

# Separation techniques

## \*Separation funnel:

What is a [Separating Funnel](#)?

A [separating funnel](#) is a glass funnel with a tap at the bottom.

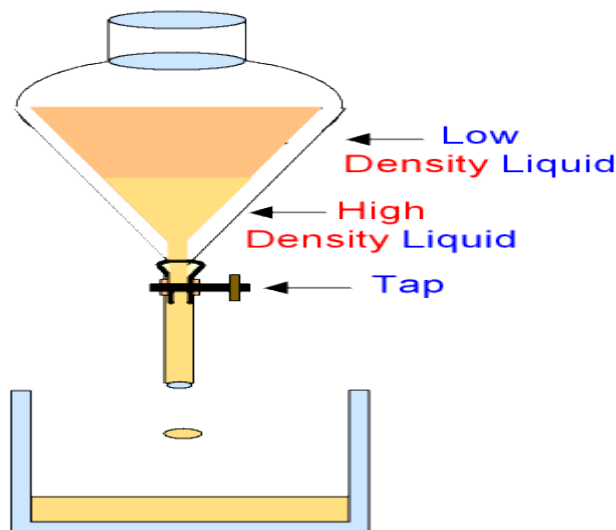
A [separating funnel](#) is a [separation technique](#) that is used for two [liquids](#) that do **not** [dissolve](#) in each other.

[Liquids](#) that do **not** [dissolve](#) in each other are called **immiscible**.

How is a [Separating Funnel](#) used?

The [mixture](#) of [liquids](#) is placed inside the [separating funnel](#) and a [container](#) is put beneath.

The [liquid](#) with the **lower** [density](#) floats on **top**.



When the [tap](#) is opened, the [liquid](#) with the **higher density** starts to flow through the [separating funnel](#) into the [container](#).

The [tap](#) is then closed just before the [liquid](#) with the **lower density** starts to flow through.

The [liquid](#) with the **lower density** remaining in the [separating funnel](#) can then be drained into a **different container** to [separate](#) the two [liquids](#).

## **Plant in this Lab.**

*Cassia acutifolia*

**Uses:** Laxative It is used to treat [constipation](#) and also to clear the bowel before diagnostic tests such as [colonoscopy](#)

**Active part:** Leaves & pods

**Drug extracted from senna available in the pharmacy as tablet: SENADE**

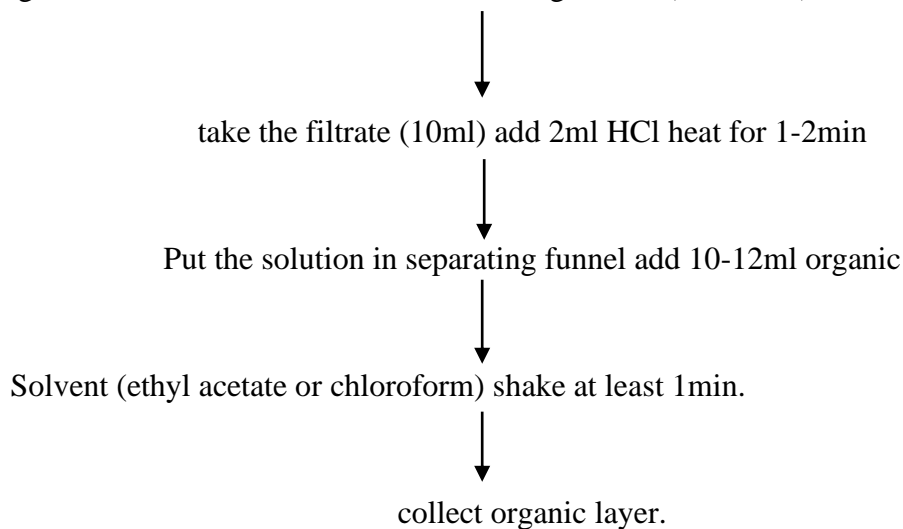
**Side effect :**

- severe stomach pain, severe diarrhea, watery diarrhea;
- weight loss
- worsening constipation after you stop taking senna
- nausea, upper stomach pain, itching, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stool

**Procedure:**

**Aim : Isolation of glycoside (Anthraquinon) from senna pods**

1gm of senna leaves in 100ml water heating to boil (decoction) filter the solution



**Note :** Chloroform density:1.5, Ethyl acetate density:0.8, Water density:1

**Detection :**

- **Borntrager's test** - separate the lower chloroform layer and shake with half its volume with dilute ammonia. A rose pink to red color is produced in the ammonical layer