



# Cosmetics



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### Making talcum powder Apparatus $\star$ perfume $\star$ 20 g french chalk $\star$ 5 g calcium carbonate $\star$ glass stopper ★ 1 g magnesium stearate ★ 250 cm<sup>3</sup> flask with stopper \* dropper ★ 250 cm<sup>3</sup> beaker ★ sieve ★ container with lid ★ label You are going to make talcum powder. Talcum powder is a cosmetic you put on the skin to absorb (take up) moisture. B Carefully, pour 20 g A Put 3 drops of perfume into the flask. Put in the french chalk, 5 g calcium stopper. Swirl the flask. carbonate and 1 g magnesium stearate into the flask. Replace the stopper. Shake well. D Put the talcum powder C Push the powder through a sieve into a into a container. Label the beaker. Use a glass stopper container. to break up any lumps.



Q1 Why is the talcum powder sieved?



Q2 How would you find out which of the chemicals used in talcum powder is best at absorbing moisture?

TALCUM POWDER



fingertips.



## Information: What is skin?

The skin is the largest organ of the body. Skin is tough and flexible. It forms an unbroken layer over the whole body.

Skin varies in thickness over the body. On the eyelids the skin is 0.5 mm thick; on the sole of the foot it is about 5 mm.

Skin protects the body from damage. It is waterproof and makes a liquid (sweat) that helps to cool the body. The skin is sensitive to heat, cold, touch and pain.



- Q13 Where do you find thick skin?
- Q14 What is the dead layer of the skin called?
- Q15 What does soap do to the skin?
- Q16 Why do face creams make the skin soft?
- Q17 Where is the liquid that collected in your plastic glove (during the experiment) likely to be made?



# **2** Making cosmetics

# After shave

#### Apparatus







- Q3 What was the temperature of both thermometer bulbs when you started the stop clock?
- Q4 Look at the temperature of the thermometer bulb in cloth soaked in water. Did it go up, down or stay the same during the experiment?
- Q5 Look at the temperature of the thermometer bulb in cloth soaked in after shave. Did it go up, down or stay the same during the experiment?
- Q6 Why does after shave feel cool when it is put on the skin?

## **Making cosmetics**

# Information: Hair





Some people grow their hair long. Some people prefer short hair. People who belong to certain religions do not cut their hair at all, like this Sikh. Hair on the **scalp** (head) grows about 0.35 mm each day.



Shaving cosmetics help to make shaving easy and pleasant. If a man's beard is wet, the hair is softened and easier to shave off. This softening with water takes 3 to 4 minutes.

- Q7 What is the name of the protein in the hair?
- Q8 What makes the hair coloured?
- Q9 At what age do young men start to grow beards?



Between 11 and 14 years of age, boys start to grow hair on their faces. Some men like to shave their beards, some do not.



Shaving soaps, lathers and creams make a foam that stays on the face for some time. After shave lotions help to soothe and cool the shaved skin.

- Q10 How do shaving soaps make shaving easier?
- Q11 Why do men use after shave lotions?

# **3** Emulsions and skin creams

# Making an emulsion

#### Apparatus



### Emulsions and skin creams



- Q2 What happens when cold water and olive oil are mixed (tube 1)?
- Q3 What happens when cold water and liquid paraffin are mixed (tube 2)?
- Q4 What does soap do to: a) olive oil and water (tube 3)? b) liquid paraffin and water (tube 4)?
- Q5 When an oil and water are mixed successfully an **emulsion** is made. In which tube(s) did you make an emulsion?
- Q6 When caustic soda is added to oil, it reacts with some of the oil to make soap. The soap makes any remaining oil emulsify. In which tube(s) did this happen?

### Emulsions and skin creams,



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### Information: Cosmetics

A cosmetic is anything that makes the skin or hair more beautiful. Cosmetics have been used for centuries.



The ancient Egyptians were using cosmetics some three and a half thousand years ago.



At the time of Queen Elizabeth I, a red colour from beetles was used to colour cheeks, like rouge or blusher does today.

Today, chemists use many different substances to make cosmetics. They use paraffin and petroleum jelly. They use oils from plants like olive oil and animal fats like **lanolin** (wool grease). Oils and fats go bad when they are kept, so cosmetics must have preservatives. They also have perfumes, dyes and chemicals that kill bacteria. Only pure chemicals can be used to make cosmetics.

Cosmetics must not stop the skin working. Some creams may block the openings of the sweat glands. Dirt gets trapped in the blocked pores and blackheads are formed.

Well-applied make-up can have striking results.



Without make-up.

- Q12 What is a cosmetic?
- Q13 Name one animal fat that is used to make cosmetics.



With make-up.

Q14 Why must the skin be cleaned after creams have been used?

# 4 Soap

# Making soap

#### Apparatus



You are going to make soap from olive oil.

