SOLUTIONS

A **solution** is a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances in a single physical state. Solutions can be solid, liquid or gaseous. Liquid solutions in which water is the solvent are called **aqueous solutions**. A solution consists of a **solute** (the substance being dissolved) and the **solvent** (the substance that is the acceptor).

A soluble substance can be dissolved into another substance. A miscible liquid is soluble because it can be mixed in. An insoluble substance cannot be dissolved. An immiscible liquid cannot be mixed.

Types of solutions:

- 1. Aqueous solutions are solutions in which water is the solvent.
- 2. **Electrolytes** are aqueous solutions in which the solute dissolves to form ions. That is why electrolytes are able to conduct electricity.
- 3. **Tinctures** are solutions in which alcohol is the solvent.
- 4. Alloys are solid solutions of two or more metals.
- 5. Amalgams are specific alloys in which one of the metals is mercury.

SOLUBILITY

A measurement of the amount of a solute can be dissolved into the solvent is referred to as its **solubility** in the solvent. Temperature and pressure both can have an affect on solubility. When temperature increases solubility in solids and liquids increases and decreases in gases. Temperature changes can be best expressed in graph form. (Practice reading graphs!) Pressure changes do not generally affect solid and liquid solutions. However, pressure has a great affect on gases mixing with a liquid. The solubility of any gas in a solvent increases as the pressure increases. When the pressure is released from a solution of gas in a liquid, the escaping gas is referred to as **effervescence**. **Stability** or **equilibrium** is the point at which the rate of solute going into solution is equal to the amount of solute coming out of solution.

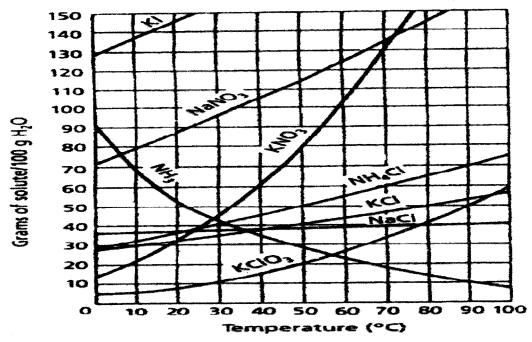
Rate of Dissolving can be affected by:

1. Surface area: increased surface area generally results in a faster rate of dissolving.

- 2. Stirring: stirring mixes areas of high concentration with areas of low concentration to optimize dissolving. Stirring also acts as a grinder to increase surface area.
- **3. Temperature**: increasing temperature generally increases the rate of dissolving.

The solubility of a solute into a solvent is often graphed as a function of temperature.

Practice: Answer the following questions based on the graph below.



- 1. In general, what relationship exists between solubility and temperature?
- 2. Which substance is an exception to this relationship?
- 3. Approximately how many grams of NH₄Cl can be dissolved in 100 g of water at 70°C?
- 4. If 105 g of NaNO₃ is added to 100 g of water at 20°C, with constant stirring, to what temperature must this solution be raised for all of the substance to dissolve?
- 5. A saturated solution of KClO₃ was made with 300 g of water at 40°C. How much KClO₃ could be recovered by evaporating the water from the solution?

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| _ | existing pressure and temp | perature. | t en |
| | The amount of solute in a of a s | solution. | |
| | A solution that contains more solute particles than are normally in a saturated solution is referred to as | | |
| 4. | A solution that is compose | ed of two or more n | netals is called a(n) |
| 5. | The rapid release of gas from a solution is referred to as | | |
| Compl | ete the following multiple | choice questions. | |
| | Which two substances are | | portions? |
| a) | Sugar and water | b) Wate | er and gasoline |
| c) | water and mineral oil | d) ethanol and | water |
| 7. | All of the following are so | olutions except: | |
| a) | Ocean water | b) antifreeze | |
| c) | a silver bracelet | d) apple | e (just the meat) |
| NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY O | A solution that contains a g conditions is said to be: | s much solute as car | n possibly be dissolved under the |
| | Saturated | b) Supe | rsaturated |
| , | Soluble | d) Concentrated | |
| 9. | All solutions have the following | lowing properties ex | cept that: |
| | Dissolved particles are very small | | |
| , | Particles in a solution are evenly distributed | | |
| | Solution particles do not separate or settle out | | |
| d) | Final physical state of sol | ution is always a liq | luid. |
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| | Having great stability | | |
| | Having a larger amount of | f solute that can be o | dissolved |
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| 12 | 2. The process of dissolving | ng | |

