

KS4: Useful materials from rocks

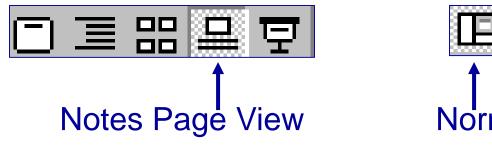






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Rock salt



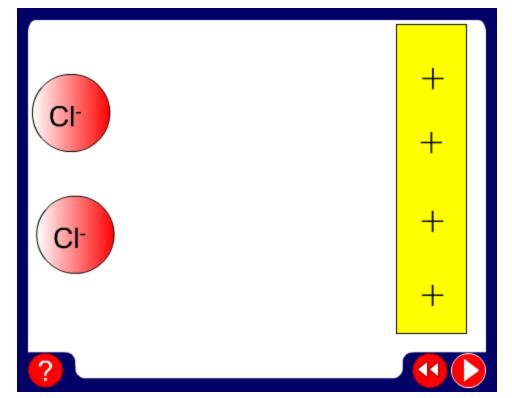
- Three quarters of the salt we use comes from rock salt.
- As the earth's surface changed stretches of sea-water became landlocked.
- Evaporation of this water along with further geological changes led to deposits of rock salt in many countries including the UK.





Negative ions

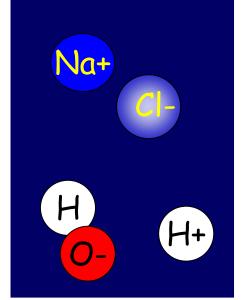
- Salt consists of sodium ions (Na⁺) and chloride ions (Cl⁻).
- Chloride ions go to the anode where they lose an electron
- The neutral chlorine atoms produced join up into pairs

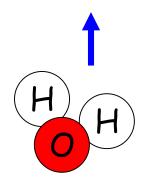




Positive ions

- Na⁺ are not the only + ions present.
- There are also H+ ions because some water molecules split up into H⁺ and OH⁻ ions.
- H⁺ accepts electrons more easily than Na⁺ does.
- This has important consequences at the cathode.



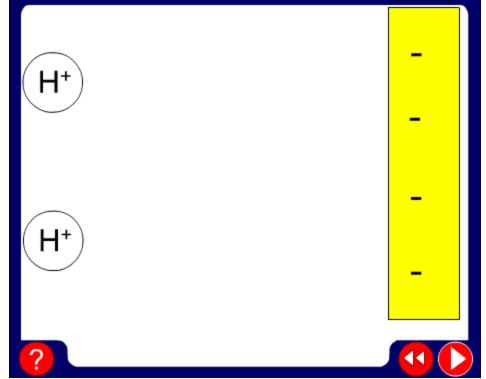




Electrolysis of salt 3



- Na⁺ ions move to the cathode but *do not* accept electrons.
- It is the hydrogen ions that gain electrons
- As a result hydrogen gas is formed at the cathode.

