# CHEMICAL REACTIONS AND EQUATIONS

## CHEMICAL REACTIONS

- A chemical reaction is a process that leads to the transformation of one set of chemical substances to another.
- Chemical reactions are chemical changes in which reactants transform into products by making or breaking of bonds(or both) between different atoms.

### Indications of a Chemical Reaction

#### CHANGE IN COLOUR EVOLUTION OF GAS





## CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE

## FORMATION OF PRECIPITATION



#### CHEMICAL EQUATION

• A chemical equation is the symbolic representation of a chemical reaction in the form of symbols and formulae.

• ex:-

magnesium + oxygen = magnesium oxide

- The substances that undergo chemical change in the reaction (magnesium and oxygen) are the reactants.
- The new substances (magnesium oxide) formed during the reactions is the product.

#### WORD EQUATION

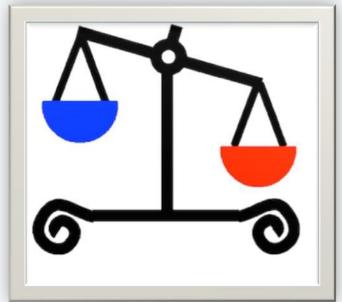
 A word equation is a chemical reaction expressed in words rather than chemical formulas. It helps identify the reactants and products in a chemical reaction.

Sodium + Chlorine  $\rightarrow$  Sodium chloride

- The reactants are written on the left hand side (LHS) with a plus sign between them.
- Similarly, products are written on the right hand side (RHS) with a plus sign between them.
  - The arrowhead points towards the products, and shows the direction of the reactions.

### SKELETAL EQUATION

- Skeletal equation are those equation which shows the reactant and product so formed without balancing them.
- Example : Mg + O<sub>2</sub> --> MgO
   H + O --> H<sub>2</sub>O



It is also known as unbalanced equation.

#### **BALANCED EQUATION**

- The chemical equation needs to be balanced so that it follows the law of conservation of mass.
- The chemical equation in which the number of atoms of each element in the reactants side is equal to that of the products side is called a balanced chemical equation.Example 3CaCO<sub>3</sub>+2H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>→Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>+3H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

#### How to balance a equation

This is a reaction between methane (CH4) and oxygen (O2), producing carbon dioxide (CO2) and water (H2O) CH₄ + O₂ → CO₂ + H₂O

C = 1 H = 4 O = 2 C = 1 H = 2O = 3

In the reaction a compound reacts with oxygen and produces carbon dioxide and water. It is often convenient to start balancing with the compound that contains the maximum number of atoms. It may be a reactant or a product.  In this case, the carbon (C) atoms are already balanced. So now we look at the hydrogen (H) atoms. There are 4 hydrogen (H) atoms on the reactants side and 2 hydrogen (H) atoms on the products side. To balance them, we put a coefficient of 2 in front of H<sub>2</sub>O.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} CH_4 &+ & O_2 &\longrightarrow & CO_2 &+ & \underline{2}H_2O \\ C = 1 & & C = 1 \\ H = 4 & & H = 4 \\ O = 2 & & O = 4 \end{array}$$

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 The hydrogen (H) atoms are now balanced. Due to the coefficient 2 in front of H2O, there are a total of 4 oxygen (O) atoms on the products side. To balance the oxygen atoms on both sides, we put a coefficient of 2 in front of O2. The chemical equation is now balanced.

$CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow$	CO <sub>2</sub> + <u>2</u> H <sub>2</sub> O
C = 1	C = 1
H = 4	H = 4
O = 4	O = 4

### WRITING SYMBOLS OF PHYSICAL STATES

- The physical states of the reactants and products are mentioned along with their chemical formulae.
- The gaseous, liquid, aqueous, and solid states of reactants and products are represented by the notations (g), (l), (aq), and (s), respectively.
- Sometimes the reaction conditions, such as temperature, pressure, catalyst etc are indicated above or below the arrow in the equation

#### EXAMPLES

Nî  $C_2H_4(g) +$  $H_2(g)$  $C_2H_6(g)$ Ethylene Hydrogen Ethane  $250^{\circ}C - 300^{\circ}C$ At 3000°C.  $O_2(g)$  $N_2(g)$ NO(g)Nitrogen Oxygen Nitric Oxide Chlorophyll  $+H_2O(1)$  $+ O_2(g)$  $CO_2(q)$  $C_6H_{12}O_6(s)$ Oxygen Carbon dioxide Water Glucose Sunlight ∆ 170°C-240°C  $NH_4NO_3(s)$  $N_2 O(g)$  $+2H_2O(l)$ Ammonium Nitrate Nitrous Oxide Water



#### **TYPES OF CHEMICAL REACTION**

- COMBINATION REACTION
- DECOMPOSTION REACTION
- DISPLACEMENT REACTION
- DOUBLE DISPLACEMENT REACTION
- OXIDATION AND REDUCTION /REDOX REACTION

