

A Level Chemistry Transition Pack Moving from GCSE to A Level

*Please bring in for your first
Chemistry lesson in September!*

Chemistry Revision - TYPES OF EQUATION (Higher)

As part of your revision you should learn the general equations for the reactions studied across all topics, which you can apply to the examples. Note, Salts are named from the acids that form them, hydroCHLORIC acid makes CHLORIDES, Sulfuric acid makes Sulfates, **nitric** acids make **nitrates**, phosphoric acid makes phosphates. The reactions you should learn are:

1. Metal and acid



2. Metal and water



3. Metal carbonate and acid



4. Metal hydroxide and acid



5. Metal oxide and acid



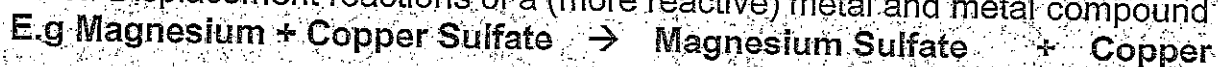
6. Metal and halogen



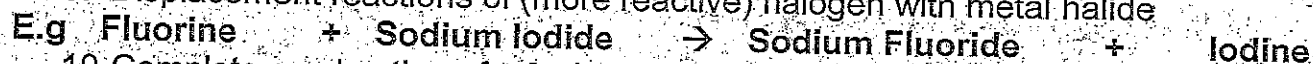
7. Hydrogen and Halogen



8. Displacement reactions of a (more reactive) metal and metal compound (salt)



9. Displacement reactions of (more reactive) halogen with metal halide



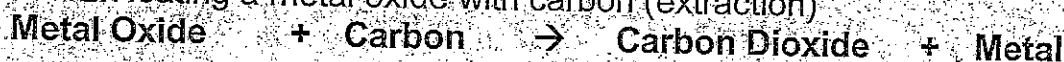
10. Complete combustion of a fuel



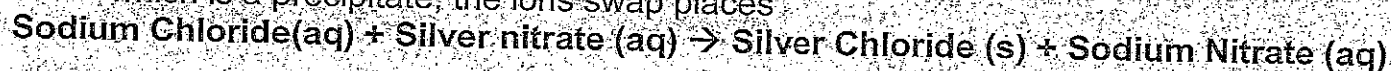
11. Incomplete combustion



12. Heating a metal oxide with carbon (extraction)



13. Precipitation –when 2 soluble salts react together to form an insoluble salt (solid) which is a precipitate, the ions swap places



TASK: Produce a summary / cue cards of these 13 reactions with 2 of your own examples, including word equations and full balanced equations. Do this and show your teacher before attempting any of the exam questions

How am I expected to know all the chemical formulae?
Some you just have to learn:

Ionic substances

Magnesium chloride	MgCl ₂
Calcium chloride	CaCl ₂
Magnesium oxide	MgO
Copper sulfate	CuSO ₄
Sodium chloride	NaCl
Potassium chloride	KCl

Simple molecular covalent / Simple molecules

Water	H ₂ O
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂
Carbon monoxide	CO
Oxygen	O ₂
Hydrogen	H ₂
Methane	CH ₄
Ethane	C ₂ H ₆
Propane	C ₃ H ₈
Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀

Acids (ionic when aqueous)

Nitric acid	HNO ₃
Sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄
Hydrochloric acid	HCl

Alkalis (ionic)

Sodium hydroxide	NaOH
Calcium hydroxide	Ca(OH) ₂

Bases (ionic)

Copper oxide	CuO
Calcium carbonate	CaCO ₃
Copper carbonate	CuCO ₃

Cont.

Other substances you can figure out

Hydrocarbons / organic substances. Learn the general formula of the homologous series and use the number of carbons to figure it out

Alkanes C_nH_{2n+2} e.g. CH_4 C_2H_6 C_4H_{10} $C_{22}H_{46}$
Alkenes C_nH_{2n} e.g. C_2H_4 C_4H_8 $C_{22}H_{44}$
(Triple) Alcohols $C_nH_{2n+1}OH$ e.g. CH_3OH C_2H_5OH C_4H_9OH $C_{22}H_{45}OH$
(Triple) Carboxylic acids $C_nH_{2n+1}COOH$ e.g. CH_3COOH C_2H_5COOH C_4H_9COOH

