

## 1.1: Prelude to Chemistry

If you are reading these words, you are likely starting a chemistry course. Get ready for a fantastic journey through a world of wonder, delight, and knowledge. One of the themes of this book is "chemistry is everywhere," and indeed it is; you would not be alive if it were not for chemistry, because your body is a big chemical machine.



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6 images showing a volcanic eruption, large dinner spread, explosion, red wine, a pool of large fish, and molecules are laid out together.

If you do not believe it, do not worry. Every chapter in this book contains examples that will show you how chemistry is, in fact, everywhere. So enjoy the ride, and enjoy chemistry.

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