

Cynical Definitions

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Most serious journal carry an item in lighter vein. Here we have a contribution from a Technologist of high stature.

- ★ **Chemistry** is what Chemists do.
- ★ **Organic Chemistry** is the practice of transmitting vile substances as publications.
- ★ **Physical Chemistry** is the practice of trying to apply $y = mx+c$ to everything in the universe.
- ★ **Inorganic chemistry** is that which is left over after all the rest of the chemists get through picking the periodic table.
- ★ **Chemical Engineering** is the practice of doing for profit what chemists do for other reasons.
- ★ **A unit process** is a chemical reaction whose behaviour has been show to be common to all the members of its class except the one immediately at hand.
- ★ **Thermodynamics** is a bunch of the differential equation that have something obscure to do with unit operations and unit processes.
- ★ **Chemical Science** comprises those activities of chemists for which no use has been found.
- ★ **Chemical Engineering Science** comprises those activities of Chemical Engineers for which no use has been found.
- ★ **A chemical** is a substance that -
 - an organic Chemist turns into a foul odour.
 - an analytical chemist turn into a procedure.
 - a Physical chemist turn into a straight line.
 - a Biochemist turn into a helix.
 - a Chemical Engineer turn into profit.
- ★ **A Compound** is the mutual adulteration of two or more elements.
- ★ **A Catalyst** is a solid whose outside provides endless hours fun to surface scientists.
- ★ **A unit operation** is the mathematical equation that explain what would happen if the universe was't real.
- ★ **A Chemical Process Plant** is an engine to produce effuents, a minor fraction of which is saleable.
- ★ **A polymer** is an aggregation of molecular fragments, so large that it can not be conveniently extracted from the vessel from which it has been made.
- ★ **A Computer** is an electronic device whose purpose is to provide an excuse to peer endlessly at a cathode ray tube instead of doing anything.
- ★ **A model** is a conceptual construct of ideality that is used to make reality look reasonable.
- ★ **A library** is a place to go after you have tried everything else.

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