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aconite 

([PS8](#))

Extremely poisonous plant (hence its other name of [wolfsbane](#)). It is also called [monkshood](#) because the shape of the flowers somewhat resembles a monk's cowl.

Scott Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Magical Herbs informs us that a folk name for the highly poisonous Wolf's Bane is "Dumbledore's Delight". -- SVA

Ellis Peters' medieval mystery  [Monk's Hood](#) is recommended as both a very good story in its own right and as featuring both the positive and dangerous aspects of this plant. In the story the herbalist Brother Cadfael used the plant as part of an oil used to massage aching joints, but if swallowed or absorbed directly through any break in the skin, the oil could be deadly. -- MLW

Acromantula venom 

Almost impossible to collect from a living [Acromantula](#), the venom dries out not long after an [Acromantula](#)'s death, so the venom may fetch as much as [100 Galleons](#) a pint ([HBP22](#))

Ageing Potion



ingredients: unknown

Effect: Causes the person drinking it to grow older. The more Ageing Potion one drinks, the more one ages.

- [Fred Weasley](#), [George Weasley](#), and [Lee Jordan](#) took a few drops of Ageing Potion in an attempt to fool the [Age Line](#) around the [Goblet of Fire](#) into thinking that they were a few months older. The [Line](#) wasn't fooled. They were thrown back out of the circle, then sprouted full beards ([GF12](#)).
- NOTE: In the US editions, this name of this potion is spelled 'Aging'.

Amortentia



ingredients: unknown (but see [love potion](#))

"amor" L. love + "tempto" L. to try to influence or tamper with

Effect: The most powerful [love potion](#) in the world ([HBP9](#)); see [love potion](#) for discussion of effects.

- Recognizable by its distinctive mother-of-pearl sheen and by the fact that its steam rises in characteristic spirals. The potion smells differently to different people according to what attracts them ([HBP9](#))
- We're told how [Harry](#) and [Hermione](#) each perceived the scent in [Potions](#) ([HBP9](#))

antidotes



ingredients: vary, but often include [mandrakes](#)

There are antidotes for many poisons and for potions effects.

- Antidote for [Swelling Solution](#) is the [Deflating Draught](#) ([CS11](#))
- Fourth-year [Potions](#) studies antidotes; [Snape](#) hinted that he might poison a member of the class before Christmas to see if his or her antidote worked ([GF15](#))
- The [Mandrake Draught](#) is the antidote for [Petrification](#)
- A [bezoar](#) will act as an antidote to most poisons ([PS8](#)). [Ron](#) consumed one during [his sixth year](#) ([HBP19](#)).
- [Snape](#) had an antidote handy to restore [Trevor the toad](#) when he was turned into a tadpole ([PA7](#)).

- [Mrs. Weasley](#) had an antidote handy for [Doxy](#) bites when she and the children spent the morning de-Doxifying the draperies of the drawing room of [number twelve, Grimmauld Place](#) ([OP6](#)).
- At least one antidote to counter the effects of [Veritaserum](#) exists ([HBP17](#))
- [Slughorn](#) supplied "a glass of clear liquid" as an antidote to the [love potion](#) [Ron](#) had accidentally eaten ([HBP18](#))

armadillo bile



Used in [Wit-Sharpening Potion](#).

[Ashwinder](#) eggs, frozen



Quite valuable, as they can serve as ingredients in [love potions](#) or may be eaten whole as a cure for ague. These uses are quite appropriate as [Ashwinder](#) eggs are so flammable that they will ignite a dwelling within minutes if they are *not* frozen as soon as possible ([FB](#)).

asphodel



Powdered root of asphodel is used in the [Draught of Living Death \(PS8\)](#). This plant is traditionally associated with the afterlife and the underworld.

B

Babbling Beverage - Beautifying Potion/

Beautification Potion - Befuddlement Draught - Belch Powder - belladonna - bezoar - bicorn parts - Billywig parts - black beetle parts - Blood-Replenishing Potion - boil cure potion - boomslang parts - bruise-healing paste - bubotuber - Bulbadox powder - Bundimun secretion - burn-healing paste

Babbling Beverage



Causes the target person to talk nonsense.

- In an effort to pass along a warning to [Snape](#), [Harry](#) once shouted "He's got [Padfoot](#) in the place where it's hidden." [Snape](#) pretended not to know what [Harry](#) was talking about and said that if he wanted to hear nonsense, he'd give [Harry](#) a Babbling Beverage ([OP32](#))

Beautifying Potion / Beautification Potion



Potions to make the drinker more lovely in appearance.

- [Sacharissa Tugwood](#) was an expert at these potions, pioneering their creation and use ([fw](#))
- The famous [hag Malodora Grymm](#), using a beautification potion to conceal her true form ([fw](#)).

Befuddlement Draught



See [CONFUSING AND BEFUDDLEMENT DRAUGHTS](#).

Belch Powder



This substance presumably causes the target creature to belch.

- Evidently a [Zonko's](#) product sold in [Hogsmeade](#), and definitely one of the many, many items [Filch](#) does not like having in the [castle](#) ([PA8](#))

belladonna



Essence of this poisonous plant is part of a student's standard potion-making kit ([GF10](#)).

bezoar



([PS8](#), [GF22](#))

A shriveled, kidneylike "stone" ([HBP18](#)) that comes from the stomach of a goat, protects from most poisons ([PS8](#))

Actually a bezoar isn't a stone per se, but a hairball that looks something like a stone; in legend bezoars are indeed supposed to have the properties attributed to them by JKR.

bicorn parts 

Powdered horn used in [Polyjuice Potion](#).

Billywig parts 

Dried stings ([FB](#))

black beetle parts 

See [cockroaches](#).

Blood-Replenishing Potion 

Medical magic: this potion makes up for lost blood.

- [Arthur](#) had to take a Blood-Replenishing Potion every hour until the Healers could find an antidote for the venom of the snake that bit him. Something in that

venom was keeping the wound open and he was bleeding whenever they would remove the bandages ([OP22](#))

boil cure potion



ingredients: [dried nettles](#), crushed [snake fangs](#), stewed [horned slugs](#), [porcupine quills](#) (added after taking the cauldron off the fire)

Simple potion to cure boils.

- Taught to [first-years](#) in their first [Potions class](#) with [Snape](#) ([PS8](#))
- If the porcupine quills are added before the [cauldron](#) is taken off the fire, the mixture produces clouds of acid green smoke and a loud hissing, melts the [cauldron](#), and burns holes in people's shoes. This happened to [Neville](#), who was splashed by it and sprouted angry red boils ([PS8](#))
- c.f. [BULBADOX POWDER](#), [FURNUNCULUS](#), [WARTCAP POWDER](#)

[boomslang](#) parts



Shredded [boomslang](#) skin is used in [Polyjuice Potion](#). See also [snake parts](#) more generally.

bruise-healing paste 

[Medical magic](#): this is a thick yellow paste used to heal bruises.

- The [twins](#) gave some to [Hermione](#) to treat the bruises caused by their prototype [punching telescope](#) ([HBP6](#))

[bubotuber](#) 

The pus of a [bubotuber](#), properly processed, is useful in treating acne.

- The pus of a [bubotuber](#) is yellowish and smells of petrol ([GF13](#))
- The pimple-curing properties of [bubotuber](#) pus were discovered by [Sacharissa Tugwood](#) ([fw/68](#))

Bulbadox Powder 

Substance which causes the skin of a person who touches it to break out in boils

- [Fred Weasley](#) put this in [Kenneth Towler](#)'s pyjamas during their [O.W.L.](#) year ([OP12](#)).
- c.f. BOIL CURE POTION [FURNUNCULUS](#), [WARTCAP POWDER](#).

[Bundimun](#) secretion



Diluted, this is used in some [magical cleaning solutions](#).

burn-healing paste



[Medical magic](#): this is an orange paste is used to heal burns.

- Used by [Madam Pomfrey](#) to tend to burns during the [Triwizard Tournament](#) ([GF20](#))

C

Cabbage, Chinese Chomping - Calming Draught - caterpillars - cleaning solutions, magical - cockroaches -

Confusing Concoction - Confusing & Befuddlement
Draught - cough potion - crocodile parts

Cabbage, Chinese Chomping



[Hermione](#) studied a diagram of this when the fifth years were researching potion ingredients in the [library](#) for [Snape](#) ([OP16](#))

Calming Draught



Calms emotional turmoil.

- [Madam Pomfrey](#) gave this to [Hannah Abbott](#) after she burst out crying in [Herbology](#) and said she was too stupid to take exams and should leave the school ([OP27](#))

caterpillars



Sliced caterpillars are used in [Shrinking Solution](#) ([PA7](#)).

cleaning solutions, magical



Cleaning and polishing is usually accomplished with magical means, including various potions.

- Diluted [Bundimun secretion](#) is an ingredient of certain magical cleaning fluids ([FB](#))
- [Mrs. Scower's Magical Mess Remover](#)
- use number twelve of [dragons'](#) blood is oven cleaner ([SFC](#))
- When [Ron](#) had to polish [awards](#) in the [trophy room](#), he came back into the [dormitory](#) smelling of metal polish because he had not been allowed to use magic for it ([CS8](#))
- In preparation for the visit by the delegations from [Durmstrang](#) and [Beauxbatons](#), the [castle](#) was spiffed up. [Armour](#) was polished and oiled so it didn't squeak when it moved. Some of the more dingy [paintings](#) were scrubbed so that their subjects sat with their faces pink from the effects ([GF15](#))

cockroaches



- In [Britain](#) these are also referred to as "black beetles". Black beetle eyes are sold at the [apothecary's](#) in [Diagon Alley](#). The rate was [five Knuts](#) a scoop the summer before [Harry's](#) first year ([PS5](#)).

- [Snape](#) keeps a jar of these (dead ones) in [his office](#) ([OP28](#))

Confusing Concoction



Effect is to cause confusion.

Confusing & Befuddlement Draught



Effect similar to that of [Confusing Concoction](#).

ingredients: [sneezewort](#), [scurvy-grass](#), and [lovage](#)

- [Harry](#) had to study the ingredients and their effects during his fifth year ([OP18](#))

cough potion



[Medical magic](#): unknown, but presumably treats a cough.

- [Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes'](#) Owl Order Service repackages some of their potions as cough potions to get them past

security checks, such as [Filch](#)'s blanket ban on their products at [Hogwarts](#) ([HBP15](#))

crocodile parts



[Ron](#) once threw a crocodile heart at [Draco Malfoy](#) in [Potions](#), so they are used as potion ingredients ([PA10](#)).

D Daisy - Deflating Draught - Doxycide - Doxy eggs - dragon eggs - dragon parts - Draught of Living Death - Draught of Peace

daisy



Chopped daisy roots are used in [Shrinking Solution](#) (see).

Deflating Draught



Antidote to [Swelling Solution](#).

- [Snape](#) had some on hand while [Harry's second year](#) class was preparing [Swelling Solution](#), which turned out to be a handy thing ([CS11](#)).

Doxycide



Black liquid, usually delivered by spray bottle, used to knock out [Doxies](#) so that they can be safely disposed of. The effects last quite a long time.

- [Molly Weasley](#) provided each of the children a spray bottle of Doxycide with which to help clear the infestation of [Doxies](#) from the draperies of the drawing room in [number twelve, Grimmauld Place \(OP6\)](#).

[Doxy](#) eggs



Black in colour, they were used by [Fred and George](#) when they were developing [Skiving Snackboxes \(OP6\)](#)

[dragon](#) eggs



- [Dragon](#) eggs are [Class A Non-Tradeable Goods \(FB\)](#)
- [Antipodean Opaleye dragon](#) eggs, which are pale grey, may be mistaken for fossils by unwary [Muggles \(FB\)](#)
- [Chinese Fireball dragon](#) eggs, powdered, uses of which were discovered by [Quong Po \(fw\)](#)

dragon parts



- hide, blood, heart, liver, horn, claws ([FB](#))
- The going rate for dragon liver just before [Harry's](#) first year at [Hogwarts](#) was [16 sickles](#) an ounce ([PS5](#), [later editions](#))
- Powdered, the horn of the [Romanian Longhorn dragon](#) is highly valued as a potion ingredient ([FB](#))

Draught of Living Death



See [LIVING DEATH, DRAUGHT OF](#).

Draught of Peace



See [PEACE, DRAUGHT OF](#).

Dr. Ubbly's Oblivious Uncction



See [OBLIVIOUS UNCTION, DR. UBBLY'S](#).

Elixir of Life - Erumpent parts - Euphoria, an Elixir to Induce - Everlasting Elixirs - Exploding Fluid

Elixir of Life 

See [LIFE, ELIXIR OF.](#)

[Erumpent](#) parts 

horns, tails, and Exploding Fluid ([FB](#))

Euphoria, an Elixir to Induce 

ingredients: includes a sprig of [peppermint](#) in the Half-Blood Prince's version

Effect: Induces euphoria in the drinker, with occasional side effects of excessive singing and nose-tweaking (the [peppermint](#) would tend to counterbalance that effect) ([HBP22](#))

- When correctly made, the potion is sunshine-yellow (appropriate, being a colour suggestive of cheerfulness) ([*HBP22*](#))
- Instructions to brew this potion can be found in [*Advanced Potion-Making*](#) ([*HBP22*](#))

Everlasting Elixirs



ingredients: unknown

Effect: unknown

- Covered in sixth-year Potions; information on the topic can be found in [*Advanced Potion-Making*](#) ([*HBP15*](#))

Exploding Fluid



ingredients: include Erumpent fluid

Effect: unknown (well, it explodes of course, but besides that)

- ([*FB*](#))

F Felix Felicis - Fever Fudge - Fire Protection Potion -
Flesh-Eating Slug Repellent - fluxweed - flobberworm
parts - Forgetfulness Potion - frog parts

Felix Felicis

If you looked up "felix" in a Latin dictionary, you'd see both of these words. "Felix" is the form you'd use with a subject; "felicitas" would show possession. So it's really "lucky's lucky"! But I'm talking about language too much. Let's go visit some more monsters!

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Felix Felicis



"felix" L. lucky + "felicitas" L. lucky (same word, differently declined)

ingredients: unknown



Until the effects wear off, all the drinker's endeavours will tend to succeed ([HBP9](#)). Once consumed, the potion gives the drinker an exhilarating sense of confidence and a tremendous sense of opportunity ([HBP22](#)). However, if taken in excess the potion causes giddiness, recklessness, and dangerous overconfidence, and it is highly toxic in large quantities ([HBP9](#)).

- Colour of molten gold; while exposed to air large drops will leap like goldfish above the surface without spilling ([HBP9](#)).
- A "miniscule" glass bottle can contain enough Felix Felicis to last 12 hours ([HBP9](#)).
- The potion is a banned substance in organized [competitions](#) such as sporting events, examinations, or elections ([HBP9](#)).
- Desperately tricky to make and disastrous to get wrong ([HBP9](#)).

- [Harry](#) consumed one mouthful of Felix Felicis on the night of [Aragog's](#) burial ([HBP22](#)).
- [Harry](#) turned over the rest of his supply of Felix Felicis to [Ron](#), [Hermione](#), and [Ginny](#) on the night he and [Dumbledore](#) left [Hogwarts](#) to try to retrieve the [locket Horcrux](#) ([HBP25](#)).
- c.f. [MACKLED MALACRAW](#).

Fever Fudge



ingredients: includes [murtlap essence](#) ([OP26](#))

See [Fever Fudge](#) entry for [Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes](#).

Flesh-Eating Slug Repellent



ingredients: unknown

Repels [Flesh-Eating Slugs](#).

- Sold in [Knockturn Alley](#) ([CS4](#)).

Fire Protection Potion



ingredients: unknown

Protects the drinker from being burned by magical fire.

- This name comes from ([TCG](#)) rather than from the original canon reference, but the potion referred to is the category of potion in ([PS16](#)) that [Harry](#) drank to pass through the black fire and [Hermione](#) drank to pass back through the purple fire. Since these potions are canon, we are including them here with the name suggested by ([TCG](#)).

[flobberworm](#) parts



The mucus exuded by a [flobberworm](#) is sometimes used to thicken potions ([FB](#)).

fluxweed



Isanthus brachiatus, a member of the mint family also known as "false pennyroyal" (pennyroyal being another member of the mint family). Fluxweed is native to the eastern United States and is a threatened or endangered species in several areas ([PLANTS](#)).

- When picked at full moon, this plant is used in [Polyjuice Potion](#) (see).
"Flux" means constant change or flow, which is

appropriate for a potion that changes a person's appearance.

Forgetfulness Potion



Effect: uncertain, probably makes a person forget things

- First-years were tested on this in final exams ([PS16](#))
- see [Memory Potions](#)

frog parts



The actual use of frog parts in [Potions](#) is not known. It is noted only because some third years "plastered frog brains all over the ceiling of dungeon five" during October of [1992](#) [[Y12](#)]. ([CS8](#))

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Garrotting Gas - ginger - Glumbumble parts - Graphorn parts - Gregory's Unctuous Unction

Garrotting Gas



Invisible gas which apparently knocks people unconscious.

- [Fred and George](#) were planning to release Garrotting Gas in a corridor, but left school before they had a chance to carry out the plan. [Ginny](#) seized upon the idea as a diversion to keep [Umbridge](#) away from [her office](#). NOTE: It seems highly unlikely that [Fred and George](#) would have released something which was actually deadly, so we assume that Garrotting Gas is non-lethal ([OP32](#)).

ginger 

Cut ginger roots are used in [Wit-Sharpening Potion](#).

[Glumbumble](#) parts 

A fluid secreted by the [Glumbumble](#) causes melancholy, and is used as an [antidote](#) for the effects of eating [Alihotsy](#) leaves ([FB](#))

[Graphorn](#) parts 

Powdered horn is used as a potion ingredient ([FB](#))

[Gregory's Unctuous Unction](#) 

See [Unctuous Uncction, Gregory's](#).

H Hair-Raising Potion - Hate Potion - hellebore -
Hiccuping Solution - horned slugs - horned toads -
human parts

Hair-Raising Potion 

ingredients: include [rat tails](#)

Exact effect unknown

- ([CS13](#))

Hate Potion 

ingredients: unknown

**Reveals the worst faults and habits of the target person
to the drinker**

- Recommended by the [Daily Prophet](#)'s advice columnists
to help witches and wizards get over emotional
attachments to people who don't love them ([DP](#)).
- c.f. [Love Potion](#)

hellebore



According to  botanical.com, there are several kinds of hellebore. The name comes from the Greek words 'elein' (to injure) and 'bora' (food), indicating that hellebore is poisonous. In some belief systems, it's been believed to be a purgative, sometimes of bad things generally, used for things like protecting livestock from evil spells, and (in powdered form) for invisibility.

- It is one of the ingredients of [Draught of Peace](#), but [Harry](#) forgot to add it to his potion ([OP12](#)).

Hiccuping Solution



ingredients: unknown

Exact effect unknown, but presumably causes hiccups

- [Malfoy](#) made this in sixth-year [Potions](#) for an assignment to make "something amusing", but it was pronounced merely passable ([HBP22](#))

horned slugs



Used in [boil-cure potion](#) (see).

horned toads



[Neville](#) had to disembowel a barrel of these for [Snape](#) when he got [detention](#) after melting his sixth [cauldron](#) in [Potions](#) ([GF14](#)).

human parts



- See [Polyjuice Potion](#).
- See [Voldemort's potions](#).

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Instant Darkness Powder



ingredients: unknown

When thrown into the air, turns the immediate area pitch black so that common [light spells](#) and [fire magic](#) will not work in the area of effect, although a [Hand of Glory](#) will ([HBP29](#)).

- A [Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes product](#) imported from [Peru](#); ([HBP6](#)).
- "Handy if you want to make a quick escape" ([HBP6](#)). Unfortunately, the wrong customer(s) bought some of it prior to the [battle of the Tower](#) ([HBP29](#)).

Invigoration Draught



ingredients: unknown

Exact effect unknown, but presumably invigorates the user

- The fifth years had to brew an Invigoration Draught, which [Harry](#) found rather easy to do because [Snape](#) was pretending that [Harry](#) was invisible in retaliation for [Harry](#) viewing the scene in the [Pensieve](#). [Harry](#) did just fine, but [Snape](#) intentionally dropped and broke the flask, so [Harry](#) received a zero for the class ([OP29](#)).

J

[Jobberknoll](#) parts

- [Jobberknoll](#) feathers are used in [Memory Potions](#) and [Truth Serums](#) (see).

L

lacewing flies - leeches - Life, Elixir of - lionfish parts - Living Death, Draught of - lovage - Love Potion

[lacewing flies](#)



Used in [Polyjuice Potion](#) (see).

leeches



- Leeches are used in [Polyjuice Potion](#), apparently whole (see).
- Leech juice is used in [Shrinking Solution](#) (see).

Life, Elixir of



ingredients: unknown, but it is derived from the [Philosopher's Stone](#)

The Elixir of Life extends life, but requires that the drinker consume it regularly for all eternity if the drinker is to maintain his or her immortality ([HBP23](#)).

- [Nicolas Flamel](#) and [his wife](#) lived over 650 years by drinking Elixir of Life ([PS13](#))
- [Voldemort](#) seeks immortality, and stealing the [Philosopher's Stone](#) was one step on his quest to attain it ([PS15](#))
- Someone dependent on the Elixir can die if the supply runs out (for instance, if the [Philosopher's Stone](#) being used to make it is stolen or destroyed) or if the supply of Elixir is contaminated ([HBP23](#)).

lionfish parts



Spine of lionfish is part of a student's standard potion-making kit ([GF10](#))

Living Death, Draught of



ingredients: [asphodel](#) in an infusion of [wormwood](#) ([PS8](#)); [valerian roots](#), [sopophorous bean](#) ([HBP9](#))

Effect: Causes someone to fall into a deep sleep.

- one of [Snape](#)'s first three questions to [Harry](#) in first-year [Potions](#) ([PS8](#))
- First potion brewed in [Slughorn](#)'s sixth-year [N.E.W.T. Potions class](#). Instructions for brewing this potion can be found in [Advanced Potion-Making](#) starting on page 10, but the textbook's uncorrected instructions do not cover the most effective way of squeezing the juice out of the [sopophorous beans](#) (crushing with the flat side of a silver dagger rather than cutting) and do not indicate that a clockwise stir should be added after every seventh counter-clockwise stir. While brewing, the potion releases blue steam. The ideal halfway stage should be of a blackcurrant colour (deep purple), although at a later

stage if stirred properly the potion will turn a light shade of lilac and then, eventually, "clear as water" ([HBP9](#)).



lovage

Levisticum officinale, a culinary and medicinal herb in the carrot family that is native to southern Europe but which has been introduced to North America ([NSOED](#), [PLANTS](#)).

- According to a book [Harry](#) studied during his fifth year, lovage is "moste efficacious in the inflaming of the braine, and [is] therefore much used in [Confusing and Befuddlement Draughts](#), where the wizard is desirous of producing hot-headedness and recklessness" ([OP18](#))

Love Potion



ingredients: may include frozen [Ashwinder eggs](#) ([FB](#))

Effect: Does not really causes the person who drinks it to fall in love with someone, as it is impossible to manufacture or imitate love. A love potion simply causes the drinker to develop a powerful infatuation or obsession with the target ([HBP9](#)).

- On Valentine's Day, [1992](#) [[Y12](#)], [Lockhart](#) suggested that in the spirit of the occasion [students](#) should ask [Snape](#) how to make a love potion ([CS13](#))
- Love potions are banned at [Hogwarts](#) ([GF27](#)), but as [Hermione](#) once pointed out, "When has anyone ever paid attention to what [Filch](#) has banned?" ([HBP15](#))
- [Mrs. Weasley](#) once told [Hermione](#) and [Ginny](#) about a love potion she had made as a young girl ([PA5](#))
- Frozen [Ashwinder eggs](#) (see) may be used as ingredients in love potions ([FB](#))
- [Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes](#) sell powerful love potions as part of their [WonderWitch products line](#) ([HBP6](#)). As part of their Owl Order Service, [Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes](#) delivers such products disguised as more innocent items, such as perfumes and [cough potions](#), a fact they make clear on the products' own labels ([HBP9](#)).

- The duration of the effects of a love potion vary depending on such factors as the weight of the person drinking the potion and the attractiveness of the person with whom the potion is supposed to make the drinker obsessed ([HBP6](#)).
- The effects of a love potion wear off naturally over time, but can be renewed by administering further doses of potion ([HBP10](#)).
- A love potion can be administered so that the consumer becomes obsessed with the target even if the target is not present when the love potion is consumed ([HBP18](#)).
- The effects of an item spiked with love potion can strengthen the longer the item is kept before consumption ([HBP18](#)).
- After an [antidote](#) to a love potion is consumed, it seems that the drinker does not forget what he or she did while under its influence, which can be terribly embarrassing ([HBP18](#)).
- see [Amortentia](#)
- c.f. [Hate Potion](#)

M Mandrake Draught - Memory Potions -
monkshood - moonstone - Mrs. Scower's Magical Mess
Remover - Murtlap Essence

Mandrake Draught

ingredients: include [Mandrake](#), of course

This powerful [antidote](#) will revive people who have been [Petrified](#).

- Mature [Mandrakes](#) are needed for this potion, which [Snape](#) brewed in May, [1993](#) [[Y13](#)], to restore the victims of the [Basilisk](#) from the [Chamber of Secrets](#) ([CS9](#)).
- There has been some discussion as to how [Petrified](#) people would be able to drink a potion. Clearly this particular concoction is not always ingested. Perhaps [Madam Pomfrey](#) applied the potion to the skin of the victims.

Memory Potions

ingredients: include [Jobberknoll feathers](#)

Effect unknown, but given the characteristics of the [Jobberknoll](#), presumably enhances the drinker's memory

- [\(FB\)](#)
- see [Forgetfulness Potion](#)

monkshood 

See [aconite](#).

moonstone

Used in various potions (including the [Draught of Peace](#), see), sometimes in powdered form; [Harry](#) had to write an essay (12 inches of parchment) for [Snape](#) about the uses of moonstone in potion making ([OP13](#)).

Moonstone is found in a variety of colors. Its supposed magical effects include helping a person gain emotional balance. Since Harry spent much of book five emotionally unbalanced, it is perhaps fitting that he was forced to write an essay on the stone's use in Potions-making.

 [Jewelry Central](#)



Mrs. Scower's Magical Mess Remover



Magical cleaning product.

"Scower" is a homonym for "scour", an English word meaning "to clean thoroughly".

- Stored by the case in various broom [cupboards](#) around the [castle](#) ([GF18](#))
- [Filch](#) uses it for various cleaning jobs. It wouldn't remove the foot-high painted letters on the [corridor wall](#) near where [Mrs. Norris](#) was [Petrified](#), however ([CS9](#))
- It was [advertised](#) at the [Quidditch World Cup](#) ([GF8](#)).

Murtlap Essence



A solution of strained and pickled [Murtlap](#) tentacles, yellow in color. Soothes and heals cuts and other wounds.

- [Murtlap](#) essence, or essence of [Murtlap](#), was recommended by [Hermione](#) for [Harry](#) to soak his hand in after detention with [Umbridge](#) (*OP15*). Later in the school year, [Harry](#) recommended that [Lee Jordan](#) use it after his own [detention](#) (*OP25*), and [Lee](#) later recommended it to [Fred and George](#) to help with the boils they got testing their [Fever Fudge](#).

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Peace, Draught of



ingredients: includes powdered [moonstone](#) and syrup of [hellebore](#)

Effect: calms anxiety and soothes agitation

- Tricky potion which is [O.W.L.](#) standard, taught in fifth-year [Potions](#) (*OP12*).

Rowling intentionally creates humor by contrasting the intended effect of this potion - peace - with the ingredient [hellebore](#), which sounds rather evil (and is very poisonous as a matter of fact) and with the troubles the students have making it:

"[Potter](#), what is this supposed to be?"

- "The Draught of Peace," said [Harry](#) tensely.

peppermint 

See [ELIXIR TO INDUCE EUPHORIA](#).

Pepperup Potion 

Cures the common cold.

- [Glover Hipworth](#) invented the Pepperup Potion (*fw*).
- [Madam Pomfrey](#) dispensed quite a lot of this when winter arrived. It leaves steam coming out of the drinker's ears for several hours ([CS8](#)).

photograph potions 

If normal Muggle photographs are developed in certain potions, the resulting images will move.

- [Colin Creevey](#) discovered this during his first year at [Hogwarts](#). He was pretty excited about it ([CS6](#)).

plants, magical 

The ingredients for many potions come from plants with magical qualities.

- See [ingredients](#).
- See [Herbology](#).



Polyjuice Potion 

ingredients:

[lacewing flies](#) stewed 21 days,

[leeches](#),

powdered [bicorn horn](#),

[knotgrass](#),

[fluxweed](#) picked at full moon,

shredded [boomslang skin](#),

a bit of who one wants to turn into ([CS10](#), [CS11](#))

"poly" Gr. many + juice

Effect: Transforms a person to look exactly like someone else. One dose lasts for one hour, but doses can be renewed, apparently indefinitely.

- The instructions for making this potion are found in the book [Moste Potente Potions](#) (see) ([CS9](#))
- Before the last ingredient is added - the bit of the person being transformed into - the potion looks like thick dark mud and bubbles sluggishly ([CS12](#)), ([HBP9](#))
- When the last ingredient is added, the potion froths a great deal and changes colour, but the resulting colour varies depending on the person supplying the last ingredient ([CS12](#))
- isn't supposed to be used for transforming humans into animals ([CS12](#)); if misused for that purpose, results in an incomplete transformation requiring skilled medical treatment to undo ([CS13](#))

- Polyjuice Potion can be used for cross-gender transformations. [Crouch Jr.](#) used Polyjuice Potion to impersonate [his mother](#) in order to escape from [Azkaban](#), while she used it to impersonate him ([GF35](#)). [Crabbe](#) and [Goyle](#) appear to have used it periodically during their sixth year to pass themselves off as much younger, smaller girls in order to be less conspicuous ([HBP21](#)).
- [Crouch Jr.](#) used Polyjuice Potion to impersonate [Moody](#), so it can account for missing limbs and scars as well as age differences ([GF35](#))
- [Harry's O.W.L.](#) written exam included a question about Polyjuice Potion. [Harry](#) felt that he'd very well with that question, since he'd taken the potion himself a couple of years before ([OP31](#)).
- Judging from the [Ministry of Magic](#) leaflets on the subject, there appears to be no physical way of telling the drinker of Polyjuice Potion from the original. The only security measure recommended against Polyjuice Potion is to work out a prearranged method of verifying someone's identity, such as a password or a question that only the real person should be able to answer, but this system can of course be defeated by a sufficiently thorough and clever impersonator ([HBP3](#)).



