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beaker

measuring cylinder

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filter funnel

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 After making the indicator, they tested it on a range of household solutions, their results are shown below.

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- What is an indicator? An indicator changes colour when added to different solutions enabling the pH of the solution to be determined.
- Describe how the pupils would make their blackberry indicator. Crush the blackberries, using
 the mortar and pestle and filter the solution using the filter funnel and paper. Collect the juice
 in the beaker, using this as the indicator and any seeds should be collected on the filter paper.
- After making the indicator, they tested it on a range of household solutions, their results are shown below.

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• Indigestion tablets neutralise acid in the stomach. What does this tell you about indigestion tablets? Indigestion Tablets are alkaline and therefore help neutralise the stomach acid.