#### **COMBINATION REACTION**

 In a combination reaction, two elements or one element and one compound or two compounds combine to give one single product. For example –

$$C(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g)$$

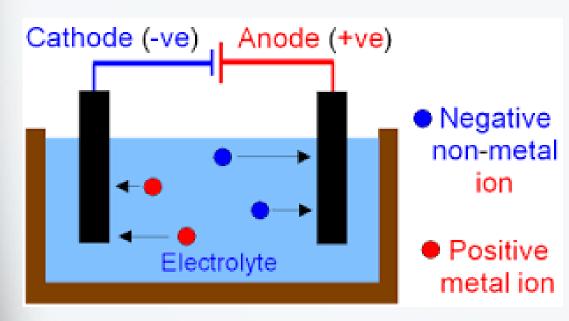
 $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(g)$ 

#### **DECOMPOSITION REACTION**

- In a decomposition reaction, a single compound breaks down to produce two or more similar substences.
- The decomposition reactions take place when energy is supplied in the form of heat, electricity or light.

## ELECTROLYSIS

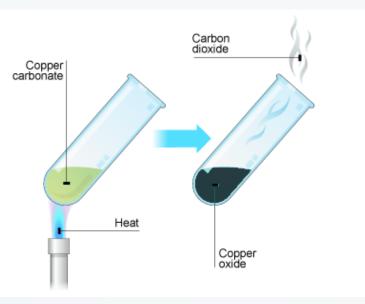
- When a substance is decomposed by passing electric current, the process is called electrolysis.
- $2H_2O(I) \longrightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$



#### THERMAL DECOMPOSITION

• When a substance decomposes on heating it is called thermal decomposition.

•  $CaCO_3(S) \longrightarrow CaO(S) + CO_2(g)$ 



#### PHOTOCHEMICAL DECOMPOSITION

 When a substance is decomposed in presence of sunlight, it is called a photochemical decomposition.

•  $2AgBr \rightarrow 2Ag + Br2$ 

## REACTIVITY SERIES OF METALS

 Reactivity series of metals is a series in which the metals arranged in the decreasing order of their reactivity.

	Reactivity Series of Metals		
	- Potassium	К	(Most reactive metal)
These metals are more reactive Aluminium than hydrogen	Sodium	Na	
	Calcium	Ca	
	Magnesium	Mg	
	Aluminium	Al	
	Zine	Zn	
	Iron	Fe	
	Tin	Sn	
	Lead	Pb	
	[Hydrogen]	[H]	
	Copper	Cu	
These metals are	Mercury	Hg	
less reactive than -	Silver	Ag	. ↓
hydrogen	Gold	Au	(Least reactive metal)

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### **DISPLACEMENT REACTION**

- In a displacement reaction ,more reactive element displaces a less reactive element from its compound or solution. For example
- Zn(s) + CuSO<sub>4(aq)</sub> ZnSO<sub>4</sub>(s) +Cu
   In the above reaction Zn is more reactive than Cu, so Zn displaces Cu from CuSO<sub>4</sub>.
- 2AgNO<sub>3</sub>(aq) + Zn(s) → 2Ag(s) + Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(aq)
   In the above reaction Zn is more reactive than
   Ag , so Zn displaces Ag from its solution.

## DOUBLE DISPLACEMENT REACTION

- The reaction in which an exchange of ions between the reactants takes place to give new products. For example
- $BaCl2(aq) + Na2SO4(aq) \longrightarrow BaSO4(s) + 2NaCl(aq)$
- The white precipitate of BaSO4 is formed
- Double displacement reaction also called precipitation reaction.

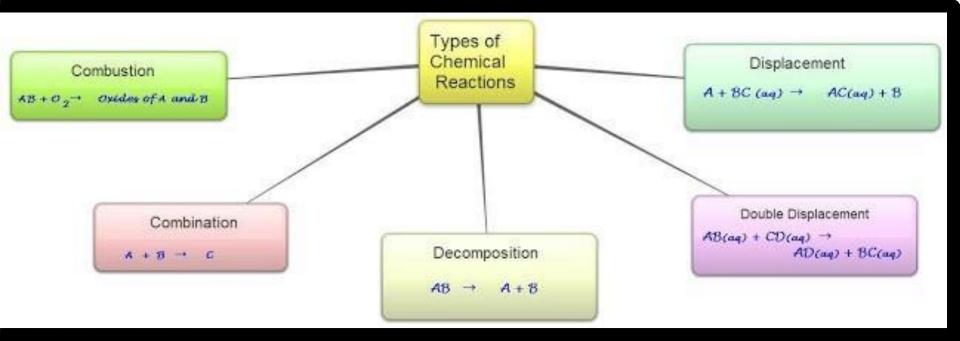
#### **PRECIPITATION REACTION**

The reaction in which precipitate is formed is called a precipitation reaction.