Take care not to splash caustic soda on the skin. If you do, wash it off with lots of water. Gloves and goggles must be worn.



- Q1 Does your sample smell like the soap you use at home?
- Q2 Does your soap make a lather with distilled water?
- Q3 How could you make your soap more like toilet soap?
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### Information: Soap

Soap was invented around 1000 AD. Up until the seventeenth century, most people made their own soap. It was made by boiling animal or vegetable fats with caustic soda.



The main animal used for fat was the whale. Now, many people object to killing whales for their **blubber** (fat). Other oils can be used instead to make soap.



Vegetable fats used in soap came from plants like the olive tree. Groundnut (or peanut) oil was also used.



Vegetable fats began to be needed for making margarine and other foods. So in the 1930s, scientists invented 'soaps' that could be made from mineral oil – the oil from oil wells. The photograph shows a factory which makes soap continuously from mineral oil.

- Q4 What was the main type of animal fat used in soap?
- Q5 What problem did soap makers have to solve in the 1930s?
- Q6 What is mineral oil?
- Q7 What is used to make soap as well as oil and caustic soda? (Clue: look at the work you did on page 14.)

## 5 Hard and soft water

# Making bath crystals

#### Apparatus

- $\star$  100 g sodium carbonate  $\star$  distilled water  $\star$  dye

- ★ perfume
- ★ label
- ★ large beaker ★ dropper ★ test tube ★ wooden spoon ★ plastic bag
- **★** rubber band

You are going to make some bath crystals.



### Hard and soft water



is added to hard water?

Q5 How do bath crystals work?

## Hard and soft water



## Information: How hard water is formed

Air contains carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide dissolves in rain water to form an acid. The acid dissolves the limestone in rocks. The water flowing over these rocks contains dissolved calcium and magnesium salts that have come from the limestone.



Water in the streams and rivers from limestone areas contains dissolved salts. This water is hard. Hard water forms a scum with soap.



Bath crystals soften hard water. When hard water is boiled, the solids it contains are left on the sides of the container as **fur.** This can block pipes.



When hard water drips in caves the water evaporates and the solid is left behind. The solid forms columns. The ones ''holding tight'' to the ceiling are **stalactites.** Those coming up from the ground are **stalagmites.** 

- Q9 Why is rain water acid?
- Q10 What happens to limestone rocks when rain falls on them?
- Q11 Why do hot water pipes in hard water areas get "furred up"?
- Q12 What are stalactites?
- Q13 How are stalactites formed?
- Q14 Do you live in a hard or soft water area? How do you know?

# 6 Making eyes!

### Making eye shadow and mascara

#### Apparatus

- ★ Eye shadow: 2 g ceresin wax, 13 g petroleum jelly, 1 g beeswax, 3 cm<sup>3</sup> liquid paraffin,
- pigment ★ Mascara: 1 g black pigment, 3.5 g stearic acid, 1 g carnauba wax,
- 1.5 g triethanolamine, 4 g beeswax  $\star$  two 100 cm<sup>3</sup> beakers  $\star$  2 stirrers
- ★ tongs ★ gauze ★ tripod ★ heatproof mat ★ Bunsen burner ★ 2 containers ★ 2 labels ★ foil

You are going to mix chemicals to make eye shadow and mascara.

### Eye shadow



### Mascara



E Put 1 g black pigment, 4 g beeswax, 3.5 g stearic acid, 1 g carnauba wax and 1.5 g triethanolamine into a beaker.



**F** Heat the beaker **gently**. Stir all the time. Allow to cool. Then put the mascara into the container (but **not** onto your eyes).



## **Information: Eyes**

We use our eyes to see and to communicate our feelings to other people.



- Q1 Why do women use mascara and eye shadow?
- Q2 Could mascara and eye shadow be harmful?
- Q3 Why should you remove eye make-up at night?
- Q4 We use our speech and eyes to communicate. Are there any other ways that humans express their feelings?

### Making eyes!

## Information: Protecting and improving eyesight

Sight is the most precious of our senses. Our eyes are protected in many ways. They are fitted into bony hollows in the skull. The eyebrows, lids and lashes all protect the eyes from damage.



Many of the things that were once used to protect or improve the eyesight are now used **cosmetically.** They are used to make the person wearing them more attractive. Some examples are given below.





Dark glasses are made to protect the eyes from the sun's rays.

Now they are often used as a fashion accessory.



Eyedrops are used to treat certain eye conditions. Blue-coloured eyedrops are used cosmetically to make the eyes sparkle.



Contact lenses were invented to help correct eyesight. They are also useful for sportsmen. They can be used to change the colour of the eye.

# 7 Nails



when varnish dries on the nail?