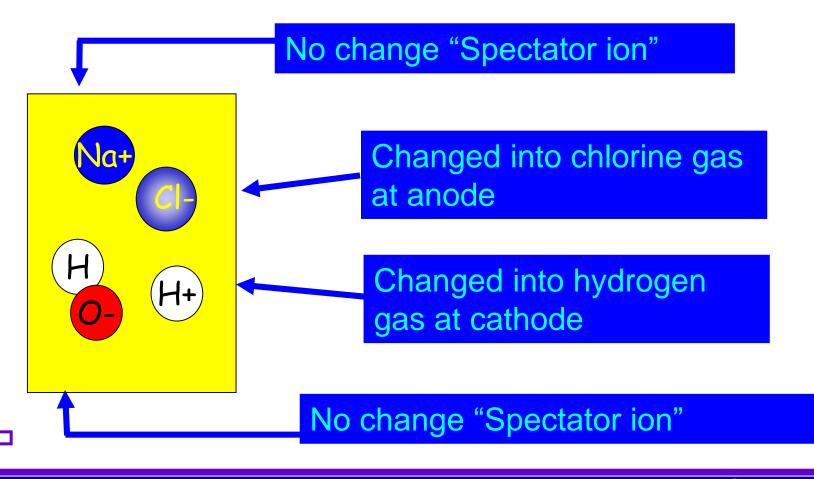






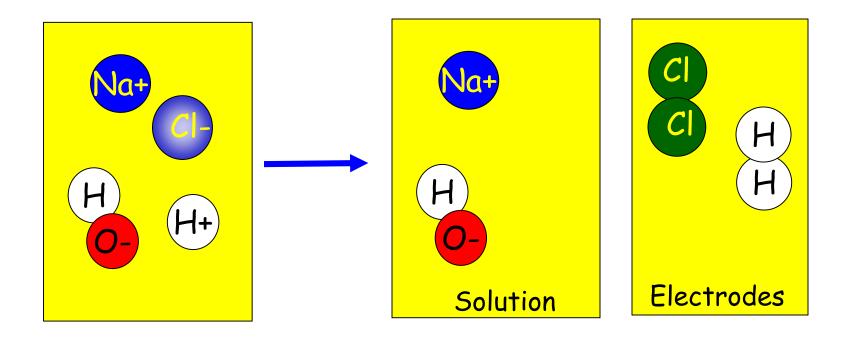


• What happens to the various ions?





Sodium hydroxide is what is left in the solution at the end of electrolysis







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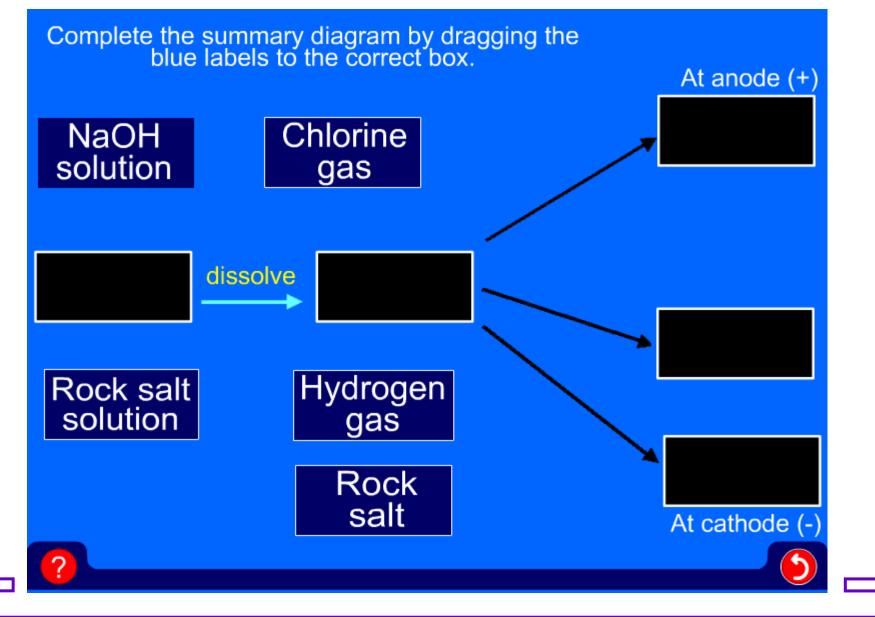
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Using your knowledge of salt electrolysis decide whether the following statements are likely to be TRUE or FALSE.

- 1. Chlorine ions gain electrons
- 2. Chlorine gas is formed at the cathode
- 3. Hydrogen ions gain electrons at (
- 4. Hydrogen gas is formed at the anode









Some salt is dug out of underground deposits of rock salt but most salt is obtained by pumping river water into the salt deposits which may be about 2000m below ground. The salt dissolves to form a solution called brine which travels up a second pipe to the surface. It is then stored in a brine reservoir prior to being used for various purposes.

