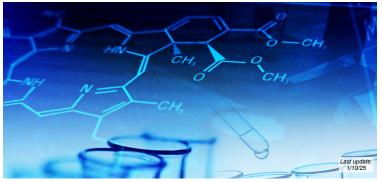
Chemistry 151: Basic Chemistry

Chapter 7 Section 7.1: The Chemical Reaction



Chemical Equations

- Chemical equations are like recipes in cooking: They tell a chemist how to make something ("products") and what you'll need to make it ("reactants")
- Having balanced amounts critical in cooking: too much flour can make a cake dry, and too little flour can prevent the cake from forming. Same in chemistry!
- We will learn how to create a balanced chemical equation in this chapter, and in the next section, we will explore the quantities needed to actually make the products.



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Chemical Equations

Chemical Equations

- Chemical equation: An expression in which symbols and formulas are used to represent a chemical reaction.
- **Reactant**: A substance that undergoes change in a chemical reaction; written on *left side* of the reaction arrow
- **Product**: A substance that is formed in a chemical reaction; written on right side of reaction arrow

$$2\underbrace{\text{NaHCO}_3}_{\text{Reactant}}, \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underbrace{\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2}_{\text{Products}},$$

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Equations depict the kind of reactants and products and their relative amounts in a reaction.

$$4 \operatorname{Al}(s) + 3 \operatorname{O}_2(g) ---> 2 \operatorname{Al}_2 \operatorname{O}_3(s)$$

The numbers in the front are called

stoichiometric coefficients

The letters (s), (g), (l) and (aq) are the physical states of compounds:

s = solid, g = gas, l = liquid,

aq = solution in water (aqueous)

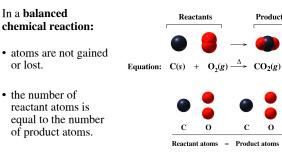
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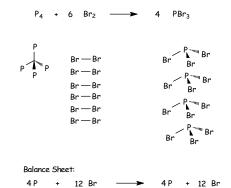
The Law of conservation of mass states that matter cannot be created or destroyed in any chemical reaction

- The bonds between atoms in the reactants are rearranged to form new compounds, but none of the atoms disappear, and no new atoms are formed.
- So: Chemical equations must be balanced, meaning the numbers and kinds of atoms must be the same on both sides of the reaction arrow.
- The numbers placed in front of formulas to balance equations are called *coefficients*, and they multiply all the atoms in the chemical formula.

Chemical Equations are Balanced



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Balancing Chemical Equations

- The following four steps can be used as a guide to balance chemical equations.
- *Example:* Sulfuric acid reacts with sodium hydroxide to create sodium sulfate and water. Balance this chemical reaction.
- Step 1: Write an unbalanced equation, using correct formulas for all reactants and products.

 $H_2SO_4 + NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$ (Unbalanced)

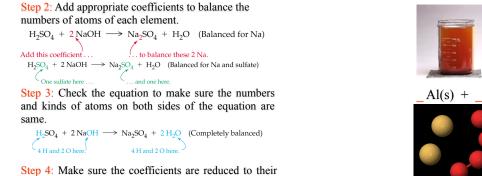
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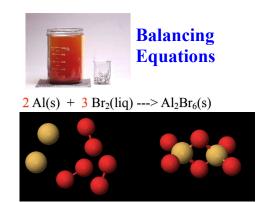
 $Al(s) + Br_2(liq) ---> Al_2Br_6(s)$



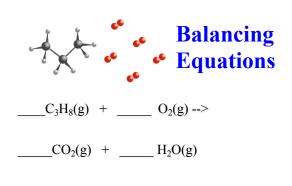
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lowest whole-number value (ok here).





 $C_{3}H_{8}(g) + 5 O_{2}(g) ---->$ $3 \text{ CO}_2(g) + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(g)$

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Balancing with Polyatomic Ions

Magnesium chloride + sodium phosphate \rightarrow magnesium phosphate + sodium chloride

 $MgCl_2(aq) + Na_3PO_4(aq) \rightarrow NaCl(aq) + Mg_3(PO_4)_2(s)$

Leave polyatomic ions as "units", don't break up when balancing, usually balance them first before other atoms

 $MgCl_2(aq) + 2Na_3PO_4(aq) \rightarrow NaCl(aq) + Mg_3(PO_4)_2(s)$

 $3MgCl_2(aq) + 2Na_3PO_4(aq) \rightarrow 6NaCl(aq) + Mg_3(PO_4)_2(s)$ 2 PO4³⁻ 2 PO43-= 3 Mg²⁺ = 3 Mg²⁺ 6 Na⁺ = 6 Na+ 6 CI-= 6 CI-

Balanced!

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Balancing Equations - Hints

Balance those atoms which occur in only one compound on each side Balance the remaining atoms Reduce coefficients to smallest whole integers Check your answer Remember the seven diatomics! HONCl **BrIF**

Test Yourself

Balance the following reactions: $K_{(s)} \ + \ H_2O_{(l)} \ \twoheadrightarrow \ H_{2(g)} \ + \ KOH_{(aq)}$

 $Ba_{(s)} + H_3AsO_{4(aq)} \rightarrow H_{2(g)} + Ba_3(AsO_4)_{2(aq)}$

 $PCl_{5(s)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightarrow H_3PO_{4(aq)} + HCl_{(aq)}$

 $\text{KClO}_{3(s)} \rightarrow \text{KCl}_{(s)} + \text{O}_{2(g)}$

practice, practice, practice!