Ionic substances

Learn the charges on the ions, choose the correct ratio to cancel out and then have the correct formula. Learn these

Positive Ions

Hydrogen	H^+
Lithium	Li^+
Sodium	Na^+
Potassium	K^+
Magnesium	Mg^{2+}
Calcium	Ca^{2+}
Aluminium	Al^{3+}
Silver	Ag^+
Copper	Cu^{2+}
Ammonium	NH_4^+
Iron	Fe^{2+} & Fe^{3+}

Negative Ions

Fluoride	F^-
Chloride	Cl^-
Bromide	Br^-
Iodide	I^-
Oxide	O^{2-}
Hydroxide	OH^-
Nitrate	NO_3^-
Sulphate	SO_4^{2-}
Phosphate	PO_4^{3-}
Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}

Work out the formula of

Task 1 warm up

e.g. Copper nitrate Cu^{2+} NO_3^- is $Cu(NO_3)_2$

Lithium Oxide

Sodium sulfate

Calcium carbonate

Iron III means Fe^{3+}

TASK 1 – WRITING FORMULAS OF IONIC COMPOUNDS

Pb^{2+}

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) silver bromide | 9) lead (II) oxide |
| 2) sodium carbonate | 10) sodium phosphate |
| 3) potassium oxide | 11) zinc hydrogencarbonate |
| 4) iron (III) oxide | 12) ammonium sulphate |
| 5) chromium (III) chloride | 13) gallium hydroxide |
| 6) calcium hydroxide | 14) strontium selenide |
| 7) aluminium nitrate | 15) radium sulfate |
| 8) sodium sulfate | 16) sodium nitride |

TASK 2 – WRITING FORMULAS 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) lead (IV) oxide | 11) barium hydroxide |
| 2) copper | 12) tin (IV) chloride |
| 3) sodium | 13) silver nitrate |
| 4) ammonium chloride | 14) iodine |
| 5) ammonia | 15) nickel |
| 6) sulfur | 16) hydrogen sulfide |
| 7) sulfuric acid | 17) titanium (IV) oxide |
| 8) neon | 18) lead |
| 9) silica | 19) strontium sulfate |
| 10) silicon | 20) lithium |

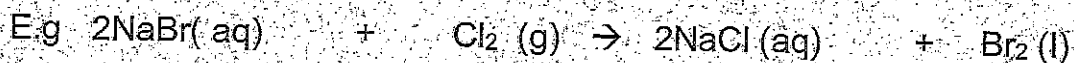
TASK 3 – WRITING FORMULAS 2

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) silver carbonate | 11) barium hydroxide |
| 2) gold | 12) ammonia |
| 3) platinum (II) fluoride | 13) hydrochloric acid |
| 4) nitric acid | 14) fluorine |
| 5) ammonia | 15) silicon |
| 6) silicon (IV) hydride | 16) calcium phosphate |
| 7) phosphorus | 17) rubidium |
| 8) diamond | 18) germanium (IV) oxide |
| 9) vanadium (V) oxide | 19) magnesium astatide |
| 10) cobalt (II) hydroxide | 20) nitrogen oxide |

All the different types of equation - explained

Type 1 – Full balanced equation

When a more reactive halogen displaces a less reactive halogen.

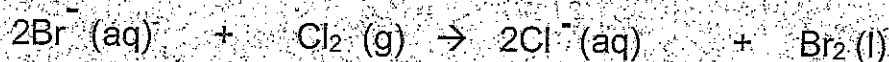


The numbers in front are called big balancing numbers and are there because of conservation of mass, the same number of atoms should be the same on the left (reactants) as there are on the right (products). They are not part of the chemical formula.

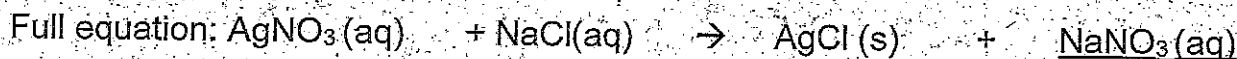
Type 2 – Ionic equation

These only include the ions that change in the reaction and ignore the spectator ions. Use the state symbols to help. In the equation above Na^+ is (aq) at the start and the end so we leave this out. We need to recall that NaBr is in fact an ionic compound made of Na^+ and Br^- ions so we must include charge!

