Distinguish, differentiate, compare and explain what is the difference between Imbibition and Diffusion. Comparison and Differences.

Difference between Imbibition and Diffusion

- 1. Imbibition involves the absorption of solvent or water by a solid substance (adsorption occurs). Diffusion is the movement of all types of substances from the area of their higher free energy to the area of their lower free energy.
- 2. Imbibition produces heat. Diffusion does not produce heat.
- 3. Imbibition can develop a very high pressure (upto 100 atm) called imbibition pressure. Diffusion cannot develop a high pressure.