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## I. Introduction

Energy is stored in the bonds of molecules. When these bonds split apart, the energy released can be used to do work. Breaking apart liquid water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen gas creates an enormous amount of energy, which can be turned into useful electricity to power our homes and cars.

To break these bonds, some amount of energy is required to get the atoms in water molecules active enough to break apart from each other. At home, we can supply this energy with a battery. All batteries have two **terminals**, or ends: a positive terminal and a negative terminal. The water then connects these terminals, so energy can flow between them. As the electricity passes through the water, it splits the water.

#### II. Research Problem :

Pure water itself is not a good conductor of electricity, so for this experiment baking soda will be added to make the solution an electrolyte. An **electrolyte** is a part of a solution that can be broken up by electrolysis. *Electro* refers to energy and electricity and **Electrolysis** refers to splitting apart. Electrolytes are important both in batteries and in our bodies.

#### II. Materials :

- Distilled water
- Tap water
- 2 silver-colored thumb tacks
- 9V battery
- Small, clear plastic container (a plastic to-go sauce container from a restaurant would work great)
- 2 test tubes
- Stopwatch
- Baking soda
- Table salt
- Lemon
- Dishwashing detergent

## Methodology :

Insert the thumb tacks into the bottom of the plastic container so that the points push up into the container. Space them so that they're the same distance apart as the two terminals of the 9V battery.

- Place the plastic container with the thumb tacks over the terminals of the battery. Slowly fill the container with distilled water. Add a pinch of baking soda.
- 2. Hold two test tubes above each push pin to collect the gas being formed.
- 3. Discard the solution, and repeat the procedure with a different combination:
  - Distilled water and lemon juice
  - Distilled water and table salt
  - Distilled water and dish detergent
  - Distilled water (no additive)
  - Tap water

### III. Results and discussions :

Distilled water will not conduct current, while tap water will conduct a small current. The solution with baking soda will facilitate a good amount of electrolysis. The solution with table salt will facilitate electrolysis the best.

Baking soda, known by chemists as sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO3), isn't an electrolyte on its own. When dissolved in water, it lets current flow through the water between the terminals of the battery. In the water-baking soda solution, the gases that are produced are hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Table salt, or **sodium chloride** (NaCl), is also a good additive to form electrolytes. In water, salt actually splits into Na and Cl ions, which are very good at carrying **current**, or

the flow of electric charges. In the water-salt solution, the gases that are produced are hydrogen, oxygen and chlorine gas  $(Cl_2)$ .

Lemon juice is a decent electrolyte because it is an acid. The acid dissociates in water and the current will be carried by the ions. Distilled water on its own will not carry any current. However, tap water is often able to conduct current because of minerals and impurities.

## IV. Conclusions:

Different amounts of gas are produced from each reaction because each reaction will carry a different amount of current. The amount of gas produced is directly proportional to the current that flows in the system.

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