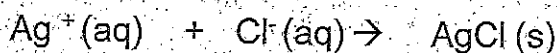
The ionic equation would become:



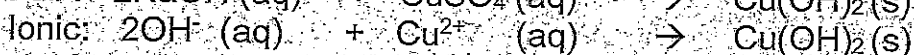
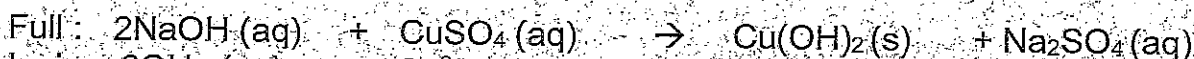
Another example would be a precipitation reaction between 2 soluble salts to make an insoluble salt- ions swap places!



To turn this into an ionic equation we need to spot that Na^+ and NO_3^- are (aq) at the start and end, so we only focus on the ions that change from (aq) to (s). These are Ag^+ and Cl^- . So the ionic equation would be:



Another example of a precipitation

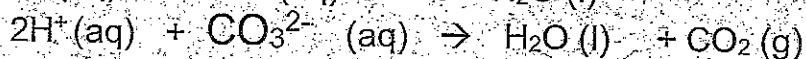


You may be asked to show **neutralisation** by ionic equations.

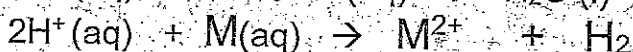
E.g. Metal hydroxide and acid:



E.g. Metal carbonate and acid:



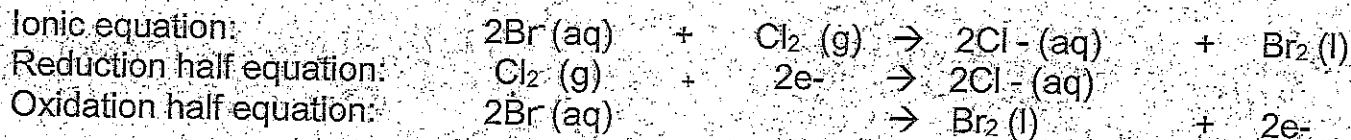
Or. Metal and acid



The ionic equations for neutralisation are the same no matter which combination of

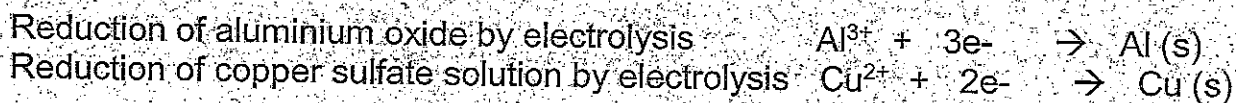
acid or base you use. Note M can represent any metal ion with a 2+ charge, e.g. Mg²⁺
Type 3 – Half equations

These are used to show oxidation and reduction (OIL RIG), when one atom or ion loses electrons, while another gains electrons. We split an ionic equation into 2 half equations; one for oxidation, the other for reduction.



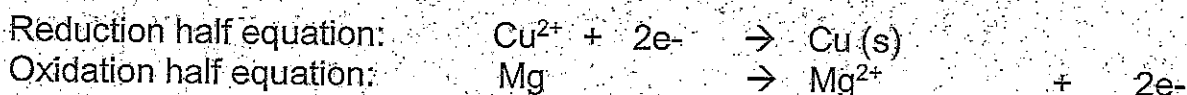
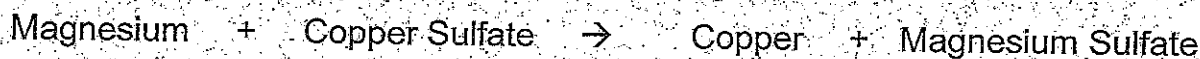
Tip: When Reduction happens, electrons are Gained so electrons go on the left. When Oxidation happens electrons are Lost and go on the right. The total charge on the left should be equal to the total charge on the right for both ionic and half equations.

Electrolysis involves reduction and oxidation at the anode and cathode so you might be asked about half equations here too. Common examples:



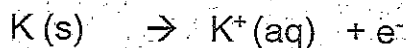
Make sure you revise the other examples of redox reactions

1) Displacement reactions of metals



2) Group 1 metals with water:

Potassium atoms lose electrons easily when they react to become K⁺ ions:



3) Halogen displacement reactions. When Iodide I⁻ becomes a brown solution of Iodine, I₂ when it reacts with Chlorine Cl₂



Task 4

Exam Questions- Do NOT complete until you have made flash / cards/ summary / mindmap. Use these to self-test yourself.

