

# How can we find out which materials contain carbonates?

Carbon dioxide is formed when an acid is added to a carbonate. Carbon dioxide is a gas. You can see that a gas is being made because the acid will 'fizz'.



### **Apparatus**

- Eye protection
- Boiling tube
- Test tube rack
- Hydrochloric acid
- Materials to test



#### **Method**

- 1 Collect the materials you are going to test, and write their names in the table.
- **2** Put one of the materials into a boiling tube.
- **3** Add five drops of acid to the tube.
- **4** Watch carefully, and write your observations in the table.
- **5** Ask your teacher what to do with the material you have left. Wash out the test tube.
- **6** Repeat steps 2 to 5 for your other materials.

## Recording your results

Material	Observation	Carbonate? (✓ or ✗)

# Considering your results/conclusion

Fill in the last column of the results table to show which materials contained carbonate.

How did you know which materials contained carbonate? \_\_\_\_\_



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