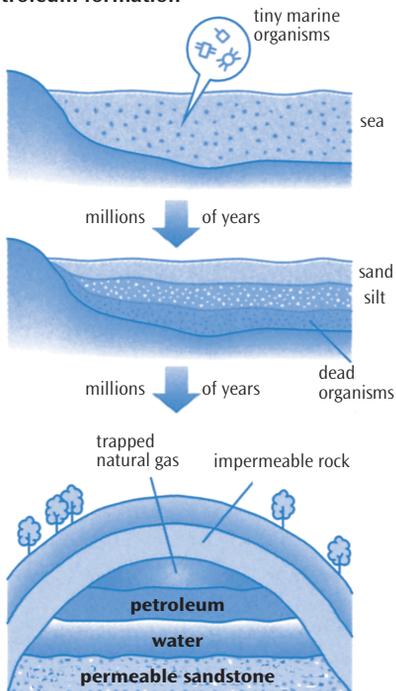


petroleum formation



PGCE /ˌpiː dʒiː siː 'iː/ **noun** [C] (**EDUCATION**) **Postgraduate Certificate in Education**; a British teaching qualification taken by people who have a university degree

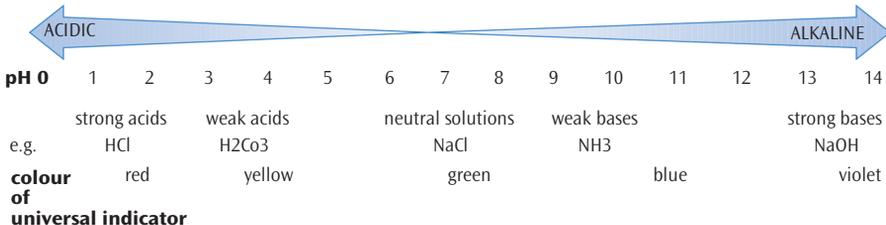
pH /ˌpiː 'ertʃ/ **noun** [sing.] (**CHEMISTRY**) a measurement of the level of acid or ALKALI in a substance ① A pH value of below 7 shows an acid and a value of above 7 shows an alkali.

phagocyte /'fæɡəsəɪt/ **noun** [C] (**BIOLOGY**) a type of cell in the body that can surround smaller cells or small pieces of material and take them into itself

phalanx /'fælæŋks/ **noun** [C] **1** (*pl. phalanxes*) (*formal*) a group of people or things standing very close together **2** (*pl. phalanges* /fə'leɪndʒiːz/) (**ANATOMY**) a bone of the finger or toe

phantom /'fæntəm/ **noun** [C] **1** (*written*) the spirit of a dead person that is seen or heard by sb who is still living **SYN** ghost **2** something that you think exists, but that is not real: *phantom fears/illnesses*

pH



pharaoh /'fɛərəʊs/ **noun** [C] (**HISTORY**) a ruler of ancient Egypt

pharmaceutical /ˌfɑːmə'sjuːtɪkl; -'suː-/ **adj.** (**CHEMISTRY, HEALTH**) connected with the production of medicines and drugs: *pharmaceutical companies*

pharmacist /'fɑːməsɪst/ = CHEMIST (1)

pharmacology /ˌfɑːmə'kɒlədʒi/ **noun** [U] (**CHEMISTRY, HEALTH**) the scientific study of drugs and their use in medicine ▶ **pharmacological** /ˌfɑːməkə'lɒdʒɪkl/ **adj.**: *pharmacological research*

pharmacy /'fɑːməsi/ **noun** (*pl. pharmacies*) **1** [C] a shop or part of a shop where medicines and drugs are prepared and sold **HELP** A shop that sells medicine is also called a **chemist's** (**shop**) in British English or a **drugstore** in American English.

2 [U] (**HEALTH**) the preparation of medicines and drugs

pharming /'fɑːmɪŋ/ **noun** [U] (**COMPUTING**) the practice of secretly changing computer files so that visitors to a website are sent to a different website instead, where their personal details are stolen and used to steal money from them ② look at **phishing**

pharynx /'færɪŋks/ **noun** [C] (**BIOLOGY**) the soft area at the top of the throat where the passages to the nose and mouth connect with the throat

phase¹ ʌO **AW** /feɪz/ **noun** [C] a stage in the development of sth: *Julie went through a difficult phase when she started school.*

phase² **AW** /feɪz/ **verb** [T] (usually passive) to arrange to do sth gradually in stages over a period of time: *Closure of the hospitals was phased over a three-year period.*

PHRV phase sth in to introduce or start using sth gradually in stages over a period of time: *The metric system was phased in over several years.*

phase sth out to stop using sth gradually in stages over a period of time: *The older machines are gradually being phased out and replaced by new ones.*

phat /fæt/ **adj.** (*slang*) (*especially AmE*) very good

PhD /ˌpiː ɛrtʃ 'diː/ **abbr.** (**EDUCATION**) Doctor of Philosophy; an advanced university degree that you receive when you complete a piece of research into a special subject: *She has a PhD in History.* **SYN** DPhil

pheasant /'feɪznt/ **noun** [C] (*pl. pheasants or pheasants*) a type of bird with a long tail. The males have brightly coloured feathers. **Pheasants** are often shot for sport and eaten. ② picture on page 30

phenomenal **AW** /fə'nomɪnl/ **adj.** very great or impressive: *phenomenal success* ▶ **phenomenally** /-nəli/ **adv.**

phenomenon **AW** /fə'nomɪnən/ **noun** [C] (*pl. phenomena* /-mə/) a fact or an event in nature or society, especially one that is not fully understood:

COLLOCATIONS

Health

You can **have** any illness or disease:

I'm warning you—I've got a bad cold.

Have the kids had chickenpox yet?

Get can be used with diseases or illnesses that you often have:

He gets really bad hay fever every summer.

Suffer from is used in more formal contexts and with more serious diseases:

This medicine is often recommended for patients who suffer from arthritis.



a heavy cold

You can also:

catch	develop	come/go down with	contract	suffer
chickenpox	Aids	appendicitis	Aids	a breakdown
a cold	an allergy (to sth)	bronchitis	cancer	a heart attack
a cough	arthritis	chickenpox	conjunctivitis	a stroke
flu	cancer	diarrhoea	hepatitis	
German measles	cataracts	flu	HIV	
glandular fever	epilepsy	food poisoning	meningitis	
measles	heart/liver trouble	measles	pneumonia	
mumps	high blood pressure	mumps		
a stomach bug	an infection			
whooping cough	pneumonia			
	rheumatism			

- ▶ an **attack of** flu, nerves, shingles; an asthma **attack**
- ▶ a **bout of** bronchitis, coughing, flu, pneumonia, sickness
- ▶ a coughing, an epileptic **fit**

Is it serious?

no

a bit of a cold, a cough, an infection

mild depression

a mild attack of sth, bout of sth

a mild heart attack, infection

a slight cold, headache

yes

a bad/heavy/nasty cold

a bad/nasty/severe attack of sth, bout of sth

a bad/hacking/racking cough

a bad/splitting headache

a massive/serious heart attack, stroke

What's the treatment?

take

medicine

pills

tablets

be given/ be on/take

antibiotics

drugs

medication

painkillers

have/ undergo

an operation

surgery

a transplant

have/ be given

acupuncture

an anaesthetic

a blood transfusion

an injection

a scan

an X-ray

have/be given/ undergo

hypnosis

therapy

treatment