# **APPLES**

'HOW TO PREVENT BROWNING OF APPLE SLICES'

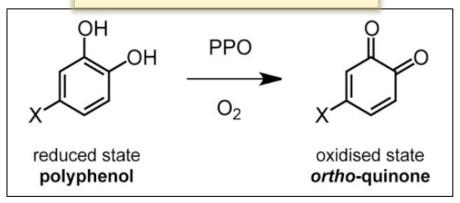
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**INDONESIAN TEAM** 

#### WHY DO APPLE SLICES TURN BROWN?

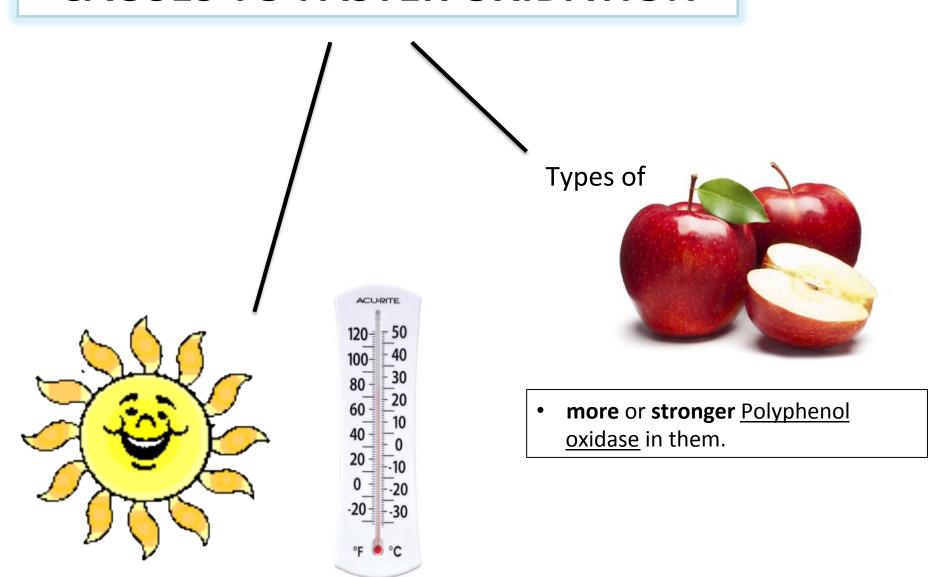
→ <u>OXIDIZING</u> = become **combined chemically** with oxygen





(changes the phenols into different chemicals)

#### **CAUSES TO FASTER OXIDATION**



## THE EXPERIMENT (1)

 Find out: Which liquid can mostly prevent apples from browning

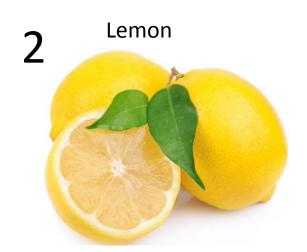
- Materials:
- 1. Apple
- 2. Liquids
- 3. Knife
- 4. Plates
- 5. Toothpicks
- 6. Small containers

Isotonic drink

**LIQUIDS** 

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Carbonated drink
/ Soda









#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Slice the apple
- 2. Fill each container with the liquids
- 3. Stick a toothpick into each slices of apple
- 4. Soak the apple slices in the liquids for 1 minute
- 5. Take the apple slices out
- 6. Place it on the plates
- 7. Observe what happens to each slices of apple

