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**Oobleck!**

**Background:** Cornstarch is substance that is made up of long chains of molecules called ***polymers***. When it is mixed with water it forms a solution called a ***colloid.*** This means that the cornstarch doesn’t dissolve in the water but instead remains suspended or floating in the water and does not settle to the bottom. Other colloids include milk, blood, and fog. Oobleck also has many other unique properties that we will explore today.

**Problem:** Is Oobleck a solid or a liquid?

Hypothesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Materials:

* Cornstarch
* Water

Procedure:

1. Slowly add water to the cornstarch. Stir slowly and carefully.
2. Observe what happens when you do the following:
   * Stir it
   * Poke it slowly
   * Poke it quickly
   * Cut it
   * Make a ball
   * Pour it
3. Clean up.
4. Record your observations in the table.

Data:

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| Action | Observations | Behaves like a solid or a liquid? |
| Stir it |  |  |
| Poke it slowly |  |  |
| Poke it quickly |  |  |
| Cut it |  |  |
| Pour it |  |  |
| Make a ball |  |  |

Analysis and Conclusion:

1. Was your hypothesis supported or not? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. When pressure was added, did it behave like a solid or a liquid? Explain.

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1. How would you explain the viscosity of Oobleck?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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