CHECK YOUR Understanding

- Which two states of matter require containers?

 Do the containers have to be different? If so, why?
- List three products that are manufactured because of the malleability of their materials, and three products that are manufactured because of the ductility of their materials.
- 3. Oxygen is considered to be a pure substance. The oxygen molecules that you are breathing in at this moment may have come from a tree outside your classroom, pond scum in a nearby drainage ditch, or algae growing on the inside of a school window. Does their origin make any difference in their properties? Explain.
- Which of the following properties of sulfur are physical properties?
 - (a) Its melting point is 112 °C.
 - (b) It is a yellow solid.
 - (c) It reacts with hydrogen to form a gas.
 - (d) Its density is 2.97 g/cm³.
 - (e) It combines with oxygen.
- 5. Density cannot be measured directly. It is calculated by dividing the mass (in g) of a sample by its volume (in cm³). What is the density of gasoline if 1 L (1000 cm³) of gasoline has a mass of 700 g?
- 6. Suppose that you had two rings of the same size (volume), but one was 10K gold and the other was 18K gold. Which ring would feel heavier? Explain.
- 7. The ability to conduct heat is a physical property. Metals have a high thermal conductivity while wood and plastic do not. Using this property, explain from a safety point of view which would be better: pots with metal or wooden handles?
- **8.** Which of the following properties of zinc are chemical properties?
 - (a) It melts at 419 °C.
 - (b) It is a grey metal.

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- (c) It corrodes in moist air.
- (d) It conducts electricity.
- (e) Its density is 7.1 g/cm³.

- **9.** Which property of matter is responsible for each of the following observations?
 - (a) A counterfeit diamond has fine scratches and chips on it.
 - (b) Small amounts of sugar are each weighed and then added, one at a time, to 100 mL of water until no more can dissolve.
 - (c) Silver is flattened with a hammer and shaped into a bracelet.
 - (d) A liquid ignites when exposed to a flame.
- 10. Complete Table 6.

Table 6

Substance	Property	Useful for
helium gas	less dense than air	
	burns quickly	powering vehicles
nitroglycerin	explosive	

- 11. Erosion is an important geological process.

 Which state(s) of matter experience(s) erosion?

 Which state(s) of matter cause(s) erosion?

 Explain how erosion occurs.
- In the past, a quick test for pure gold was to bite the coin or nugget. What property do you think this was testing? Explain.
- 13. Is the X-ray machine at an airport checking the physical or the chemical properties of the substances in your luggage? Explain.
- What is the property of hairspray that makes it useful?
- 15. Identify five things you use regularly because their special properties make them useful.