

Solute, Solvent

A solution is a homogenous mixture of two or more substances, the composition of which may vary within limits. "A solution is a special kind of mixture in which substances are intermixed so intimately that they cannot be observed as separate components". The dispersed phase or the substance which is to be dissolved is called **solute**, while the dispersion medium in which the solute is dispersed to get a homogenous mixture is called the **solvent**. A solution is termed as binary, ternary and quaternary if it consists of two, three and four components respectively.