



YEAR 9

Key Questions:

What is all matter made from?
 What is a mixture?
 How has our understanding of what the atom looks like changed?
 What is an atom & how big are they?
 How are the relative atomic masses in periodic table calculated?

Atomic Structure

Key Questions:

What is all matter made from?
 How has the modern periodic table changed from earlier versions?
 What is the difference between metals & non-metals?
 What are the groups of the periodic table?

The Periodic Table

Key Questions:

What is a chemical bond?
 How do elements bond?
 What happens to the temperature as water is boiling?
 Does the type of bonding affect properties?
 What are nanoparticles?

Structure & Bonding

Key Questions:

Why are metals more reactive than others?
 What use are metals being more reactive than each other?
 What is a salt?
 How many different ways can you make a salt?
 What happens when acids are added to alkalis?
 How do we check how much aspirin is in a tablet?

Chemical Changes

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Key Questions:

How can electricity split a compound?
 What is cryolite?
 What is the big picture of electrolysis?

Electrolysis

Key Questions:

What real use is the periodic table to a chemist?
 What is a mole & how do we use it in chemistry?
 How can we use chemical calculations to help us produce chemicals economically?
 Mass vs Concentration vs Volume: How are they interconnected?

Chemical Calculations

Key Questions:

Why do some reactions go cold & some hot?
 What makes a reaction exo or endo thermic?
 Is neutralisation exothermic or endothermic?
 How can chemical reactions make batteries?

Energy Changes

Key Questions:

Why are some reactions faster than others?
 What factors affect rate?

Rates

Key Questions:

What happens when you reverse a reactions?
 What happens when you try to adjust a reversible reaction?

Equilibrium

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Key Questions:

How can we identify an alkane from its properties?
 Why is it important to be able to identify types of combustion?
 What is a functional group & what can it tell us?
 What does a plastic bag & DNA have in common?

Organic

Key Questions:

How can we identify a substance as either being pure or a formulation?
 How can paper chromatography be used to separate coloured substances?
 How can various gases be identified?
 Can you identify unknown substances by completing a series of qualitative tests for cations and anions?
 How are modern techniques combined to identify substances?

Analysis

Key Questions:

How have the proportions of the Earth's gases changed over time?
 Why have the proportions of the Earth's gases changed over time?
 What is the importance of greenhouse gases & when do they do wrong?
 Why should you be conscious of atmospheric pollutants?

The Atmosphere

The Earth's Resources

Key Questions:

How can we produce potable water from solutions which are not drinkable?
 What are LCAs & why are they important?
 Why is Le Chatelier's principle important in industry?