

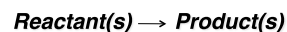
General Reactions

Dr. Ron Rusay

Except where otherwise noted, content on this site is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license.

General Chemical Reactions

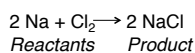
- Any chemical reaction can be described as a molecular or atomic change. It produces one or more observable changes.
- e.g. color change, gas bubbles, heat, etc.
- Reactions are generally described as:



The Reaction of Sodium & Chlorine

Formation of Sodium Chloride

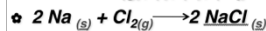
The reaction is written as a chemical equation with chemical formulas:



Chemical Equations

Chemical equations describe the change(s) in Reactant(s) to Product(s) including physical state(s).

Notations: (g), (l), (s), (aq)



Others:

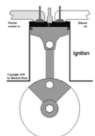
arrows for gas (↑) and solid (↓)

Δ for heat, ⇌ for reversibility (equilibrium)



Types of Chemical Reactions

- Combination (Synthesis)
 - Decomposition
 - Single Displacement
 - Double Displacement
 - Combustion: Oxidation-Reduction
 - Biological Reactions: Enzyme Catalysts
- Example: Fermentation
<http://www.piney.com/BabNinkasi.html>



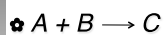
General Chemical Reactions



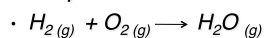
<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/rxn-types.mov>

Chemical Reactions

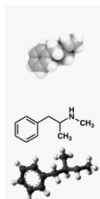
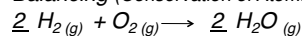
✧ Combination (Synthesis)



✧ Example:

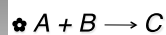


Balancing (Conservation of Atoms):

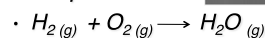


Chemical Reactions

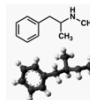
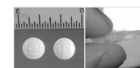
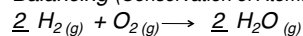
✧ Combination (Synthesis)



✧ Example:



Balancing (Conservation of Atoms):



$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$
Molar Mass:
149.24 g mol⁻¹

"Breaking Bad"
Walter White



Synthesis of Water

<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/H2O-form.MOV>

Formation of Water

Three Balloons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6qGIMqDKwA&index=4&list=PLA3383CE72437FC43>

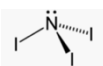
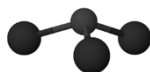
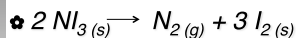
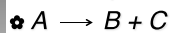
An Unwanted Synthesis of Water

Combustion & the Hindenburg 1937



Chemical Reactions

✧ Decomposition



Nitrogen Triiodide

QUESTION

Ammonium nitrate, when heated, decomposes into nitrogen gas, oxygen gas, and water vapor. What is the sum of the coefficients in the balanced equation using smallest integer coefficients?

A) 3

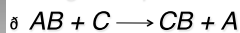
B) 5

C) 7

D) 9

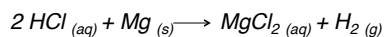
Chemical Reactions

Single Displacement



Example:

- $HCl_{(aq)} + Mg_{(s)} \longrightarrow MgCl_{2(aq)} + H_{2(g)}$
- **Balanced Equation:** ?

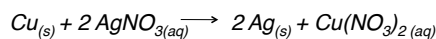


Name $HCl_{(aq)}$? Hydrochloric acid

Single Displacement

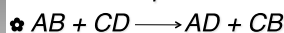
Write a balanced equation for the following reaction:

Formation of Silver Crystals



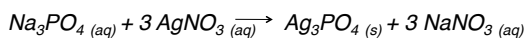
Chemical Reactions

Double Displacement



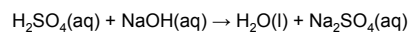
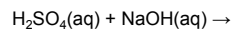
Example:

- A solution of sodium phosphate reacts with a solution of silver nitrate to produce aqueous sodium nitrate and a precipitate of silver phosphate.
- **Balanced equation:** ?