Tip: Look at the types of equation they are asking for. If you don't know the substances formed, use your summary of general equations to write a word equation *first* to figure out the products.

Q1a

When decane undergoes complete combustion, a mixture of carbon dioxide and water is formed.

Complete the balanced equation for this reaction.

(2)



Q1b

When magnesium reacts with hydrochloric acid, salt and a gas are formed.

Complete the balanced equation for this reaction.

What is the ionic equation for this reaction?

Q1c

When copper carbonate reacts with 3 products form including one gas.

Complete the balanced equation for this reaction.

What is the ionic equation for this reaction?

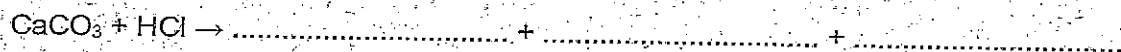
Q2.

A student investigated the rate of reaction between dilute hydrochloric acid and marble chips (calcium carbonate).

Calcium chloride, carbon dioxide and water are formed.

Complete and balance the equation for the reaction.

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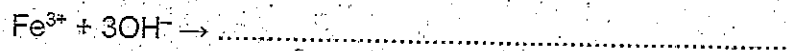


Q3.

Iron(III) ions, Fe^{3+} , react with hydroxide ions in solution to form insoluble iron(III) hydroxide.

Complete the ionic equation for this reaction.

(1)



Q4.

(b) Aluminium ions, Al^{3+} , react with hydroxide ions in solution to give a white precipitate of aluminium hydroxide.

Write the ionic equation for this reaction.

(3)

Q5.

Metals

There are many metallic elements in the periodic table.

(a) Which row of the table correctly shows two metals that are in group 1 and two metals that are transition metals?

Put a cross () in the box next to your answer.

(1)

	group 1	transition metals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	lithium and zinc	calcium and copper
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D	sodium and magnesium	manganese and nickel

(ii) Write the balanced equation for the reaction of sodium with water to form sodium hydroxide and hydrogen.

(3)

Q2.

- (a) Sodium chloride is a metal chloride which is soluble in cold water.
(i) Give the name of a metal chloride which is insoluble in cold water.

Put a cross () in the box next to your answer.

- A copper chloride
 B lead chloride
 C magnesium chloride
 D potassium chloride

(1)

Q3.

Salts

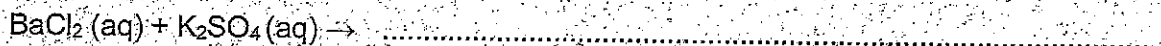
- (a) Which of the following pairs of substances contains one substance that is soluble in water and one that is insoluble in water?

Put a cross () in the box next to your answer.

- A aluminium nitrate and lead sulfate
 B ammonium chloride and copper sulfate
 C copper hydroxide and lead sulfate
 D sodium hydroxide and potassium nitrate

(1)

- (ii) Complete the balanced equation for the precipitation reaction between barium chloride and potassium sulfate.



(2)

- (iii) Write an ionic equation for the reaction above:

Q1.

Astatine, bromine, chlorine, fluorine and iodine are all halogens.
They are found in Group 7 of the Periodic Table.

- (b) Name a halogen that is a solid at room temperature

(1)

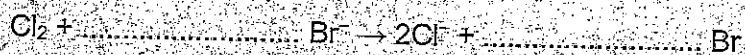
(c) Bromine can be obtained from the bromide ions in sea water.

Chlorine is bubbled into sea water.

The chlorine oxidises the bromide ions to bromine atoms.

The bromine atoms then form bromine molecules.

(i) Complete the **ionic equation** to show how bromine **atoms** are formed from bromide ions.



(1)

(ii) State, in terms of electrons, why this reaction is described as the oxidation of bromide ions.

(1)

(iii) Write a **half equation** to show how bromine atoms form bromine molecules.

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(iv) Write a **half equation** to show how chlorine molecules become chloride ions.

