Physical and Chemical Changes

Physical Change – a change in matter to look different but does not become a new kind of matter.

Tearing – pulling something into pieces (Ripped paper has the same properties of matter even though it's torn.)

Crushing – squeezing or pressing something so that its shape changes or it breaks

Freezing – Cooling a liquid until it becomes a solid

Melting –Warming a solid until it becomes a liquid (The freezing point and melting point of a substance such as water is the same. The type of change it is depends on whether the temperature is increasing or decreasing.)

Boiling – Heating a liquid to a certain temperature to make it bubble and turn into a gas (Ex. Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius or 212 degrees Fahrenheit.)

Condensing/Condensation – change from a gas to a liquid, caused by cooling (This appears as clouds or moisture on surfaces that were cooler than the surrounding air, such as glass or metal.)

Evaporating/Evaporation – change from liquid into gas (Boiling causes evaporation, but it can also happen without boiling.)

Chemical Change – a change in matter in which new matter forms, having new properties, and those changes are permanent (nonreversible).

Burning – need oxygen, heat, and fuel (something to burn)

Rusting – need iron, oxygen, and water

Cooking

Souring

Decaying/Rotting

Ripening





Signs of a Chemical Change

(For each change listed above, consider which of the following signs are evident.)

- Gas forms.
- Heat is given off or absorbed.
- A solid forms or disappears.
- A new color occurs.
- A new odor is created
- Light is produced.

Burning: a change requiring oxygen, fuel, and heat.

Take one or more of these away and the fire goes out. Why does a fire extinguisher put out a fire? The type shown to the right prevents oxygen from getting to the fire.



How do you know a truck rusting is a chemical change? A solid disappears and a new color occurs.

What kind of a change is **corroding** metal?

Corroding is similar to rusting. Iron is not the only metal that corrodes. So does magnesium, aluminum, and other metals (some faster or more easily than others).

Evaporating: changing matter from a liquid to a gaseous state Liquid water turns to water vapor – a clear gas. This is sped up with heat and movement of air.



Condensing: changing matter from a gas to a liquid

Why did the girl's glasses get foggy? The water vapor – a gas – turned into tiny liquid water droplets when the water vapor came in contact with the cooler lenses of her glasses.

What kind of a change is **frying** an egg? How do you know?

What kind of a change is burning toast? How do you know?



