread it on the sheet of paper. Look again towards the lighted bulb through that portion of the paper on which the oil has been spread. Do you find that the bulb is more clearly visible than before? But, can you see clearly through the oiled paper? Is everything on the other side of it visible? Perhaps not. The materials through which objects can be seen, but not clearly, are known as **translucent**. Remember the oily patch on paper when we tested food items for presence of fats? That was translucent too. Can you think of some more examples of translucent materials?

We can therefore group materials as opaque, transparent and translucent.

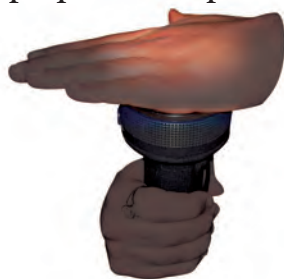


Fig. 2.9 Does torch light pass through your palm?

Paheli suggests covering the glass of a torch with your palm at a dark place. Switch on the torch and observe the other side of the palm. She wants to know

whether palm of your hand is opaque, transparent or translucent?

We learnt that materials differ in their appearance and the way they mix in water or other liquids. They may float or sink in water or may be transparent, opaque or translucent. Materials can be grouped on the basis of similarities or differences in their properties.

Why do we need to group materials? In everyday life, we often group materials for our convenience. At home, we usually store things in such a manner that similar objects are placed together. Such an arrangement helps us to locate them easily. Similarly, a grocer usually keeps all type of biscuits at one corner of his shop, all soaps at another while grains and pulses are stored at some other place.

There is another reason why we find such grouping useful. Dividing materials in groups makes it convenient to study their properties and also observe any patterns in these properties. We will study more about this in higher classes.

Key words

Hard
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Material
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Opaque
Rough
Soluble
Translucent
Transparent



Summary

- Objects around us are made up of a large variety of materials.
- A given material could be used to make a large number of objects. It is also possible that an object could be made of a single material or of many different types of materials.
- Different types of materials have different properties.
- Some materials are shiny in appearance while others are not. Some are rough, some smooth. Similarly, some materials are hard, whereas some others are soft.
- Some materials are soluble in water whereas some others are insoluble.
- Some materials such as glass, are transparent and some others such as wood and metals are opaque. Some materials are translucent.
- Materials are grouped together on the basis of similarities and differences in their properties.
- Things are grouped together for convenience and to study their properties.

Exercises

1. Name five objects which can be made from wood.
2. Select those objects from the following which shine:
Glass bowl, plastic toy, steel spoon, cotton shirt
3. Match the objects given below with the materials from which they could be made. Remember, an object could be made from more than one material and a given material could be used for making many objects.

Objects	Materials
Book	Glass
Tumbler	Wood
Chair	Paper
Toy	Leather
Shoes	Plastics

4. State whether the statements given below are True or False.
 - (i) Stone is transparent, while glass is opaque.
 - (ii) A notebook has lustre while eraser does not.
 - (iii) Chalk dissolves in water.
 - (iv) A piece of wood floats on water.

- (v) Sugar does not dissolve in water.
 - (vi) Oil mixes with water.
 - (vii) Sand settles down in water.
 - (viii) Vinegar dissolves in water.
5. Given below are the names of some objects and materials:
Water, basket ball, orange, sugar, globe, apple and earthen pitcher
Group them as:
- (a) Round shaped and other shapes
 - (b) Eatables and non eatables
6. List all items known to you that float on water. Check and see if they will float on an oil or kerosene.
7. Find the odd one out from the following:
- a) Chair, Bed, Table, Baby, Cupboard
 - b) Rose, Jasmine, Boat, Marigold, Lotus
 - c) Aluminium, Iron, Copper, Silver, Sand
 - d) Sugar, Salt, Sand, Copper sulphate

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY

1. You may have played a memory game with your friends. Several objects are placed on a table, you are asked to observe them for a few minutes, go into another room and write down the names of all objects that you can remember. Play this game, with a difference! Ask all the participants in the game to remember objects with some particular property while playing this memory game — remember and write down the names of objects that were made of wood or objects that are edible and so on. Have fun!
2. From a large collection of materials, make groups of objects having different properties like transparency, solubility in water and other properties. In later chapters you will also learn about properties of materials related to electricity and magnetism. After making different groups from the collected materials, try and find out if there are any patterns in these groups. For instance, do all materials which have lustre conduct electricity?