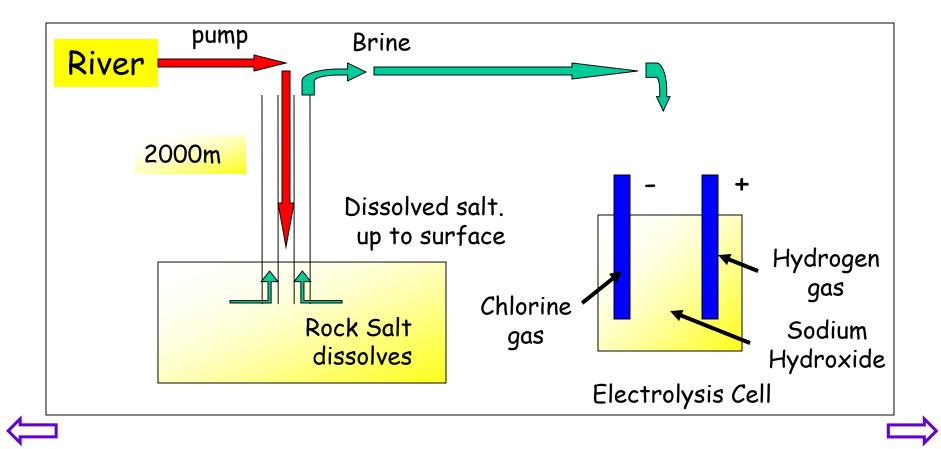
- 1. Name one important winter use of solid rock-salt.
- 2. Draw a diagram illustrating the production of brine and its subsequent electrolysis.
- 3. Draw a diagram showing how you could remove the gritty impurities in rock-salt in the laboratory.



Answers about salt 1

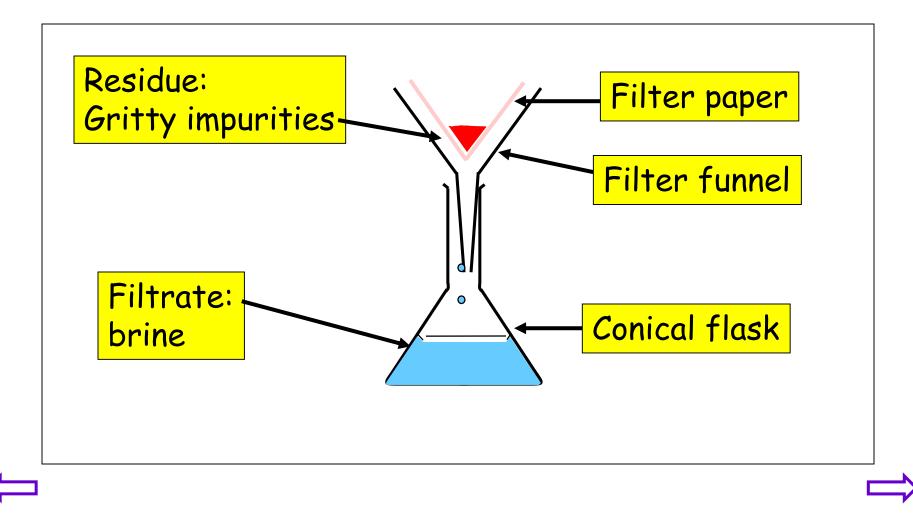


- 1. An important winter use of solid rock-salt is to treat icy roads.
- 2. Diagram of brine production to electrolysis.





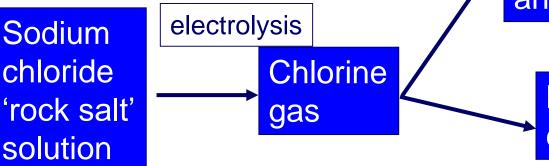
1. Removal of gritty impurities from Rock Salt



