# Activity #1: An Investigation Of The Ways Substances Interact

# **Materials:**

Two 250 mL Beakers Two Stirring Rods Scapula

About 30 cm<sup>2</sup> of Aluminum Foil Water An unnamed "Blue Solution" An unnamed "Powder T"

Masking Tape

# **Procedure: (Always Record ANY Evidences)**

#### Part A: Aluminum Foil in the "Blue Solution"

- 1. Using masking tape, label your name(s) on one of the 250 mL beakers. Each group should pour about 100mL of the blue solution into the 250 ml beaker.
- 2. Take the piece of aluminum foil, and gently crumple the foil into a very, very loose, ball shape. If the ball is too tight it won't work as well. Drop the ball into the blue solution in the beaker.
- 3. Let it stand still for roughly 30 mins.

## Part B: Powder T in Water

- 1. Get about 100 mL of water from the tap in the other 250 mL beaker.
- 2. Put a small scoop full of the "Powder T" and stir for about 5 to 10 minutes.

## **Statements of Understanding**

- 1. What phenomenon are we investigating?
- 2. How can you explain the phenomenon using the evidences you collected?
- 3. What claims are you making from your explanations?
- 4. What do you think was left over in the beaker in Part A? How can you be sure of your previous answer?
- 5. Similarly, what additional test can you do to the beaker in Part B to support your claim earlier?