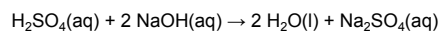


Chemical Reactions

Predict the products:

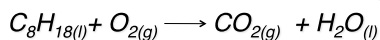


Balance the equation:



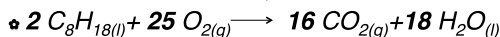
Chemical Equations

Combustion:



• Oxygen reacts with octane to produce carbon dioxide and water.

• Reminder: the equation must **balance**:

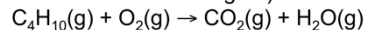


Carbon is oxidized: loses 4 electrons

Oxygen is reduced: gains 2 electrons

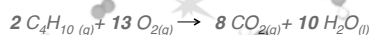
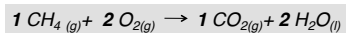
QUESTION

Determine the coefficient for O_2 when the following equation is balanced in standard form (smallest whole number integers)



- A) 4
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 13
- E) 20

Combustion: Oxidation-Reduction Reactions “Redox”



Carbon is oxidized: losing 4 electrons
Oxygen is reduced: gaining 2 electrons

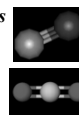
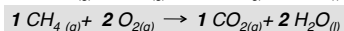
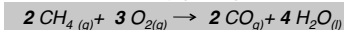


Combustion Products Formulas & Multiple Proportions

<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/multiple-proportions.MOV>

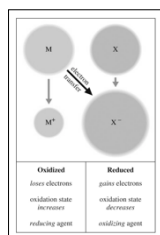
Multiple Proportions

Carbon can also be oxidized by losing 2 electrons
Oxygen remains reduced by gaining 2 electrons



Oxidation-Reduction Reactions “Redox”: Changes in Oxidation State

- **Oxidation** is the loss of electrons.
- **Reduction** is the gain of electrons.
- The reactions occur together. One does not occur without the other.
- The terms are used relative to the change in the **oxidation state** or **oxidation number** of the reactant(s).



Oxidation Number (State)

Periodic Trends:
Common Oxidation States

<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/Oxid%20States.MOV>

Rules for Assigning an Oxidation Number (O.N.)

General rules

1. For an atom in its elemental form (Na, O₂, Cl₂, etc.): O.N. = 0
2. For a monatomic ion: O.N. = ion charge
3. The sum of O.N. values for the atoms in a compound equals zero. The sum of O.N. values for the atoms in a polyatomic ion equals the ion charge.

Rules for specific atoms or periodic table groups

1. For Group 1A(1): O.N. = +1 in all compounds
2. For Group 2A(2): O.N. = +2 in all compounds
3. For hydrogen: O.N. = +1 in combination with nonmetals
O.N. = -1 in combination with metals and boron
4. For fluorine: O.N. = -1 in all compounds
5. For oxygen: O.N. = -1 in peroxides
O.N. = -2 in all other compounds (except with F)
6. For Group 7A(17): O.N. = -1 in combination with metals, nonmetals, (except O), and other halogens lower in the group

Tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0RfMRDy34w>

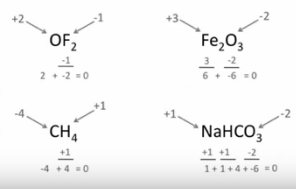
Assign oxidation numbers for all of the elements in the following compounds:



Tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0RfMRDy34w>

Assign oxidation numbers for all of the elements in the following compounds:



QUESTION

In which of the following does nitrogen have an oxidation state of +4?

- A. HNO_3
- B. NO_2
- C. NH_4Cl
- D. NaNO_2

QUESTION

(More Challenging)

What is the oxidation number of chromium in ammonium dichromate?