# Washington apple







#### **NO SOLUTION**

**Browns** 

0 hour

2 hours



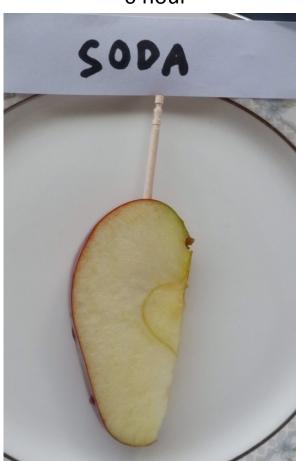




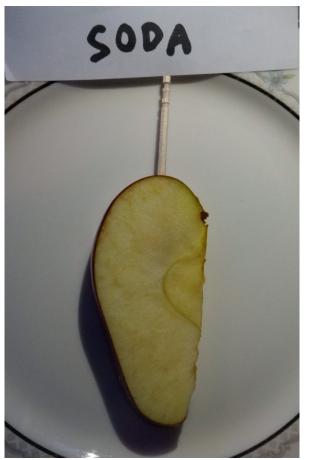
# **SODA**

Slightly browning

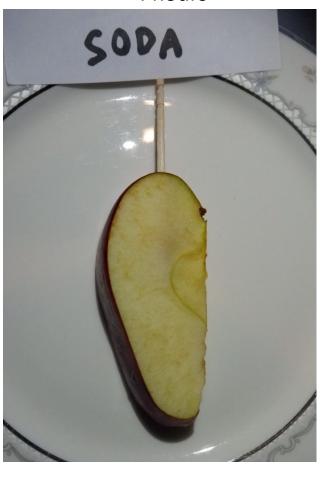
0 hour



2 hours



4 hours

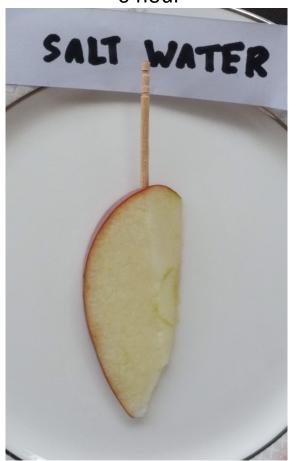


#### **SALT WATER**

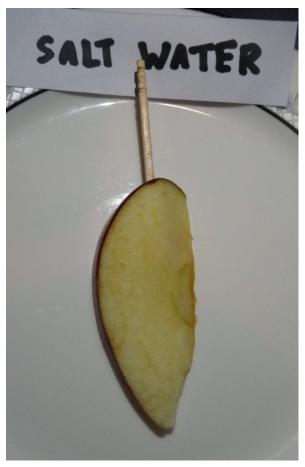
Specs of browning

0 hour

2 hours







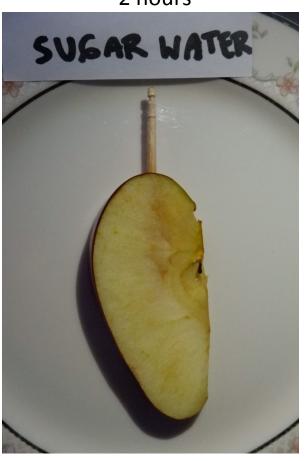
### **SUGAR WATER**

Slightly browning

0 hour

2 hours







### **LEMON**

Specs of browning

0 hour

2 hours







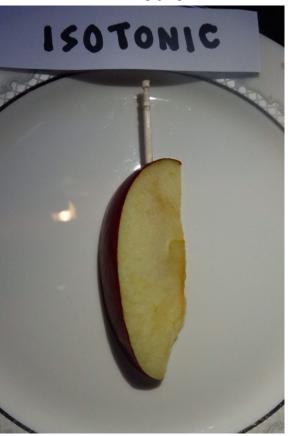
### **ISOTONIC DRINK**

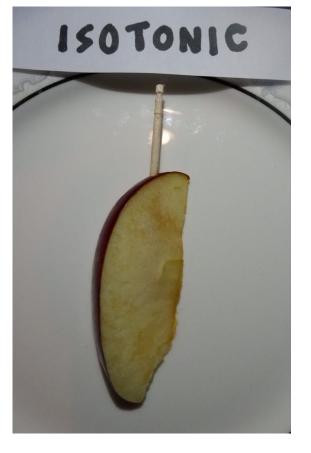
Specs of browning

0 hour

ISOTONIC

2 hours





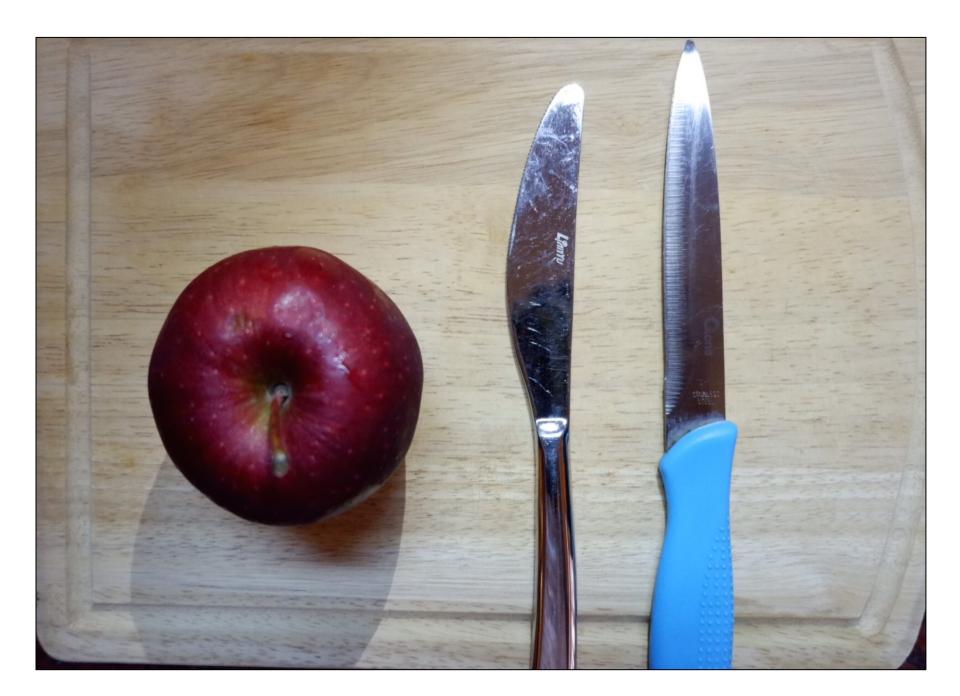
## THE EXPERIMENT (2)