 $Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2KI(aq) \rightarrow 2KNO_3(aq) + PbI_2(\downarrow)(s)(yellow)$ 

 $Al_2(SO_4)_3(aq) + 3Ca(OH)_2(aq) \rightarrow 2Al(OH)_3(aq) + 3CaSO_4(s)$ 

#### A QUICKRECAP



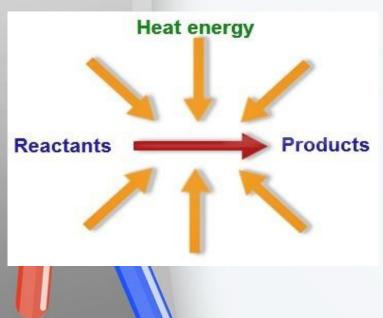


## **EXOTHERMIC REACTIONS**

- An exothermic reaction is a chemical reaction that releases energy by light or heat. Most of the combination reactions are exothermic.
   For example
  - 1. Al+Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Fe+heat 2.CH<sub>4</sub>+2O<sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ CO<sub>2</sub>+2H<sub>2</sub>O+heat 3. CaO(s) + H2O(I)  $\rightarrow$  Ca(OH)2(aq)+ heat

### ENDOTHERMIC REACTIONS

- Endothermic reaction requires or takes energy in order for it to proceed.
- Most of the decomposition reactions are endothermic.
   For example



- 1) Melting of ice
- 2)  $6CO_2+6H_2O+Sunlight \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6+6O_2$

### RESPIRATION IS A EXOTRHERMIC REACTIONS

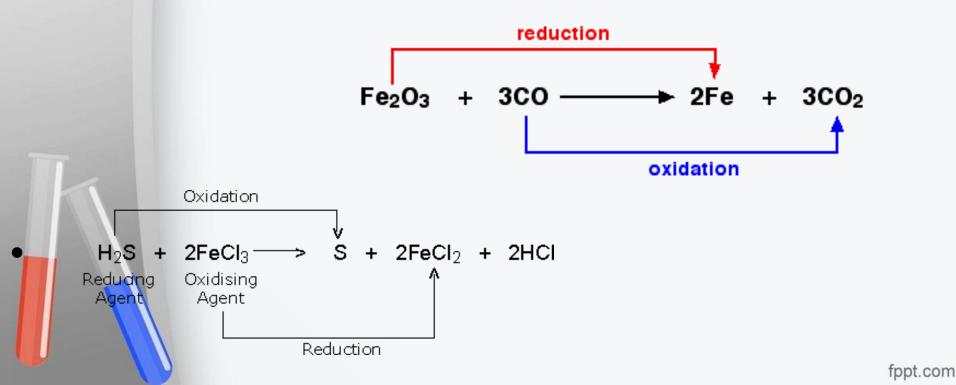
- In the process of respiration, the complex substances are broken down into similar substances and then converted to glucose. In the whole process, energy (or heat) is released.
- We know that a reaction in which heat is released along with the formation of products is known as a exothermic reaction
- Thus, from the above two points we can conclude that respiration is a exothermic reaction.

### OXIDATION AND REDUCTION REACTION

- Oxidation is
  - 1) Addition of oxygen
  - 2) Removal of hydrogen
- Any chemical substances following any these is said to be oxidised.
- Reduction is
  - 1) Removal of oxygen
  - 2) Addition of hydogen
  - Any chemical substences following any of these rules is said to be reduced.

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 Reaction involving both oxidation and reduction process, occuring simutaneously are known as redox reaction. Example



### OXIDISING AND REDUCING AGENT

- An oxidising agent is a substance which help in oxidation. In the above equation, the ferric oxide is the oxidising agent/ reduced substance.
- An reducing agent is a substance which help in reduction. In the equation, the carbon monoxide is the reducing agent/oxidised substance.
- Oxidising agents give oxygen to another substance or remove hydrogen from it.
- Reducing agents remove oxygen from another substance or give hydrogen to it.

THE EFFECTS OF OXIDATION REACTIONS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

#### 1)Corrosion

The destruction of metal layer by layer by the action of air and water is called corrosion.

 Corrosion is a natural process, which converts a refined metal to a more stable form, such as its oxide, hydroxide, or sulfide etc.



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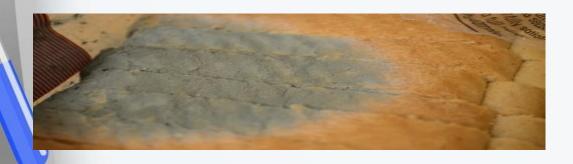
• Corrosion of Iron:

 $4Fe(s) + 3O_2(from air) + xH_2O(moisture) \rightarrow 2Fe_2O_3.xH_2O(rust)$ 

- Corrosion of copper: Cu(s)+H<sub>2</sub>O(moisture)+CO<sub>2</sub>(from air)→CuCO<sub>3</sub>.Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>(green)
- Corrosion of silver: Ag(s)+H<sub>2</sub>S(from air)→Ag<sub>2</sub>S(black)+H<sub>2</sub>(g)
- The rusting of iron can be prevented by painting, oiling, galvanizing, anodizing etc
- Galvanization is a method of protecting steel and iron from rusting by coating them with a thin layer of zinc

## 2) Rancidity

- The degradation of oil and fat containing compound in presence of oxygen is called rancidity.
- When fats and oils are oxidised, they become rancid and their smell and taste change.



### PREVENTION OF RANCIDITY

(i) Use of air-tight containers.
(ii) Packaging with nitrogen.
(iii) Refrigeration.
(iv) Addition of antioxidants or preservatives.