Uses of chlorine 1



Sterilisation of water e.g. swimming pools and drinking water



Bleaching agent, e.g. paper industry

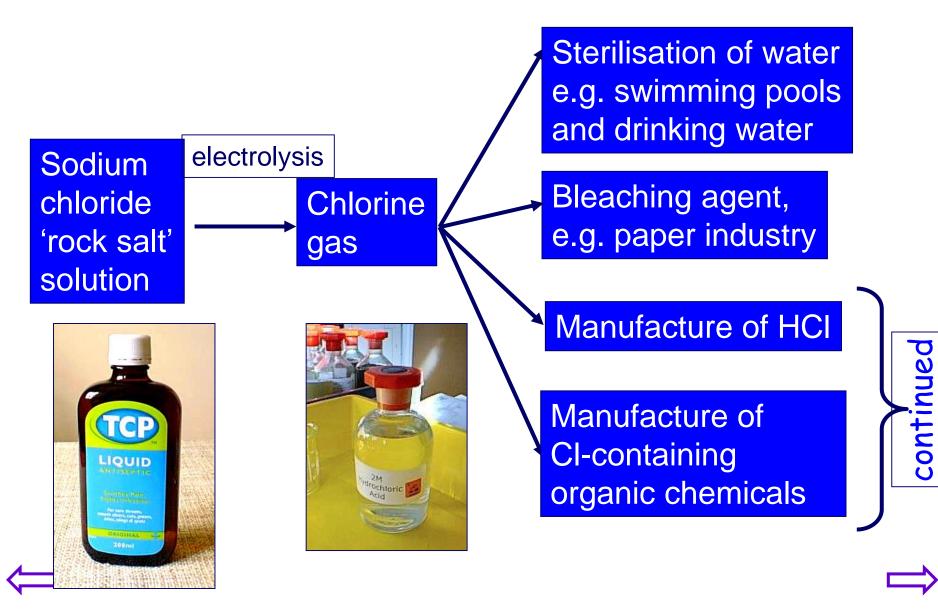














Manufacture of HCI

Manufacture of PVC and other plastics

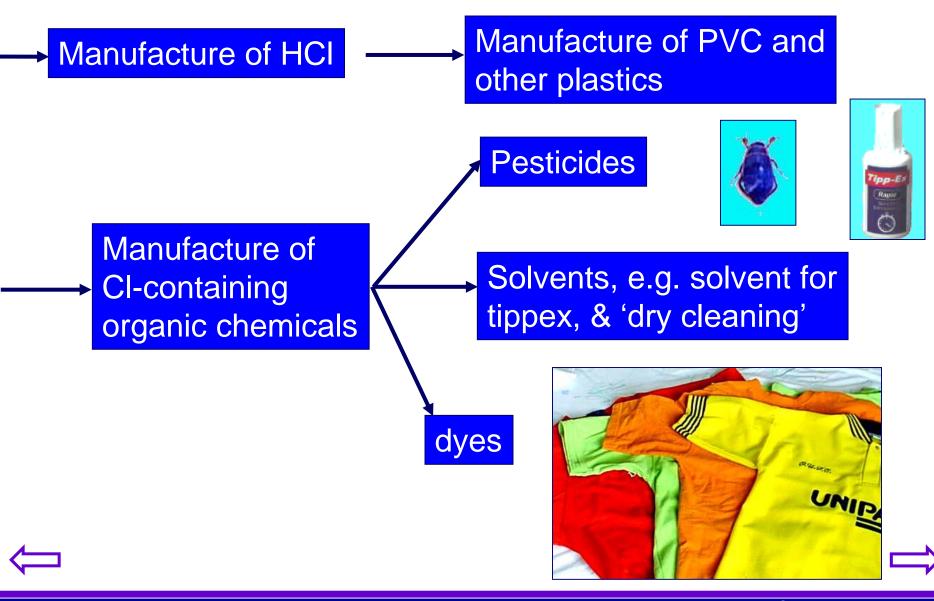






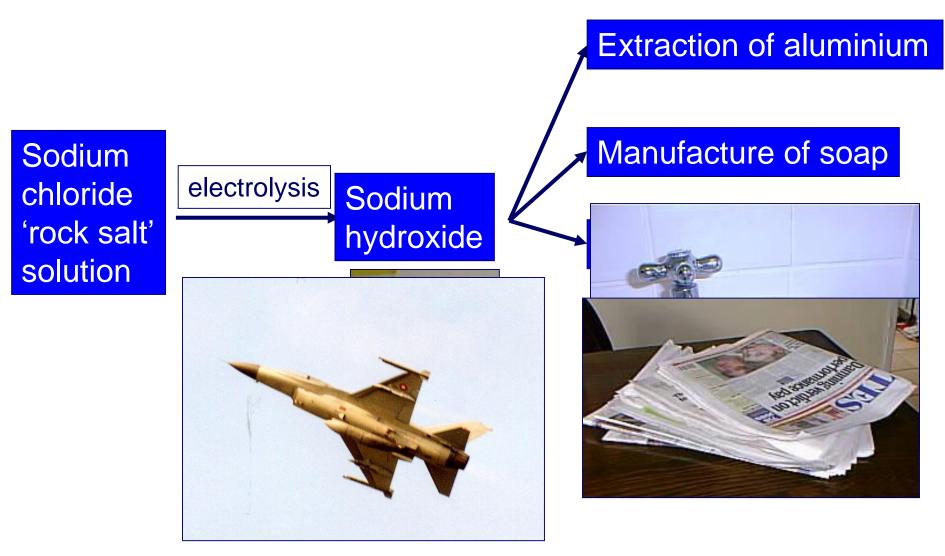






Uses of sodium hydroxide 1

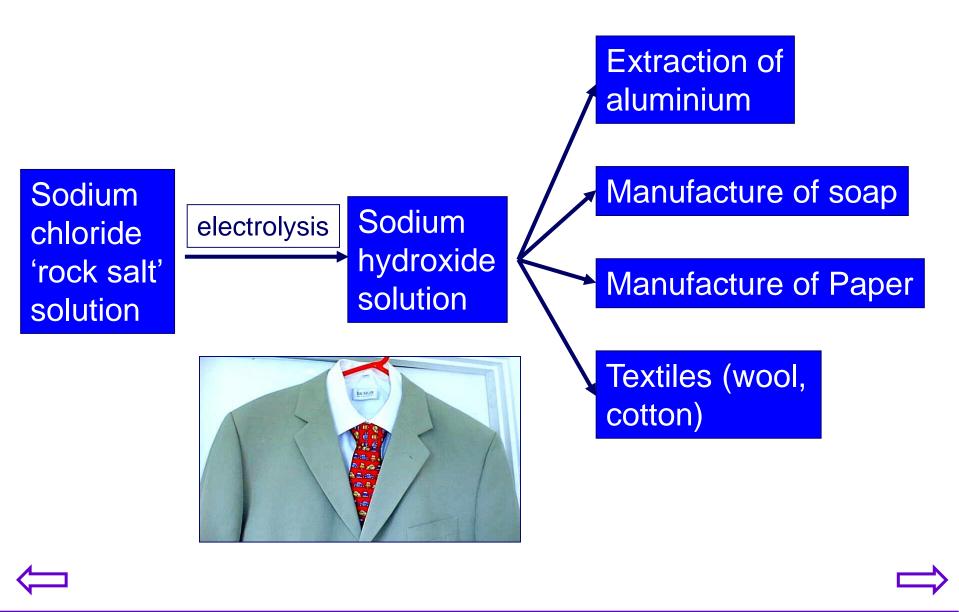






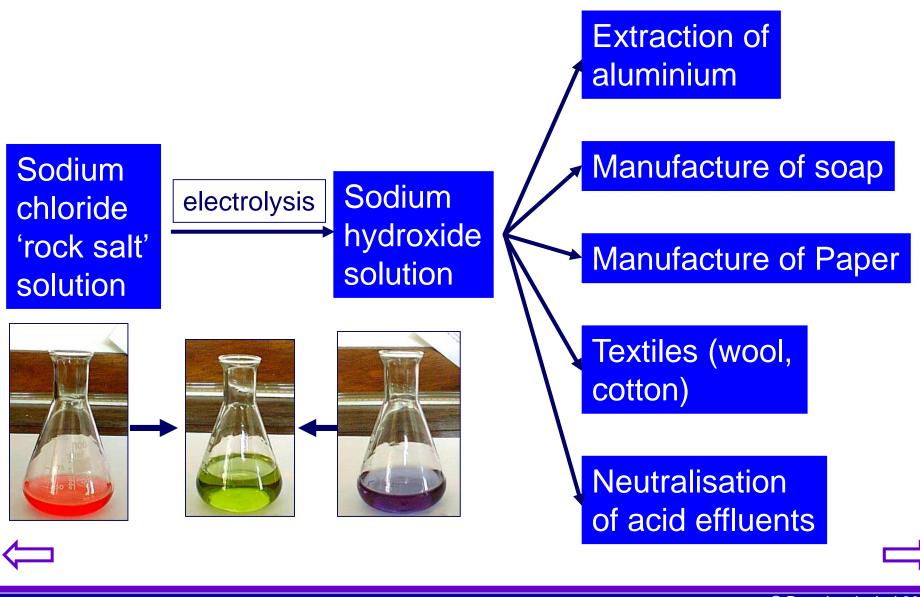
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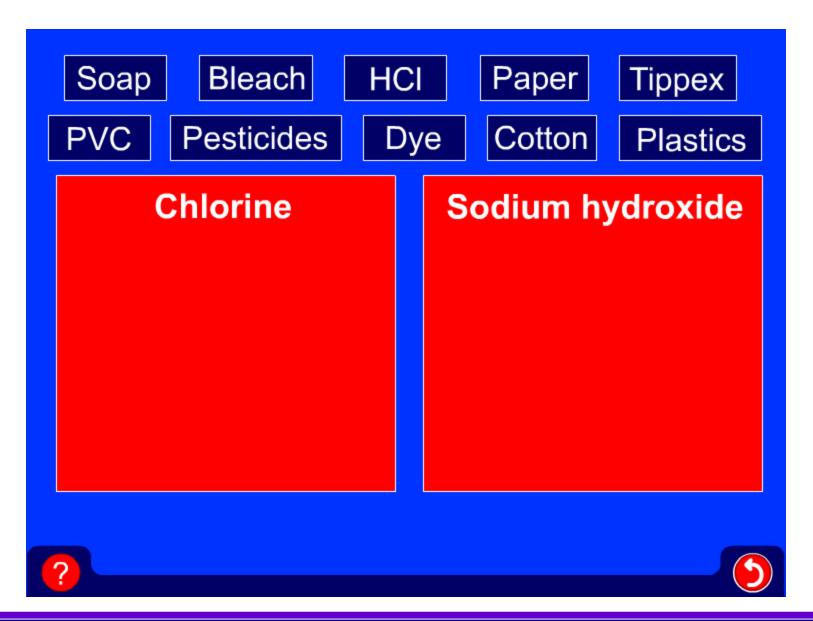
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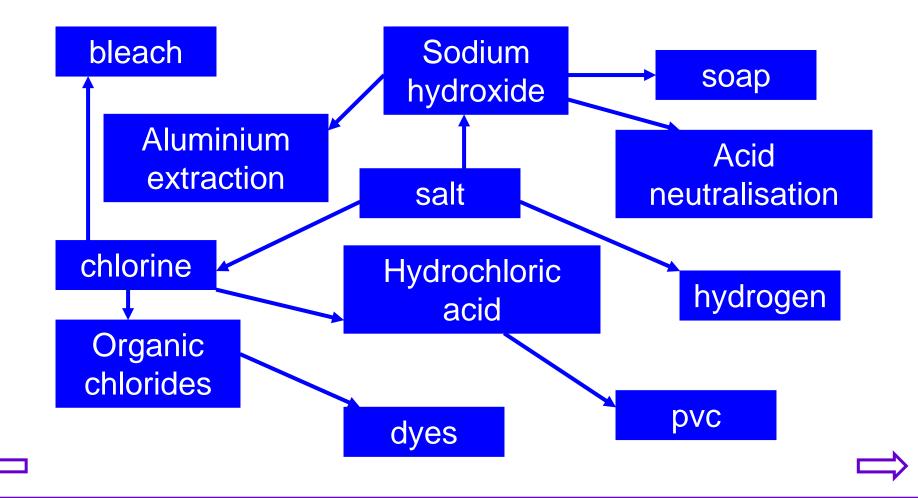
Uses of CI and NaOH







Join the appropriate substances with arrows.



Limestone



- Limestone is a sedimentary rock.
- It comes from the shells of sea creatures or from solids formed in the oceans long ago.
- It is mostly made of calcium carbonate CaCO_{3.}
- It is an important raw material for both the chemical and the construction industries.





Limestone is a base with the formula $CaCO_3$.

- It is capable of neutralising acids but because it is insoluble in water it does so without ever making the solution strongly alkaline.
- Carbonates fizz (effervesce) when they react with acids.







Limestone is a base with the formula $CaCO_3$.

- During indigestion the stomach may produce too much (excess) acid.
- Indigestion tablets neutralise some of this acid.
- These tablets often contain purified calcium carbonate.

 $2\text{HCI} + \text{CaCO}_3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{CaCI}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$

carbonate 500mg

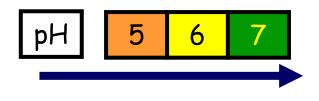
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Limestone is used in agriculture.

- Acidity can build up in soils.
- This can inhibit the growth of many crops. Consequently farmers need to adjust the pH back towards neutral.
- Limestone provides a cheap way of neutralising soil acidity.







In the blast furnace limestone removes acidic earthy impurities that would ruin the quality of iron.

