



1. What is the empirical formula of a molecule containing 65.5% carbon, 5.5% hydrogen, and 29.0% oxygen?
2. If the molar mass of the compound in problem 1 is 110 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula?
3. What's the empirical formula of a molecule containing 18.7% lithium, 16.3% carbon, and 65.0% oxygen?
4. If the molar mass of the compound in problem 3 is 73.8 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula?

Write the molecular formulas of the following compounds:

5. A compound with an empirical formula of C_2OH_4 and a molar mass of 88 grams per mole.
6. A compound with an empirical formula of C_4H_4O and a molar mass of 136 grams per mole.
7. A compound with an empirical formula of $CFBrO$ and a molar mass of 254.7 grams per mole.
8. A compound with an empirical formula of C_2H_8N and a molar mass of 46 grams per mole.

Answer the following questions:

9. The percentage composition of acetic acid is found to be 39.9% C, 6.7% H, and 53.4% O. Determine the empirical formula of acetic acid.
10. The molar mass for question #9 was determined by experiment to be 60.0 g/mol. What is the molecular formula?
11. Aniline, a starting material for urethane plastic foams, consists of C, H, and N. Combustion of such compounds yields CO_2 , H_2O , and N_2 as products. If the combustion of 9.71 g of aniline yields 6.63 g H_2O and 1.46 g N_2 , what is its empirical formula?
12. The molar mass of aniline is 93 g/mol. What is its molecular formula?
13. Calculate the mass percent of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen in acetamide, C_2H_5NO .
14. A 50.51 g sample of a compound made from phosphorus and chlorine is decomposed. Analysis of the products showed that 11.39 g of phosphorus atoms were produced. What is the empirical formula of the compound?
15. When 2.5000 g of an oxide of mercury, (Hg_xO_y) is decomposed into the elements by heating, 2.405 g of mercury are produced. Calculate the empirical formula.
16. The compound benzamide has the following percent composition. What is the empirical formula?
C = 69.40 % H= 5.825 % O = 13.21 % N= 11.57 %
17. A component of protein called serine has an approximate molar mass of 100 g/mole. If the percent composition is as follows, what is the empirical and molecular formula of serine?
C = 34.95 % H= 6.844 % O = 46.56 % N= 13.59 %



1. What's the empirical formula of a molecule containing 65.5% carbon, 5.5% hydrogen, and 29.0% oxygen?
 $\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}$ mass = 55 g/mole
2. If the molar mass of the compound in problem 1 is 110 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula? $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$
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 Li_2CO_3
4. If the molar mass of the compound in problem 3 is 73.8 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula? Li_2CO_3

Write the molecular formulas of the following compounds:

5. A compound with an empirical formula of C_2OH_4 and a molar mass of 88 grams per mole. $\text{C}_4\text{O}_2\text{H}_8$
6. A compound with an empirical formula of $\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}$ and a molar mass of 136 grams per mole. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$
7. A compound with an empirical formula of CFBrO and a molar mass of 254.7 grams per mole. $\text{C}_2\text{F}_2\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2$
8. A compound with an empirical formula of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}$ and a molar mass of 46 grams per mole. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}$

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12. The molar mass of aniline is 93 g/mol. What is its molecular formula? $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{N}$
13. Calculate the mass percent of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen in acetamide, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NO}$. %C 40.668 %H 8.533 %N 23.713 %O 27.086
14. A 50.51 g sample of a compound made from phosphorus and chlorine is decomposed. Analysis of the products showed that 11.39 g of phosphorus atoms were produced. What is the empirical formula of the compound? PCl_3
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$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3$ empirical formula

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Molecular Formula Worksheet ANSWER KEY

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- 3) A compound with an empirical formula of $CFBrO$ and a molar mass of 254.7 grams per mole. $C_2F_2Br_2O_2$
- 4) A compound with an empirical formula of C_2H_8N and a molar mass of 46 grams per mole. C_2H_8N

Percent Composition and Molecular Formula Worksheet Solutions

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Li₂CO₃ (In this case, the molecular and empirical formulas are the same, a frequent occurrence for inorganic compounds)

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10. **(CH₂O)** The molar mass was determined by experiment to be 60.0 g/mol. What is the molecular formula? **(C₂H₄O₂)**

7. Aniline, a starting material for urethane plastic foams, consists of C, H, and N. Combustion of such compounds yields CO₂, H₂O, and N₂ as products. If the combustion of 9.71 g of aniline yields 6.63 g H₂O and 1.46 g N₂, what is its empirical formula? **(C₆H₇N)** The molar mass of aniline is 93 g/mol. What is its molecular formula? **(C₆H₇N)**

Chapter 3: Worksheet #1 Mass Relationships

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C₃H₇NO₃ empirical formula

C₃H₇NO₃ molecular formula

6. Balance the following equations:



