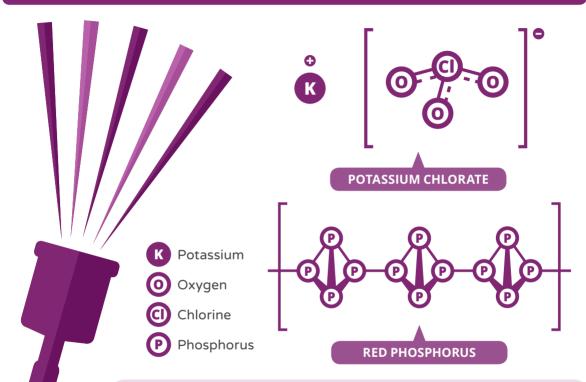
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PARTY POPPER CHEMISTRY



Party poppers pop thanks to small amounts of a mix of compounds known as 'Armstrong's Mixture', a highly sensitive explosive. This consists of red phosphorus mixed with a strong oxidising agent, often potassium chlorate.



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