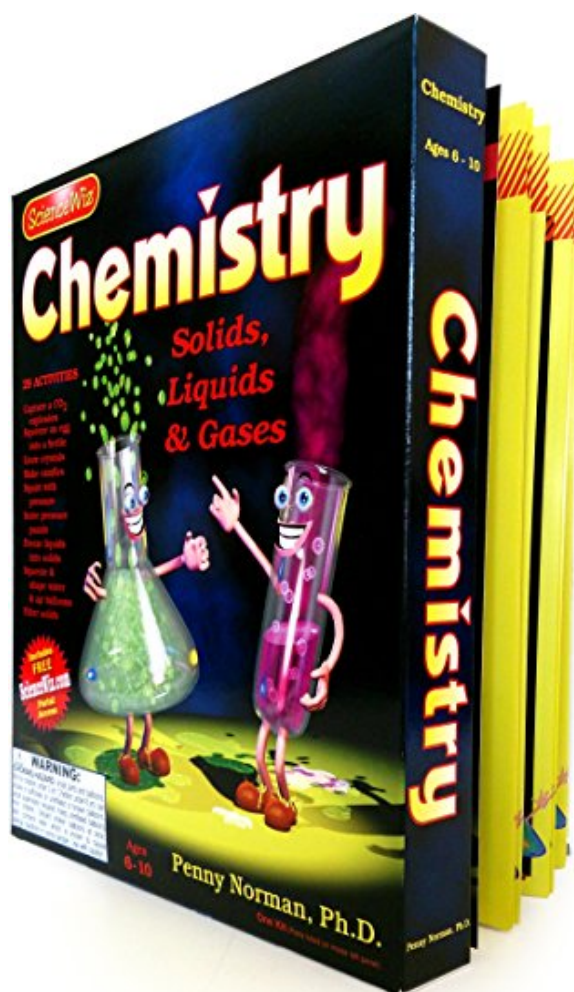


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Science Wiz - Chemistry Experiments Kit



Customer Reviews

This kit is terrific; it's simple, and doesn't try to distract you with a bunch of crappy pieces, just the essentials. My 8 year old daughter is loving this, but one BIG warning; the first experiment is terrific, but the kit DOES NOT warn you that when you electrolyse salt water, you are liberating chlorine gas as well as hydrogen! $2\text{NaCl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2 + 2\text{NaOH}$ I don't think it is in any significant quantity, but if you get a snorkful of it from the positive gas tube, it will be unpleasant! Also, NaOH is a product (aka caustic soda or lye). You begin this experiment with something nontoxic, and wind up with something that you really don't want your kids poking around in. That said, I love that this kit focuses on actually learning something about chemistry, as compared to most other kits that have you mix X and Y together to get some brightly colored snot-like substance, without much actual educational merit.

I really liked this kit and worked with my son on it over the course of a couple days. For the informational part of it, I had to explain a lot of things and water it down as he is only 7. I think if a child was working through this alone, they would need to be 10 or 12 to follow the text part by themselves. The electrolysis thing was great! My son LOVED popping the hydrogen. He loved the flame tests too. The only problem I had with this is that the kit assumed that you have a number of odd things at home, so read up to make sure you have everything at home (for example, to do the crystals, you need alum. For one of the flame tests, you can use potassium salt). If this kit came with everything, it would have been 5 stars. I will keep the kit and my son can work again with it on his own when he is older!

Some bad grammar and misspellings. It's an okay introduction kit. We still haven't figured out what some of the included items are used for. A lot of things that are needed are common household items, like salt. You all could just watch internet videos on simple experiments and then try them at home to learn. But some kids might be more intrigued since this is like a gift set with the book and some parts. I don't consider this anything more than an introductory item.

We've given this a few times as birthday gifts to second, third and fourth graders (all girls, as it happens) and the response is great. The experiments are fun and easy to do with some parental supervision.

I'll admit I gave my rating based on what I expected and that maybe I should have expected

something different. This kit has no real experiments but is mostly things like "look how if you put a paper towel in water it absorbs it". None of the experiments were fun but maybe this was meant to just be educational. It does do a good job of explaining what is happening but i think will only be exciting for maybe children 8 and under.

The item itself is not bad but the packaging is awful. The entire chalk or some sort of powder was all over the place and did not appreciate how messy the whole thing look. We had to clean the entire thing before we give it our son, who turned 8 today and wanted this item so bad. I wish the packaging would have been better.

I bought this chemistry set for my niece who is more interested in science than in dolls. The directions were clear and easy to understand. There were various experiments to perform leaving little room for boredom. All in All she was very happy she received this gift. Science Wiz makes wonderful kits got imaginative minds.

I bought this as a gift for my brother's 9th birthday. He is very much into science and he loved it!

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