# Types of Mixtures

#### Solutions

- Definition homogeneous mixture
- Composed of two or more substances and have variable composition BUT
- The particles are distributed evenly throughout each other SO
  - o the composition is uniform
  - the solution appears to be one substance

#### **Parts of Solutions**

- A solution consists of a solute dissolved in a solvent.
- Solute substance that IS dissolved by another
- Solvent
  - substance that dissolves another
  - continuous phase salt dissolved in water appears to be a liquid

### **Mechanical Mixtures**

- Heterogeneous not uniform throughout
  - consist of two or more visible parts or phases
  - o the phases often separate over time
- Types
  - Suspensions
  - Colloidal dispersions

#### Suspensions

# Definition - mixture in which particles of a liquid or solid are dispersed throughout a liquid

- Appear cloudy
- Particles are small enough to be "held" or suspended by the liquid for a while

Particles are large enough that they eventually settle

and the phases separate

- Particles are large enough to be filtered
- Particles reflect light making a beam of light visible (Tyndall Effect)
  - examples: calamine lotion, silver polish, liquid shoe polish

## **Colloidal Dispersions**

- Appears slightly cloudy; may appear heterogeneous
- Particles are small enough to stay suspended and not settle on standing
- Particles are large enough to show Tyndall effect
- Examples
  - Jello; Fog; Mayonnaise; Whipped cream