The juice may be used in [Strengthening Solution](#) at some stage (see) and is definitely a potions ingredient.

porcupine parts



The quills are used in [boil-cure potion](#) (see).

puffer-fish parts



The eyes are used in [Swelling Solution](#) (see).

- Ironically, [Goyle](#) caught a eyeful of this on the day the second-year students were making it, and his own eyes began swelling to the size of dinner plates ([CS11](#)).

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salamander parts



Salamander blood is used in [Strengthening Solution](#) (see).

scarab beetles 

Crushed, these are used in [Wit-Sharpening Potion](#) (see).

Scintillation Solution 

Effect unknown

- One of the students who found the [Kwikspell](#) course helpful wrote that people were now begging for her recipe for Scintillation Solution ([CS8](#)).

scurvy-grass 

Any of one of several sea-coast plants with four-petalled cross-shaped white flowers, at one time eaten by sailors to prevent scurvy ([NSOED](#)).

- According to a book [Harry](#) studied during his fifth year, scurvy-grass is "moste efficacious in the inflaming of the braine, and [is] therefore much used in [Confusing and Befuddlement Draughts](#), where the wizard is desirous of producing hot-headedness and recklessness" ([OP18](#))

Shrinking Solution / Shrinking Potion



ingredients: chopped [daisy roots](#), skinned [shrivelfig](#), sliced [caterpillar](#), one [rat spleen](#), dash of [leech juice](#)

Effect: Makes things shrink in size, apparently reversing the aging process as well

- [Harry](#) had to write a particularly nasty essay on Shrinking Potions as one of his [holiday](#) assignments for [Potions](#) the summer before his third year ([PA1](#)).
- Apparently it's important that the [daisy roots](#) be chopped evenly before they're used ([PA7](#)).
- Adding too many [rat spleens](#) or too much [leech juice](#) can cause the potion to turn orange instead of the bright acid green it's supposed to be; making errors in the potion can cause the mixture to become poisonous ([PA7](#)).
- Administered to [Trevor](#) in [Potions](#), the toad didn't just become smaller but turned into a tadpole; this was the expected effect ([PA7](#)).
- See also [AGEING POTION](#).

Skele-Gro



"skeleton" + "grow" (sounds like a brand name)

Medical magic: Potion which regrows bones. The effect takes about eight hours and can be quite painful.

- When [Lockhart](#) removed all the bones from [Harry](#)'s arm, [Madam Pomfrey](#) gave [Harry](#) Skele-Gro to grow them back. It took all night ([CS10](#)).
- Skele-Gro comes in a large bottle and is dispensed by the steaming beaker-full. It burns the mouth as it goes down. Regrowing bones is a painful process, and [Harry](#) felt stabbing pains in his arm, as if it were full of large splinters ([CS10](#)).
- [Draco](#) thought maybe [Hagrid](#) had drunk too much of this as a child, making him larger than everyone else ([GF24](#))
- In [CS/f](#), the bottle has this on the label:
1100 Drops
Bone Regenerator
SKELE-GRO
Bone-Fide Results Everytime
Sold Only by Rubens Winikus and Company Inc.

Sleekeazy's Hair Potion



"Sleekeazy" (note the 'z') is indeed the canon spelling.

Used to style hair.

- [Hermione](#) used this to style her hair for the [Yule Ball](#) ([GF24](#))
- c.f. [Lockhart](#) dreamed of one day selling his own line of [hair care potions](#) ([CS6](#)).

Sleeping Draught/Potion



Effect: causes the drinker to fall into a deep sleep

- [Hermione](#) filled two chocolate cakes with Sleeping Draught, and [Harry](#) and [Ron](#) used them to knock out [Crabbe](#) and [Goyle](#) ([CS12](#))
- A Sleeping Potion is a purple potion which [Harry](#) drank after his ordeal with [Voldemort](#) in the [third task](#). He didn't drink it all, so he was still awake when [Dumbledore](#) was arguing with [Fudge](#) ([GF36](#)).
- The [dragons](#) for the [first task](#) were given Sleeping Draughts to knock them out for transport to [Hogwarts](#) ([GF19](#)).
- See [DRAUGHT OF THE LIVING DEATH](#).

snake parts



- Snake fangs are used in [boil-cure potion](#) (see).
- Snake venom is used in some of [Voldemort's potions](#) (see).
- See also [BOOMSLANG PARTS](#).

sneezewort



A kind of yarrow, the powdered leaves of which are said to cause sneezing ([NSOED](#)).

- According to a book [Harry](#) studied during his fifth year, sneezewort is "moste efficacious in the inflaming of the braine, and [is] therefore much used in [Confusing and Befuddlement Draughts](#), where the wizard is desirous of producing hot-headedness and recklessness" ([OP18](#))

solutions



The following potions are known as solutions.

- Scintillation Solution
- Shrinking Solution

- Strengthening Solution
- Swelling Solution

sopohorous 

L. sopor, deep sleep or sleeping potion
Used in [Draught of Living Death](#).

spiders 

- [Ron](#) doesn't mind working with dead ones in [Potions](#) (CS9)

Strengthening Solution 

ingredients: **salamander blood**, possibly [pomegranate juice](#) at some stage

Unknown, but presumably increases the user's strength.