- Limestone is one of three major raw materials used to extract iron from its ores.
- It reacts with acidic impurities changing them into a slag that separates from the iron.

$$CaCO_3 + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3 + CO_2$$





The endings to these sentences about limestone are not correct.

- 1. The chemical name for limestone is slag
- 2. Limestone fizzes in acid because it gives off calcium carbonate
- 3. Farmers use limestone to neutralise carbon dioxide
- 4. In the blast furnace limestone turns earthy impurities into acid soil

Quicklime - the lime kiln



- Limestone is heated in huge ovens known as lime kilns.
- The calcium carbonate decomposes into calcium oxide (quicklime) and carbon dioxide.
- Quicklime is a vital ingredient of cement, concrete and of most types of glass.

CaO







Slaked lime



- If water is added to quicklime the calcium oxide changes into calcium hydroxide (slaked lime).
- Slaked lime is a vital ingredient of various building materials.

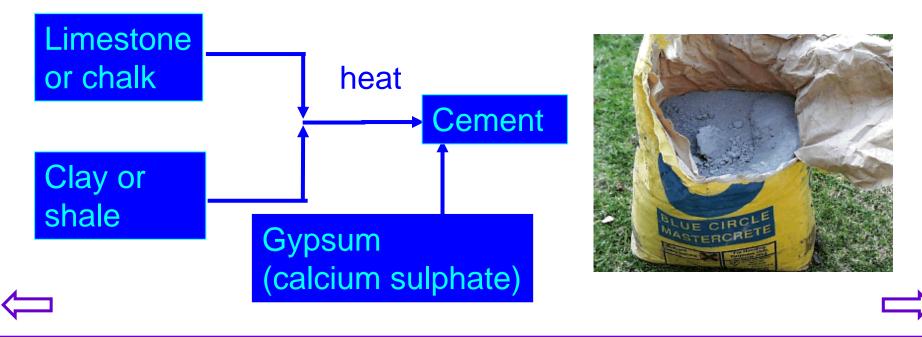
$$CaO + H_2O \Rightarrow Ca(OH)_2$$

 A solution of calcium hydroxide (limewater) is also used to test for carbon dioxide gas (it goes cloudy).





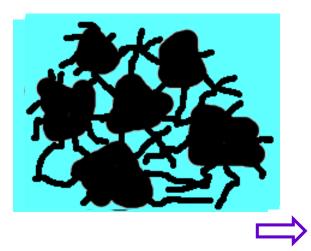
- The main raw materials for cement are limestone and clay.
- A small amount of gypsum is also added to help the cement set at the right speed.





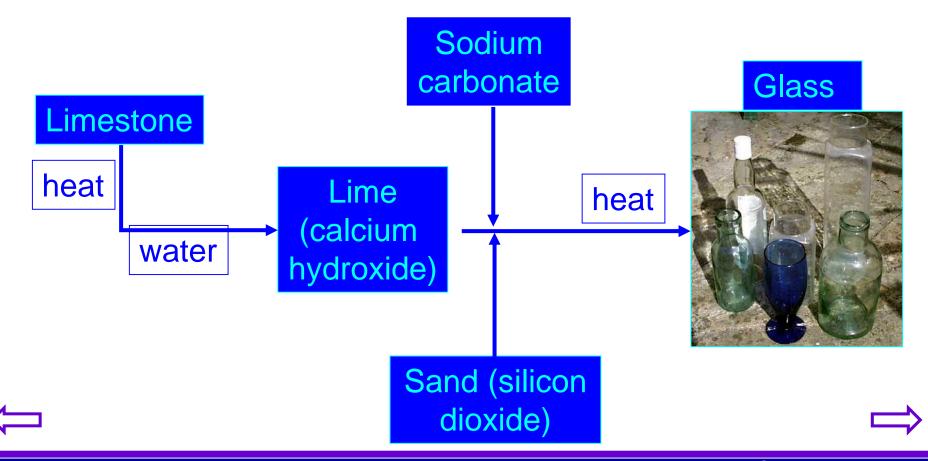
- To make concrete cement is mixed with small stones or gravel.
- Mortar consists of cement mixed with calcium hydroxide. This makes a smooth slow setting mixture suitable for bricklaying

Cement, concrete and mortar all set when interlocking crystals grow between cement particles joining them together.