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Balancing Equations

Balancing

Equations

Balance the following. To save time, balance polyatomic ions as units (not individual atoms):

Calcium + nitrogen → Calcium nitride

 $BaCl_2$ + $Na_3PO_4 \rightarrow Ba_3(PO_4)_2$ + NaCl

Balance the following:



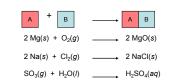
Types of Reactions

Most chemical reactions can be grouped into one of these six categories:

| Combination Decomposition | $\begin{array}{ccc} A \ + \ B \ \rightarrow \ AB \\ AB \ \rightarrow \ A \ + \ B \end{array}$ | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| 3. Single Replacem | ent $AB + C \rightarrow CB + A$ or | | | |
| | $MY + X \rightarrow MX + Y$ | | | |
| (Metals replace metals; nonmetals replace nonmetals) | | | | |
| 4. Combustion | $C_xH_y \ + \ O_2 \ \rightarrow \ CO_2 \ + \ H_2O$ | | | |
| 5. Acid-Base | HX + MOH \rightarrow MX + H ₂ O | | | |
| 6. Precipitation | $AX + BY \rightarrow AY(s) + BX$ | | | |
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Combination (Addition)

In a **combination reaction**, two or more reactants form one product or simple compounds combine to form one product.



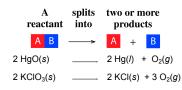
Combination reactions are also known as **addition** reactions.

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Decomposition

In a **decomposition reaction**, one substance splits into two or more simpler substances.



Learning Check

Classify the following reactions as combination or decomposition.

| $H_2(g) + Br_2(g)$ | 2 HBr(<i>l</i>) | Combination |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Al ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ (<i>s</i>) | $AI_2O_3(s) + 3 C$ | O ₂ (g) Decomposition |
| 4 Al(s) + 3 C(s) | $AI_4C_3(s)$ | Combination |

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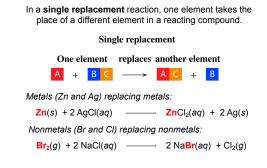
Single replacement reactions:

 $\begin{array}{rrrr} \mathsf{A} \ + \ \mathsf{BC} \rightarrow \ \mathsf{AC} \ + \ \mathsf{B} \\ \mathsf{X} \ + \ \mathsf{BY} \rightarrow \ \mathsf{BX} \ + \ \mathsf{Y} \end{array}$

Single Replacement Reactions

Metal (A and B) replace metals; Non-metals (X and Y) replace nonmetals

Single Replacement



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Learning Check

Complete and balance the following single replacement equation:

Metals replace metals: zinc + silver nitrate \rightarrow

Non-metals replace non-metals: chlorine + sodium iodide \rightarrow

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Combustion Reactions

In a combustion reaction, a hydrocarbon (containing C, H and/or O) reacts with oxygen (O₂) to make carbon dioxide and water. These are very common in organic chemistry (and in your combustion gasoline car!)

 $C_2H_4(g) \ + \ 3 \ O_2(g) \ \rightarrow \ 2 \ H_2O(g) \ + \ 2 \ CO_2(g)$

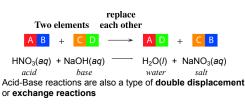
 $C_6H_{12}(g) + 9 O_2(g) \rightarrow 6 CO_2(g) + 6 H_2O(g)$

 $2 \ C_2 H_4 O(g) \ + \ 5 \ O_2(g) \ \rightarrow \ 4 \ CO_2(g) \ + \ 4 \ H_2 O(g)$

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Acid-Base Reactions

In an acid-base reaction, an acid (H listed first) reacts with a base (metal hydroxide) to create water and a "salt" Double replacement



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Acid-Base Reactions

When equal amounts (moles) of acids (H^+) and bases (OH^-) are mixed together, both acidic and basic properties disappear because of a neutralization reaction. The neutralization reaction produces water and a salt.

Precipitation Reactions

 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Example:} \ \text{HCl}_{(aq)} + \text{NaOH}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} + \text{NaCl}_{(aq)} \\ \textit{acid} \quad \textit{base} \quad \textit{water} \quad \textit{salt} \end{array}$

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Acid-Base Reactions



Precipitation Reactions

Solubility: The amount of a compound that will dissolve in a given amount of solvent at a given temperature.

When solubility exceeded, precipitates form



 $Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2 \text{ KI}(aq) \ \rightarrow Pbl_2(s) \ + \ 2 \text{ KNO}_3(aq)$

Test Yourself

Balance and classify the following reactions: $C_5H_{12}(l) + O_2(g) \rightarrow$

 $HCl(aq) + Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) \rightarrow PbCl_2(s)$ is a product

 $HI(aq) + LiOH(aq) \rightarrow$

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