IONIC STRUCTURE AND BONDING (I)

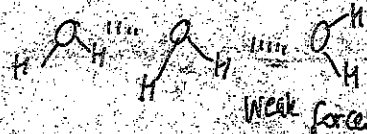


- Sodium Chloride NaCl, Magnesium Chloride MgCl₂, Magnesium Oxide MgO all salts from the acids topic
- Formed by the *transfer* of electrons to produce positive ions and negative IONS. The metal atoms loses electrons, the non-metal atom gains electrons-electrons are NOT SHARED!
- A 3D lattice structure consisting of a regular arrangement of ions held together by strong electrostatic forces between the positive and negative ions (oppositely charged ions attract)
- Always occurs between a metal and a non-metal
- High melting point (solid at room temperature 25 °C)
- A lot of energy is required to overcome /break the attraction between the positive ions and negative ions within the solid lattice
- Only conducts electricity when molten or dissolved in solution (aqueous -aq)
- When molten or dissolved (in solution) the **charged** particles (ions) can **flow** and carry current

GIANT MOLECULAR COVALENT (GMC)

- Graphite C, Diamond C, Silicon dioxide SiO₂
- Occurs between PARTICULAR non-metal atoms ONLY
- Held together (bonded) by a pair of electrons shared between two atoms -this is a covalent bond
- Very high melting point
- To melt a lot of ENERGY is required to OVERCOME **many, strong**, covalent bonds.
- Never conducts electricity (EXCEPT graphite-this has free electrons between layers)
- There are no charged particles that can flow. No ions, no free electrons (except in graphite and graphene*)

SIMPLE MOLECULAR COVALENT (SMC)



Methane CH₄, Water H₂O, Chlorine Cl₂, Bromine Br₂, Iodine I₂, Hydrogen bromide HBr, Hydrogen Chloride HCl, Fullerene C₆₀ all hydrocarbons in crude oil

Occurs between non-metal atoms ONLY

Individual Molecules are held together (bonded) by a **covalent bond**-this is a shared pair of electrons

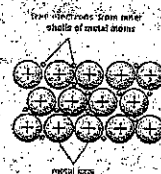
Low melting point (Liquid or gas at 25°C)

Despite STRONG covalent bonds within the molecules there are WEAK FORCES **between** molecules which don't require MUCH ENERGY to overcome. When these substances melt, the covalent bonds DON'T break

Never conducts electricity

There are no charged particles that can flow.
No ions to flow
No free electrons

METALLIC (M)



- Iron Fe, Aluminium Al, Copper Cu, Sodium Na and all alloys
- Occurs between metal atoms
- A regular arrangement of positive ions surrounded by a sea of free electrons
- High melting point (solid at room temperature 25 °C)
- A lot of **energy** is required to **overcome** the attraction between the positive ions and the surrounding free electrons (or metallic bonds are very strong)
- Conducts electricity when solid
- Good conductor of heat when solid
- When solid, *free electrons can flow and* carry thermal energy and charge throughout the solid material so it's a good conductor
- Malleable - Atoms are able to *slide over each other* without breaking the metallic bonds

Task 3 - Use the previous page for inspiration

Structure and Bonding 6 Marks - Can you apply your knowledge to answer these EXPLANATION questions?

Q1.

Explain the difference in the ability of solid sodium chloride and molten sodium chloride to conduct electricity in terms of their structures.

(6)

Q2.

* Chlorine, Cl_2 , is a simple molecular, covalent substance.

Diamond is a giant molecular, covalent substance.

Sodium chloride is an ionic substance.

Zinc is metallic.

As a result of their different structures these substances have the following different properties:

- Solid chlorine has a very low melting point but diamond, sodium chloride and zinc have high melting points.
- Diamond and sodium chloride have different solubilities in water.

In terms of the structure and bonding of these substances, explain these properties.

Q3.

(6)

* Sodium chloride and water have very different properties.

Sodium chloride is an ionic substance.

It is a crystalline solid at room temperature.

It has a high melting point.

It conducts electricity when molten or in aqueous solution.

Water is a covalent substance.

It is a liquid at room temperature.

It is a very poor conductor of electricity.

Explain these properties of sodium chloride and water in terms of the particles present and the forces between them.

Q4

(6)

Methane is a gas at room temperature.

It exists as molecules, CH_4 .

Methane has a low boiling point.

It does not conduct electricity.

Explain, in terms of the nature of its molecules and the forces between its molecules, why methane has a low boiling point and does not conduct electricity.