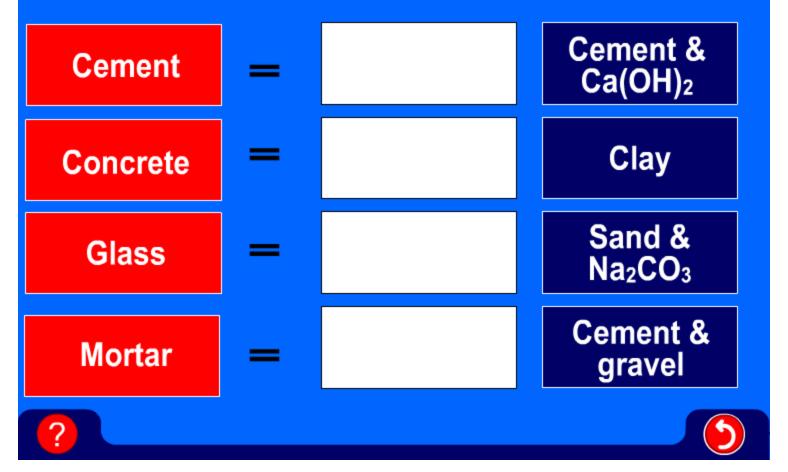


Limestone, sand and sodium carbonate are the raw materials used to make most glass.



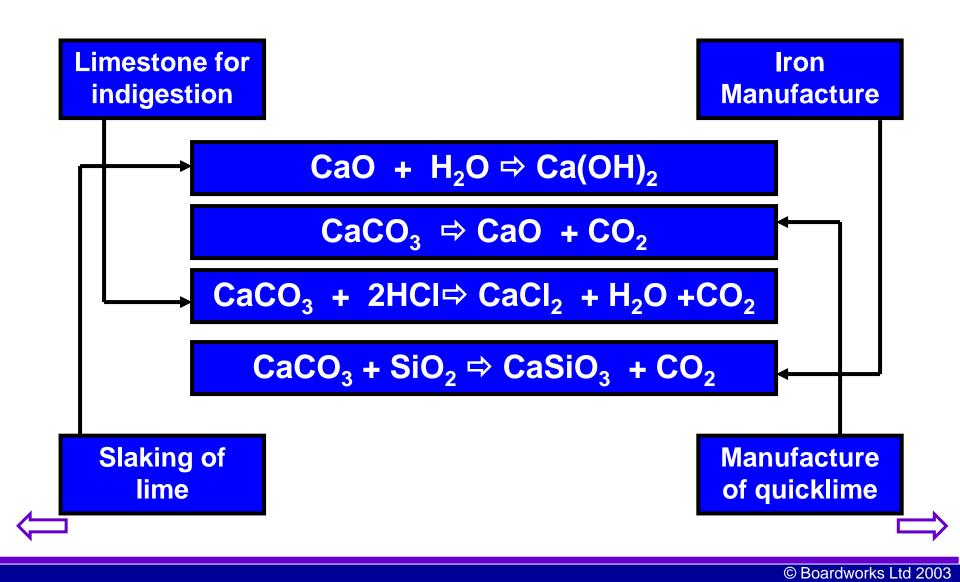


See if you can drag out the ingredients on the right to match the products of limestone on the left





Join matching pairs with arrows.





- 1. What is formed at the cathode in the electrolysis of aqueous rocksalt?
- A. Sodium
- B. Chlorine
- C. Hydrogen
- D. Sodium chloride





- 2. What is formed at the anode in the electrolysis of aqueous rocksalt.
- A. Sodium B. Chlorine
- C. Hydrogen
- D. Sodium hydroxide





- 3. What is left in the solution as a result of the electrolysis of aqueous rocksalt?
- A. Sodium
- B. Chlorine
- C. Hydrogen

D. Sodium hydroxide





4. What is chlorine gas **NOT** used in the manufacture of?

A. Alkali

- B. Hydrochloric acid
- C. P.V.C.
- D. Bleach





5. What is sodium hydroxide **NOT** used in the manufacture of:

A. Textiles

- B. Aluminium
- C. Soap

D. Cable insulation





6. Which is a true statement about limestone?

- A. It is mostly calcium hydroxide
- B. It is reacts with acids to form carbon dioxide
- C. It reacts with iron oxide in the blast furnace
- D. It is used as a fertiliser

