

## Chemical Reactions #1



## Writing Chemical Reactions

- In order to be able to write a chemical reaction, you **MUST** know how to write formulas from names!
- If you still cannot do this...you are going to have **MAJOR** trouble

## Steps for Balancing Chemical Equations

- Write the \_\_\_\_\_ equation for the reaction
- Count the number of atoms of each element of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Count the number of atoms of each element of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Add / Change the \_\_\_\_\_ to make the numbers of each element equal
- **YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE A SUBSCRIPT!**
- Write the coefficients in the \_\_\_\_\_ possible ratio
- Check your work

## Example

- Write and balance the reaction between sodium hydroxide and calcium bromide to give calcium hydroxide and sodium bromide

### Small Intro to Redox (MUCH more on this later!)

- A reaction in which electrons are transferred from one atom to another is called an \_\_\_\_\_ **reaction**.

### Determining Oxidation Numbers

1. The oxidation number for any uncombined elements or diatomic molecule is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The oxidation number for a monatomic ion is its \_\_\_\_\_
3. The oxidation number of Hydrogen is usually \_\_\_\_\_. The exception is in a \_\_\_\_\_ where the oxidation number will be -1
4. The oxidation number of oxygen is usually \_\_\_\_\_ EXCEPT in \_\_\_\_\_. Then it is -1

### Determining Oxidation Numbers

5. In binary compounds (nonmetal + nonmetal) the more electronegative element gets a negative oxidation number.
  - This usually means the positive one is first and the negative one is second
6. The sum of the oxidation numbers for all atoms in a neutral compound is \_\_\_\_\_
7. The sum of the oxidation numbers in a polyatomic ion is equal to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the polyatomic ion

### Equations

- \_\_\_\_\_ **equations** – show the complete chemical formulas. Does not indicate ionic character
- \_\_\_\_\_ **equation** – shows all ions. Actually how the particles exist in the solution

## Steps for Writing Ionic Equations

1. Write the balanced molecular equation (balanced chemical equation)
2. Break every thing down into its ions **EXCEPT** the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ (complete ionic equation)
3. Cross out everything that is the same on both sides (\_\_\_\_\_ ions)
4. Write what is left (net ionic equation)

## Rules

- When writing ionic equations, you must keep together the solid, gas, water, or weak electrolyte
- **Spectator ions** – ions that appear on both sides of the equation. They have very little to do with the chemical reaction

## A few more things that you must know...

- When writing ionic reactions...you must be able to identify the solid, gas or weak electrolyte
- In order to know what is solid...you **MUST** memorize the solubility rules
- You must also be able to identify strong electrolytes...
- They are all strong acids & bases
  - Strong acids...HCl, HBr, HI, HClO<sub>3</sub>, HClO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, HIO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - Strong bases...all group 1A & 2A hydroxides

## Solubility Rules

### SOLUBILITY RULES

*Always soluble:*  
alkali metal ions (Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Rb<sup>+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>), NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>,  
NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>

*Generally soluble:* (mnemonics)  
Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup> Soluble except Ag<sup>+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> (AP/H)  
F<sup>-</sup> Soluble except Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>  
(CBS-PM)

SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> Soluble except Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup> (CBS/PBS)

*Generally insoluble:*  
O<sup>2-</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup> Insoluble except and alkali metals, and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  
Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup> (CBS) somewhat soluble

CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, S<sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>  
Insoluble except alkali metals and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>

## Classification of Reactions

- There are 5 major classifications of reactions:
  - \_\_\_\_\_(Combination)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_(Metathesis)

## Synthesis # 1

1. Metal oxide + nonmetal oxide  $\rightarrow$  salt (Not Redox)

## Synthesis # 1 Example

- Sulfur dioxide gas is passed over solid calcium oxide

## Synthesis # 2

2. Metal oxide + water  $\rightarrow$  base (Not Redox)
  - Solid sodium oxide is added to water

### Synthesis #3

3. Non metal oxide + water → acid
- Sulfur dioxide gas is placed in water

### Synthesis # 4

4. Metal + nonmetal → salt (Redox...NO IONS)
- A salt is just an ionic compound ( a positive charge & a negative charge)
  - Magnesium metal is combusted in nitrogen gas

### Decomposition

Synthesis

Decomposition

Redox

Metal + Nonmetal → salt

Salt → Metal + Nonmetal

Non Redox

Metal oxide + H<sub>2</sub>O → base

base → Metal oxide + H<sub>2</sub>O

Nonmetal oxide + H<sub>2</sub>O → acid

acid → Nonmetal oxide + H<sub>2</sub>O

Metal oxide + Nonmetal oxide → salt

salt → Metal oxide + Nonmetal oxide

### More Decomposition

- Metal chlorates → metal chloride + O<sub>2</sub>
- (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> → 2NH<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub>
- 2H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> → 2H<sub>2</sub>O + O<sub>2</sub>
- If you get any of these products...they decompose...
  - NH<sub>4</sub>OH → NH<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O
  - H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> → CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O
  - H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> → SO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O
  - HNO<sub>2</sub> → NO + NO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O