

- 7 (a) The radioactive decay of some nuclei gives rise to the emission of α -particles.
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(i) what is meant by an α -particle,

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(ii) two properties of α -particles.

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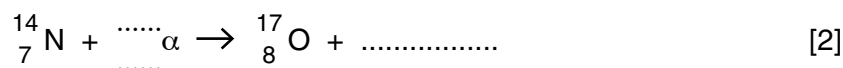
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- (b) One possible nuclear reaction involves the bombardment of a stationary nitrogen-14 nucleus by an α -particle to form oxygen-17 and another particle.

(i) Complete the nuclear equation for this reaction.



- (ii) The total mass-energy of the nitrogen-14 nucleus and the α -particle is less than that of the particles resulting from the reaction. This mass-energy difference is 1.1 MeV.

1. Suggest how it is possible for mass-energy to be conserved in this reaction.

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2. Calculate the speed of an α -particle having kinetic energy of 1.1 MeV.