- A) +3
- B) +4
- C) +5
- D) +6

Formula: ? $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$

Highest and Lowest Oxidation Numbers of Reactive Main-Group Elements

Rule	Example
per + "root" + ate	perchlorate ClO_4^-
"root" + ate	chlorate ClO_3^-
"root" + ite	chlorite ClO_2^-
hypo + "root" + ite	hypochlorite ClO^-

Group number	Highest O.N./Lowest O.N.
1A	+1
2A	+2
3A	+3
4A	+4
5A	+5
6A	+6
7A	+7

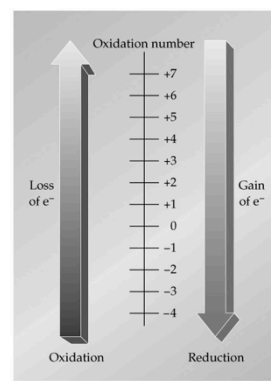
QUESTION

Hypochlorous acid is related to the anion found in common household bleach. Identify the formula of the polyatomic anion.

- A. ClO_4^-
- B. ClO_3^-
- C. ClO_2^-
- D. ClO^-

Rule	Example
per + "root" + ate	perchlorate ClO_4^-
"root" + ate	chlorate ClO_3^-
"root" + ite	chlorite ClO_2^-
hypo + "root" + ite	hypochlorite ClO^-

<https://chem.libretexts.org/>



QUESTION

In a redox reaction, oxidation and reduction must both occur. Which statement is an accurate statement?

- A. The substance (atom) that is oxidized has a lower oxidation number in the product.
- B. The substance that is oxidized gains electrons.
- C. The substance that is oxidized must have a higher oxidation number afterwards.
- D. The substance that is oxidized must combine with oxygen.

Highest and Lowest Oxidation Numbers of Reactive Main-Group Elements

		<div> <div>+1</div> <div>-1</div> </div>		<div>Group number</div> <div>Highest O.N./Lowest O.N.</div>																							
1	H																										
		1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A																			
Activity increases going down the row				+3	+4	+5	+6	+7																			
		B	C	N	O	F																					
3	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl																				
4	K	Ca	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br																				
5	Rb	Sr	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Activity increases going up the row																			
6	Cs	Ba	Tl	Pb	Bi																						
7	Fr	Ra																									

Which would be most reactive?
 A) Li + I₂ B) Na + Cl₂ C) Cs + F₂

Write a balanced equation for the rubidium reaction.

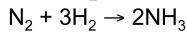
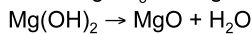
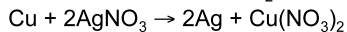
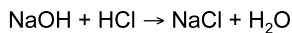
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UO0CKJ0ubwM>

Cesium:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4pQz3TC0Jo>

Rubidium:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP6CRZdDu6o>

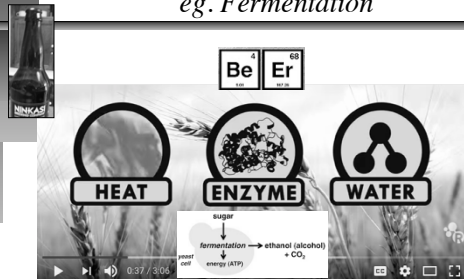
QUESTION

How many of the following are oxidation-reduction reactions?



- A) 0
B) 1
C) 2
D) 3
E) 4

Biological Reactions
eg. Fermentation

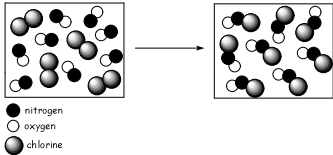


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vW99JEaDApY>

<http://www.piney.com/BabNinkasi.html>

QUESTION

Consider the molecular view of reactants converted to a product in the boxes shown below:



Which balanced equation best represents this reaction?

- A) $\text{NO} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{NO}$ B) $2 \text{NO} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ClNO}$
C) $\text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ClNO}$ D) $\text{NO} + \text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{ClNO}$