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## Nails

### Nail varnish remover

Apparatus

- ★ 80 cm<sup>3</sup> industrial spirit ★ cotton wool ★ 7 g glycerine
- ★ 250 cm<sup>3</sup> beaker ★ measuring cylinder ★ stirrer ★ bottle with screw top
- $\star$  3 slides streaked with nail varnish  $\star$  distilled water
- ★ commercial nail varnish remover

g glycerine **★** 0.1 g perfume

★ label

You are going to make nail varnish remover and compare it with commercial (bought) nail varnish remover.



- Q4 Which of the substances you tested removed nail varnish?
- Q5 Was your own nail varnish remover as good as the commercial one?
- Q6 Anything that dissolves a solid is called a solvent. Which of the substances you tested were not solvents?

## Information: Nails

Nails are found at the ends of human fingers and toes. The nail is a protective cover. It is also useful for helping us to pick things up and for scratching! A nail is made of **keratin.** Hair is also made of keratin. Many parts of the bodies of animals are made of keratin, such as:



Q8 Why do we need nails?

# 8 Toothpaste

# Making toothpaste Apparatus $\star$ 23 g calcium carbonate $\star$ 2 g soap castile powder ★ 10 g glycerol $\star$ 0.5 g gum tragacanth ★ distilled water ★ 100 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder ★ two 100 cm<sup>3</sup> beakers labelled X and Y ★ container with lid ★ label You are going to mix chemicals to make toothpaste. B Put 0.5 g gum Put 16 cm<sup>3</sup> distilled water into beaker X. Add tragacanth and 2 g dental soap into beaker Y. Stir. 10 g glycerol. Stir. GLYCEROL



\* stirrer

E Put your toothpaste into a container. Label it. Keep your toothpaste for the next experiment.

Q1 Does the toothpaste you have made look like the kind you use at home?

### Toothpaste

#### Testing home-made and commercial toothpastes Apparatus ★ toothpaste you made in last experiment ★ petri dish with agar and wells ★ 2 different tubes of commercial toothpaste ★ 3 spatulas ★ wax pencil \* oven ★ ruler ★ 3 glass rods You are going to find out if toothpastes can stop the growth of bacteria. Distance across clear area round well Copy this table. Q2 Type of toothpaste in the well Nº of well Using a wax pencil, В Using a clean spatula and a glass rod, half-fill well label the wells in the base of 1 with the toothpaste you a petri dish. Label 2 tubes made in the last experiment. of commercial (bought) toothpaste 2 and 3. ToothPaste C Using a clean spatula D After 2 days, remove and glass rod each time, the petri dish from the oven. With a ruler, measure the half-fill well 2 with toothpaste 2. Half-fill well 3 distance across the clear with toothpaste 3. Leave areas around the wells in the petri dish in an oven mm. Record the results in for 2 days. your table.

- Q3 The agar had bacteria in it. Where these grow, the agar is cloudy. If the agar is clear, the bacteria are not growing. Which well had the biggest clear area?
- Q4 Which of the toothpastes you tested was best at stopping the growth of bacteria?

## Information: The mouth and teeth

Food enters the body through the mouth. The lips work as a seal. The lips are sensitive to heat, cold and touch. The lips move to help form sounds into words. The teeth, tongue and cheek muscles also help in speech.



teeth?

# 9 Perfumes and essences

# **Getting oils from plants**

#### Apparatus



You are going to extract (get out) the oil from an orange peel.



### Perfumes and essences



- Q1 What happens to the oil in the orange peel during this experiment?
- Q2 What happens as gases pass through the condenser?
- Q3 Why does tap water need to go into the condenser through the bottom tube?
- Q4 Anhydrous sodium sulphate is used to dry the oil. What does **anhydrous** mean?

### Information: Perfumes

Strong smelling oils that come from herbs, fruits and flowers are called **essential oils.** They used to be signs of great wealth. Two of the gifts from the three Kings to the infant Jesus were perfume oils – **frankincense** and **myrrh.** Later, oils were used as ointments.



Today, these oils are mostly used to make perfumes. The method used most to get oils from plants like lavender, is **distillation**. The photograph shows a distillation plant, and a close-up of a **still**.



The photograph shows rose petals arriving at a distillation plant. It takes 250 million rose petals to make 1 kg of rose oil. The demand for oils cannot be met by the supply of natural ones.



Many expensive perfumes used to be based on oil extracted from the **civet cat.** This is now only used for a few, very expensive perfumes. Many people object to animals being used in this way. This oil can now be made by man.

### Perfumes and essences



- Q5 What is the method most widely used to extract oils from plants?
- Q6 What is the oil used in the most expensive perfumes today?

The body cells that can detect smell are in the nose. The senses of smell and taste are linked. If the nose is pegged, you can mistake the taste of an onion for an apple!

- Q7 Where is our sense of smell found?
- Q8 How would you show that a sense of smell is needed for people to taste things properly?

### Information: Selling cosmetics



Packaging is very important in the cosmetics industry. An attractive range of products is more likely to sell well.



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