(6)

Organic chemistry – functional groups

At GCSE you would have come across hydrocarbons such as alkanes (ethane etc) and alkenes (ethene etc). You may have come across molecules such as alcohols and carboxylic acids. At A level you will learn about a wide range of molecules that have had atoms added to the carbon chain. These are called functional groups, they give the molecule certain physical and chemical properties that can make them incredibly useful to us.

Here you are going to meet a selection of the functional groups, learn a little about their properties and how we give them logical names.

You will find a menu for organic compounds here:

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/orgpropsmenu.html#top>

And how to name organic compounds here:

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/basicorg/conventions/names.html#top>

Organic chemistry

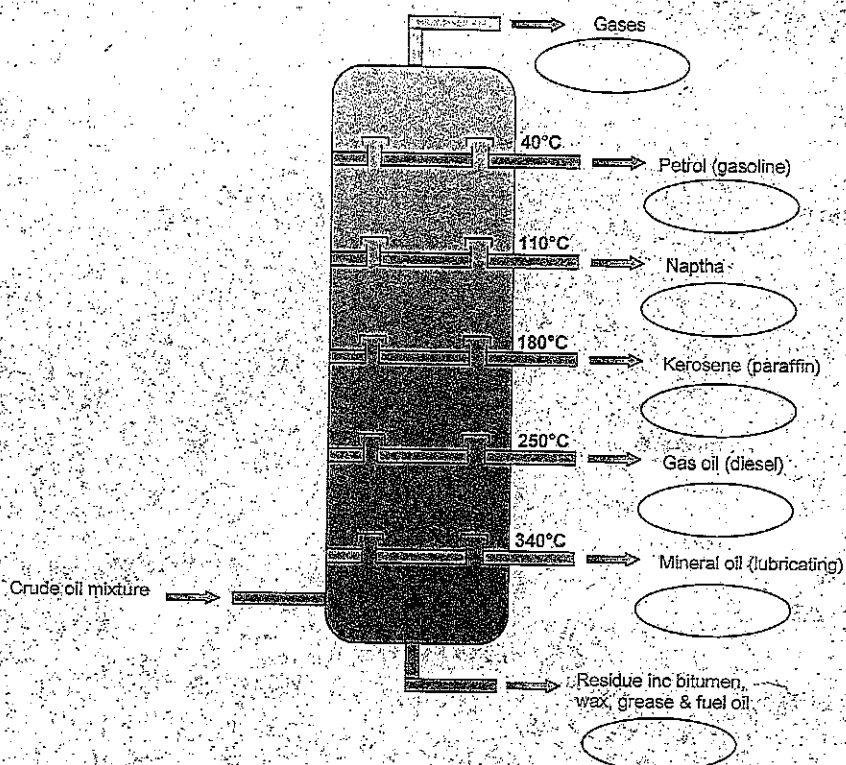
Alkanes

Alkanes are saturated hydrocarbons often used as fuels. Alkanes from pentane to octane are generally refined to form petrol and those from nonane to hexadecane refined to form diesel fuel and kerosene.

1. What is the meaning of the term saturated? (1 mark)
2. State the general formula for alkanes (1 mark)
3. Give the molecular formula for octane (1 mark)
4. Write an equation for the complete combustion of hexane (1 mark)
5. Write an equation for the incomplete combustion of hexane and state an environmental problem associated with this (2 marks)

Fractional distillation and cracking

Fractional distillation is used to separate the components in a mixture of crude oil



CH_4

Octane

LPG (propane/butane mix)