 Find out: Which type of knife can mostly prevent apples from browning

- Materials:
- 1. Apple
- 2. Sharp Knife
- 3. Dull Knife
- 4. Plates

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Slice the apple with a dull knife and a sharp knife
- 2. Place it on the plates
- 3. Observe what happens to each slices of apple



#### **NO SOLUTION**

**Browns** 

0 hour

2 hours







#### **DULL KNIFE**

**Browns** 

0 hour



2 hours



4 hours



#### **SHARP KNIFE**

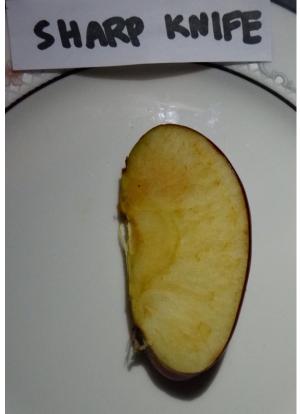
Slightly browns





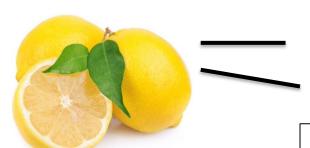
2 hours





# **DISCUSSION**

Why lemon and salt can prevent apple from browning?



full of **ascorbic acid** (Vitamin C)

low pH level = acidic

 Ascorbic acid works because oxygen will react with ascorbic acid before it will react with the polyphenol oxidase.

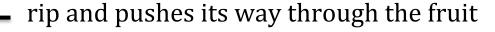


Absorbs the water inside the apple

So, the apple has less water, which causes less oxidation.

# **DISCUSSION**

Why do dull and sharp knives have different ways of preventing apple from browning?



→ tears up the cells of the fruit and makes it spoil (brown) faster.

flies right through the fruit

→ Cells are not easily destroyed

### **CONCLUSION**

• To prevent browning of apple slices, we can use the followings:

#### 1. Lemon juice.

→ Because it contains ascorbic acid which has a low pH level (acidic).

Therefore, the oxygen will react with the ascorbic acid first before it reacts with the polyphenol oxidase inside the apple.

#### 2. Salt water.

→ Because salt absorbs the water inside the apple.

Therefore, the water content in the apple is reduced. Then the ability of water to absorb oxygen from the air decreases, thus slowing the oxidation process.

### **CONCLUSION**

#### 3. Sharp knife.

→ Because when it cuts an apple, it flies right through it. Thus, cells are not easily destroyed.

Therefore, using a sharp knife is better to prevent an apple from browning rather than using a dull knife which pushes and rips its way through the fruit causing its cells to tear and spoil (brown) faster.

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### **EXTRA**

- Polyphenol oxidase / PPO → is present in the chloroplasts of plant tissue.
- Lemon juice on an apple
- → will change the pH of the environment enough so that the PPO doesn't function as well as it once did. (Lemon juice plays a double game. It's an antioxidant, meaning it will snap up the available oxygen itself, and keep the oxygen from reaching the apple tissue.)
- → Once the ascorbic acid gets used up, the oxygen will start reacting with the enzymes in the apple and browning will occur.

# THE EXPERIMENT (3)

 Find out: If oxidation process really involves oxygen by experimenting using a well-sealed ziplock bag

- Materials:
- 1. Apple
- 2. Knife
- 3. Ziplock bag

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Slice the apple with a knife
- 2. Place it in the ziplock bag
- 3. Observe what happens to the slice of apple



### **ZIPLOCK BAG**

0 hour

2 hours







## **DISCUSSION**

Why does a ziplock bag can prevent apple from browning?



keeps the air away from the apple flesh

→ preventing the apple flesh from oxidizing.