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Separating techniques – vocabulary p66-67

Technique	Definition	Example
Sieving	Using a grid of known size	Separates sand from
	larger particles are retained in	gravel
	grid, smaller particles fall	
	through the holes	
Settling	A mixture of liquid and solids	Sand and water
	are left to stand a while, heavy	Can only be used when
	particles sink	solid does not dissolve
Decanting	Pouring off the liquid phase and	Sand and water
	leaving solid matter in	Can only be used when
	container	solid does not dissolve
Filtering	Separating fine solids from	Separating chalk
	liquids using filter paper which	powder or flour from
	has known grid size- liquids	water.
	pass through, solids remain on	Can only be used when
	filter	solid does not dissolve
Hand sorting	Using physical method (like	Separating raisins from
	hands) for separating mixtures	peanuts / grouping
	of solids, for grouping like items	Liquorice all sorts