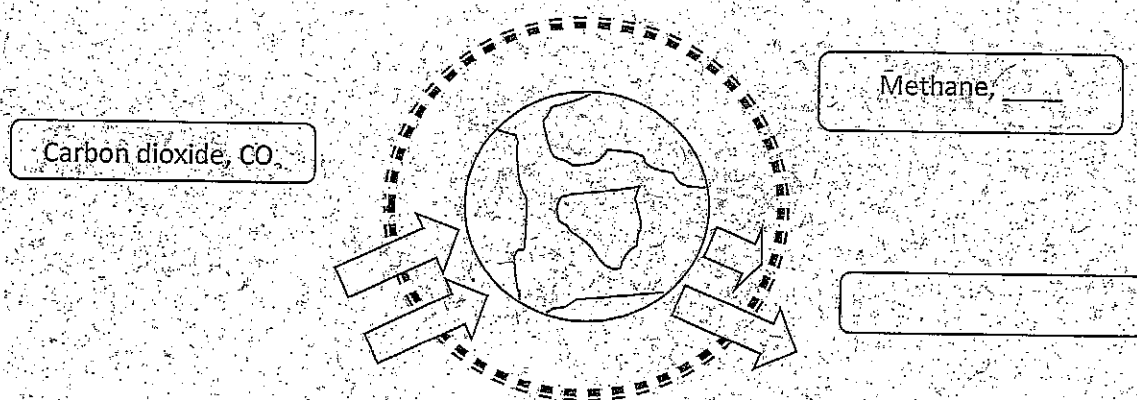
$\text{C}_{20}\text{-C}_{30}$

Fuel for ships

- The diagram shows a fractioning column.
 - Place the formulae and words in the appropriate places on the column (5 marks)

Greenhouse effect

Most scientists now believe that global warming is caused by increased levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The most widely publicised of these is carbon dioxide, CO_2 .



1. Complete the diagram with the names and formulae of the other greenhouse gases (2 marks)
2. Explain how carbon dioxide contributes to global warming by explaining its contribution to the greenhouse effect. (6 marks)

Measuring chemicals – the mole

From this point on you need to be using an A level periodic table, not a GCSE one. you can view one here:

<http://bit.ly/pixlpertab>

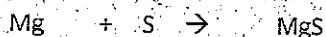


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Now that we have our chemical equations balanced, we need to be able to use them in order to work out masses of chemicals we need or we can produce.

The **mole** is the chemists equivalent of a dozen, atoms are so small that we cannot count them out individually, we weigh out chemicals.

For example: magnesium + sulfur → magnesium sulfide



We can see that one atom of magnesium will react with one atom of sulfur, if we had to weigh out the atoms we need to know how heavy each atom is.

From the periodic table: Mg = 24.3 and S = 32.1

If I weigh out exactly 24.3g of magnesium this will be 1 mole of magnesium, if we counted how many atoms were present in this mass it would be a huge number (6.02×10^{23} !!!!), if I weigh out 32.1g of sulfur then I would have 1 mole of sulfur atoms.

So 24.3g of Mg will react precisely with 32.1g of sulfur, and will make 56.4g of magnesium sulfide.

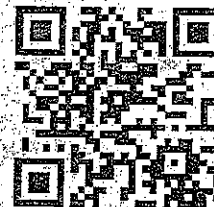
Here is a comprehensive page on measuring moles, there are a number of descriptions, videos and practice problems.

You will find the first 6 tutorials of most use here, and problem sets 1 to 3.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem9>

<http://www.chemteam.info/Mole/Mole.html>

Task 7



Q6.1 Answer the following questions on moles.

- How many moles of phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5) are in 85.2g?
- How many moles of potassium in 73.56g of potassium chlorate (V) (KClO_3)?
- How many moles of water are in 249.6g of hydrated copper sulfate(VI) ($\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$)? For this one, you need to be aware the dot followed by $5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ means that the molecule comes with 5 water molecules so these have to be counted in as part of the molecules mass.
- What is the mass of 0.125 moles of tin sulfate (SnSO_4)?
- If I have 2.4g of magnesium, how many g of oxygen (O_2) will I need to react completely with the magnesium? $2\text{Mg} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{MgO}$

Task 8
Choose One

Research activities

Use your online searching abilities to see if you can find out as much about the topic as you can. Remember you are a prospective A level chemist; you should aim to push your knowledge.

You can make a 1-page summary for each one you research using Cornell notes:

<http://coe.jmu.edu/learningtoolbox/cornellnotes.html>

Task 1: The chemistry of fireworks

What are the component parts of fireworks? What chemical compounds cause fireworks to explode? What chemical compounds are responsible for the colour of fireworks?

Task 2: Why is copper sulfate blue?

Copper compounds like many of the transition metal compounds have got vivid and distinctive colours – but why?

Task 3: Aspirin

What was the history of the discovery of aspirin, how do we manufacture aspirin in a modern chemical process?

Task 4: The hole in the ozone layer

Why did we get a hole in the ozone layer? What chemicals were responsible for it? Why were we producing so many of these chemicals? What is the chemistry behind the ozone destruction?

