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UNIT 4: STRUCTURE OF MATTER

1. PURE SUBSTANCES: SIMPLE SUBSTANCES AND COMPOUNDS

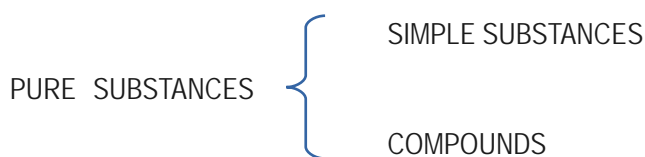
On previous unit, we distinguished between pure substances and mixtures. We focused on the mixtures and we learned about concentrations and solutions.

PURE SUBSTANCES are all matter that, whatever its state was, its physical and chemical properties are uniform in all the points of the matter. These properties can be used to identify this substance from another.

But we can classify these pure substances into two different groups:

SIMPLE SUBSTANCES: A simple substance is a substance which cannot be broken down by further chemical techniques. These include heating, cooling, electrolysis and reacting with other chemicals. They are made of only **ONE ELEMENT** (lead, iron, calcium, gold...)

COMPOUNDS: A compound is a pure substance composed of two or more different atoms chemically bonded to one another. A compound can be destroyed by chemical means. They are made of **MORE THAN ONE ELEMENT** (ammonia, sulfuric acid, salt...)



2. ATOMS AND SUBATOMIC PARTICLES

Sages of ancient Greece, like Leucippus or Democritus considered that matter was made of small particles. These particles cannot be divided. There must be a unit or brick indivisible and unbreakable. These particles were called **ATOMS** which means "indivisible".

This idea were abandoned by the scientific until 1808, when **John Dalton** made the hypothesis that matter was made of elemental units called atoms, which were indivisible and immutable.

Nowadays, we can use microscopes to see individual atoms and even interact with them.

