



Marine Science Lesson 1.2 - Solubility (Outline)

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AICE Marine Science Chapter 1: Water Solubility Study Guide

📋 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Start here - these are your exam targets

By the end of this study guide, you should be able to:

1. **Explain the molecular structure of water and how it affects solubility**
2. **Describe the factors that influence water's solvent properties**
3. **Analyze how temperature and pressure affect solubility in marine environments**
4. **Compare solubility of different substances in seawater**
5. **Apply solubility principles to marine biological and chemical processes**

🎯 CONTENT PRIORITIZATION SYSTEM

📌 ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS (Will Definitely Be Tested)

I. Water Molecule Structure and Polarity

- **Key Term Box: Polar Molecule** - A molecule with uneven distribution of charge, creating positive and negative ends
- **Water's Structure:** H₂O with bent molecular geometry (104.5° bond angle)
- **Polarity Effects:**
 - Partial positive charge on hydrogen atoms
 - Partial negative charge on oxygen atom
 - Creates dipole moment

Quick Check: *What makes water a polar molecule and why is this important for solubility?*

II. "Like Dissolves Like" Principle

- **Polar substances** dissolve in polar solvents (water)
- **Nonpolar substances** dissolve in nonpolar solvents
- **Ionic compounds** generally dissolve well in water

Key Term Box: Solvent - The substance doing the dissolving (water in marine systems)

Solute - The substance being dissolved (salts, gases, etc.)

III. Major Factors Affecting Solubility

A. Temperature Effects

- \uparrow Temperature = \uparrow solubility (for most solids)
- \uparrow Temperature = \downarrow solubility (for gases)
- **Critical for marine environments:** Surface vs. deep water differences

B. Pressure Effects

- Primarily affects gas solubility
- **Henry's Law:** Gas solubility \propto partial pressure
- Important for dissolved oxygen and CO_2 in oceans

Connection Point: *This explains why deep ocean water holds more dissolved gases than surface water*

🟡 IMPORTANT DETAILS (Likely to Be Tested)

IV. Hydrogen Bonding and Solubility

- **Hydrogen bonds** form between water molecules and polar solutes
- Stronger than van der Waals forces but weaker than covalent bonds
- **Process:** Water molecules surround and separate solute particles

Quick Check: *How do hydrogen bonds facilitate the dissolution of ionic compounds?*

V. Solubility in Seawater vs. Pure Water

- **Salinity effects:** High salt content affects solubility of other substances
- **Common ion effect:** Presence of similar ions reduces solubility
- **Ion interactions:** Complex formation can increase apparent solubility

Comparison Table:

Substance Type	Pure Water Solubility	Seawater Solubility	Reason
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Polar compounds	High	Moderate	Ion competition
Ionic solids	Variable	Often lower	Common ion effect
Gases (O_2 , CO_2)	Moderate	Lower	Salt reduces gas solubility

VI. Marine-Specific Solubility Examples

- **Calcium carbonate (CaCO_3):** Lower solubility at depth due to pressure and CO_2
- **Oxygen:** Critical for marine life, varies with temperature and depth
- **Carbon dioxide:** Forms carbonic acid, affects ocean pH

🟢 SUPPORTING INFORMATION (Helpful Context)

VII. Biological Implications

- **Nutrient transport:** How dissolved minerals reach marine organisms
- **Waste removal:** Solubility allows removal of metabolic waste
- **Shell/skeleton formation:** Solubility equilibrium affects calcification

Connection Point: *Links to marine food webs and ecosystem health*

VIII. Environmental Applications

- **Pollution dispersal:** How contaminants dissolve and spread
- **Ocean acidification:** CO_2 solubility and carbonic acid formation
- **Climate effects:** Temperature changes affect gas solubility patterns

🧠 ACTIVE RECALL SECTION

Quick Check Questions:

1. Why does sugar dissolve in water but oil does not?
2. How does increasing ocean temperature affect dissolved oxygen levels?
3. What happens to CO_2 solubility as you go deeper in the ocean?
4. Explain why polar substances are generally water-soluble.

Key Relationships to Remember:

- **Temperature** $\uparrow \rightarrow$ **Gas solubility** \downarrow
- **Pressure** $\uparrow \rightarrow$ **Gas solubility** \uparrow
- **Polarity match** \rightarrow **High solubility**
- **Salinity** $\uparrow \rightarrow$ **Gas solubility** \downarrow

📊 EXAM PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Formula to Memorize:

- **Henry's Law:** $C = kP$ (Concentration = constant \times Pressure)

Common Exam Question Patterns:

- ☐ Compare solubility of different substances in water
- ☐ Explain temperature effects on gas vs. solid solubility
- ☐ Analyze real marine scenarios (oxygen levels, coral bleaching)
- ☐ Predict solubility based on molecular structure

Visual Memory Aids:

- **Water molecule:** Draw the bent shape with $\delta+$ and $\delta-$ charges
- **Dissolution process:** Sketch water molecules surrounding ions
- **Temperature-solubility graphs:** Remember opposite trends for gases vs. solids

CONNECTION POINTS TO OTHER TOPICS

Links to Chapter 2: Ocean chemistry and pH

Links to Chapter 3: Marine organism physiology

Links to Chapter 4: Ocean circulation and mixing

Links to Chapter 5: Marine pollution and environmental chemistry

STUDENT NOTES SECTION

Use this space to add your own examples and connections

My Examples:

Questions for Teacher:

Memory Tricks:

Study Tip: Practice drawing water molecules and explaining solubility to someone else - teaching concepts aloud improves retention by 50%!