Task 5: ITO and the future of touch screen devices

ITO – indium tin oxide is the main component of touch screen in phones and tablets. The element indium is a rare element and we are rapidly running out of it. Chemists are desperately trying to find a more readily available replacement for it. What advances have chemists made in finding a replacement for it?

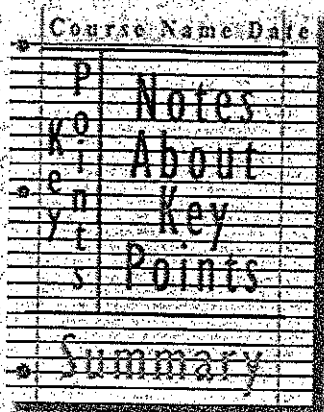


Figure 1: <http://coe.jmu.edu/learningtoolbox/images/noteb4.gif>

Optional

Videos to watch online

Rough science – the Open University – 34 episodes available

Real scientists are 'stranded' on an island and are given scientific problems to solve using only what they can find on the island.

Great fun if you like to see how science is used in solving problems.

There are six series in total

<http://bit.ly/pixlchemvid1a>

http://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x2igjq_Rough-Science_rough-science-full-series/1#video=xxw6pr

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<http://bit.ly/pixlchemvid1b>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU6DWAt259I>

A thread of quicksilver – The Open University

A brilliant history of the most mysterious of elements – mercury. This program shows you how a single substance led to empires and war, as well as showing you some of the cooler properties of mercury.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchemvid2>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t46lVxHHTA>

10 weird and wonderful chemical reactions

10 good demonstration reactions, can you work out the chemistry of ... any... of them?

<http://bit.ly/pixlchemvid3>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bt6RPP2ANI>

Chemistry in the Movies

Dantes Peak 1997: Volcano disaster movie.

Use the link to look at the Science of acids and how this links to the movie.

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/science/chemistry/dantes-peak>

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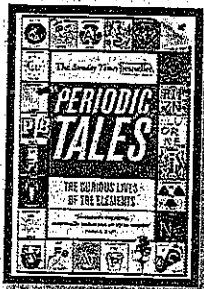
Fantastic 4 2005 & 2015: Superhero movie

Michio Kaku explains the "real" science behind fantastic four <http://nerdist.com/michio-kaku-explains-the-real-science-behind-fantastic-four/>

<http://www.flickclip.com/flicks/fantastic4.html>

Book Recommendations

Periodic Tales: The Curious Lives of the Elements (Paperback) Hugh Aldersey-Williams



ISBN-10: 0141041455

<http://bit.ly/pixlchembook1>

This book covers the chemical elements, where they come from and how they are used. There are loads of fascinating insights into uses for chemicals you would have never even thought about.

The Science of Everyday Life: Why Teapots Dribble, Toast Burns and Light Bulbs Shine (Hardback) Marty Jopson

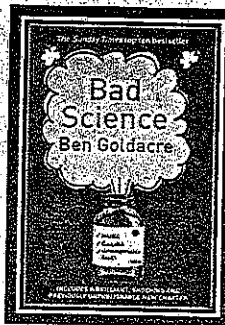


ISBN-10: 1782434186

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The title says it all really, lots of interesting stuff about the things around you home!

Bad Science (Paperback) Ben Goldacre

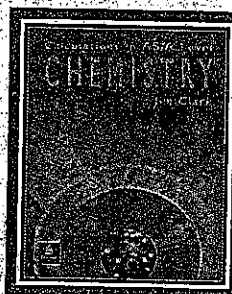


ISBN-10: 000728487X

<http://bit.ly/pixlchembook3>

Here Ben Goldacre takes apart anyone who published bad / misleading or dodgy science – this book will make you think about everything the advertising industry tries to sell you by making it sound 'sciency'.

Calculations in AS/A Level Chemistry (Paperback) Jim Clark



ISBN-10: 0582411270

<http://bit.ly/pixlchembook4>

If you struggle with the calculations side of chemistry, this is the book for you. Covers all the possible calculations you are ever likely to come across. Brought to you by the same guy who wrote the excellent chemguide.co.uk website.

Salters' Advanced Chemistry: Chemical Storylines

Do not feel you need to buy the latest edition (unless you are doing Salters chemistry!) You can pick up an old edition for a few pounds on ebay, gives you a real insight into how chemistry is used to solve everyday problems from global pollution through feeding to world to making new medicines to treat disease.