- Apparently takes a few days to make, since the students had allowed their mixtures to mature over a weekend ([OP17](#)).

- The fifth year students were making this when [Umbridge](#) evaluated [Snape](#). She said that she thought the [Ministry](#) would prefer that it be removed from the syllabus ([OP17](#)).
- [Harry](#) was so interested in watching [Snape](#) and [Umbridge](#) interact that he nearly put [pomegranate juice](#) into his potion when he should have been adding [salamander blood](#). The fact that the [pomegranate juice](#) was laid out at all suggests that it might also be an ingredient of this potion, although [Harry](#) was attempting to add it in the wrong way at that particular time. At the end of the lesson, when his potion was congealing foully and smelling strongly of burned rubber, [Harry](#) was given a homework assignment of writing an essay on how and where he went wrong ([OP17](#)).

Swelling Solution



ingredients: [puffer-fish eyes](#)

Causes something to get bigger.

- The second year students were making this when [Harry](#) threw a firecracker into [Goyle's cauldron](#) to create a diversion. Where the solution splashed, people's arms, noses, eyes, etc. were enlarged grotesquely. The [antidote](#) was a [Deflating Draught](#) ([CS11](#)).

T Truth Potion/Serum - tubeworms

Truth Potion/Serum

ingredients: can include [Jobberknoll feathers](#) ([FB](#))

Forces a person to tell the truth.

- Truth Potion ([GF27](#)) (Truth Serum - [FB](#))
- [Veritaserum](#) ([GF27](#))

tubeworms

[Harry](#) once had to stay behind in [Potions](#) and scrape tubeworms off a desk ([CS9](#))

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valerian

Roots used in [Draught of Living Death](#).

Veritaserum



"veritas" L. truth

The most powerful [Truth Serum](#) available, this colourless, odourless potion (which looks like plain water) forces the drinker to tell the truth ([HBP9](#))

- A [Truth Potion](#) so powerful that three drops would have the drinker spilling his or her innermost secrets ([GF27](#), [OP32](#)).
- Use of this potion is controlled by very strict [Ministry guidelines](#) ([GF27](#)).
- [Dumbledore](#) had [Snape](#) use it on [Barty Crouch Jr.](#) ([GF35](#)).
- According to [Snape](#), Veritaserum takes a full moon-cycle to mature when it is being made ([OP32](#)). The trustworthiness of this statement may be questioned, since [Snape](#) was speaking to [Umbridge](#) at the time and may have wished to avoid giving her the potion, but [Snape](#)'s subtlety is such that even under those circumstances he may have been speaking the truth.

- Discussed during the first class of sixth-year [Potions](#); students who have achieved an [N.E.W.T.](#) in [Potions](#) should be able to make Veritaserum ([HBP9](#))
- An alert wizard who's good at [Potions](#) can protect himself against the use of Veritaserum by keeping some [antidote](#) handy ([HBP17](#))

Voldemort's potions

ingredients (see individual potions)

In his unnatural quest to achieve immortality, [Voldemort](#) has used three different potions:

1. [unicorn blood](#)
2. potion that kept [Voldemort](#) alive from the time [Wormtail](#) returned to him until he could be reborn; it consisted of [unicorn blood](#) and snake venom milked from [Nagini](#) ([GF1](#)), ([GF33](#)).
3. potion to restore [Voldemort](#) to his body - June 24, [1995](#) [[Y15](#)]: bone of his father, blood of his enemy, flesh of his servant ([GF32](#)).

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Wartcap Powder - Wit-Sharpening Potion - wolfsbane - Wolfsbane Potion - wormwood - wound-cleaning potion

Wartcap Powder



Substance which causes the skin of a person who touches it to form a thick hard crust

- A snuffbox in the cabinet in the drawing room of [number twelve, Grimmauld Place](#) had Wartcap Powder in it, as evidenced by the reaction of [Sirius'](#) hand to the box when he picked it up ([OP6](#)).
- c.f. [BULBADOX POWDER](#).

Wit-Sharpening Potion



ingredients: ground [scarab beetle](#), cut up [ginger root](#), [armadillo bile](#)

Effect is presumably to make a person think more clearly.

- The fourth year [Potions class](#) was making this shortly after the [second task](#) ([GF27](#))

wolfsbane



Another name for [aconite](#) (see).

Wolfsbane Potion



Effects: While this potion doesn't cure lycanthropy, it does prevent the extremely dangerous dementia which would otherwise accompany the transformation from human into [werewolf](#).

- A fairly recent invention, very difficult to brew. [Snape](#) makes it for [Lupin](#) (*PA18*) (*OP22*)
- Invented by [Marcus Belby](#)'s uncle [Damocles](#), who received the [Order of Merlin](#) (*HBP7*)

wormwood



Used in [Draught of Living Death](#). Interesting that this traditional symbol of bitterness figured prominently in the first question [Snape](#) ever set [Harry](#) in [Potions](#) (*PS8*).

wound-cleaning potion



Medical magic: used on cuts and other open wounds.

- Used to clean out [Harry](#)'s wounds from his bout with the [Horntail](#) in the [first task](#) (purple, smokes and stings) ([GF20](#))