

Conservation of Mass

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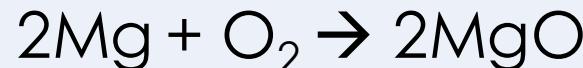
1. What is the ratio of nitrogen to hydrogen in NH₃?

1 nitrogen: 3 hydrogen or 1:3

2. What is meant by the law of conservation of mass?

The mass of reactants = mass of products in any chemical reaction.

3. Describe the following equation in words (MgO is magnesium oxide).



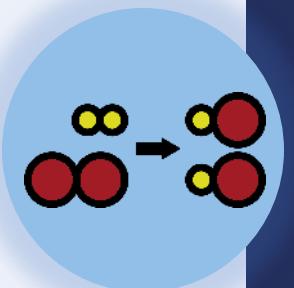
Magnesium reacts with oxygen gas to form magnesium oxide

4. State the A_r of silicon.

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5. Calculate the relative formula mass of LiF (Lithium fluoride)

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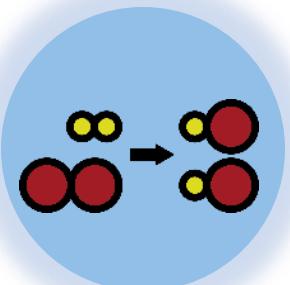
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- C3.2.1 Prior Knowledge Review
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- **C3.2.4 Conservation of Mass**
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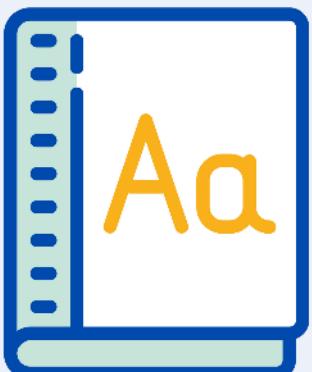
- C3.2.8 Concentration Calculations
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Following this lesson, students will be able to:

- Recognise state symbols.
- State the law of conservation of mass.
- Explain why the overall mass of a reaction sometimes appears to change.

Key Words:



products

balanced equation

conservation of mass

reactants

This is the fix-it portion of the lesson

The **fix-it** is an opportunity to respond to gaps in knowledge, especially those identified by the previous lesson's exit ticket.

- The teacher should customise this slide as needed, to facilitate
 - **reteach, explanation, demonstration or modelling** of ideas and concepts that students have not yet grasped or have misunderstood.
 - **practise** answering specific questions or of key skills.
 - **redrafting** or **improving** previous work.

Answer the questions below.

1. What is the relative formula mass for NH_3 ? (A_r : N = 14; H = 1)
 A. 17
 B. 15
 C. 45
2. Calculate the percentage by mass of carbon in C_2H_4 .
 A. 28%
 B. 85.7%
 C. 42.8%
3. Calculate the percentage by mass of carbon in carbon monoxide (CO).
 A. 18%
 B. 43%
 C. 0.43%

State Symbols

State symbols give more information about the **state** of reactants and products in a chemical equation.

(s) = solid

(l) = liquid

(g) = gas

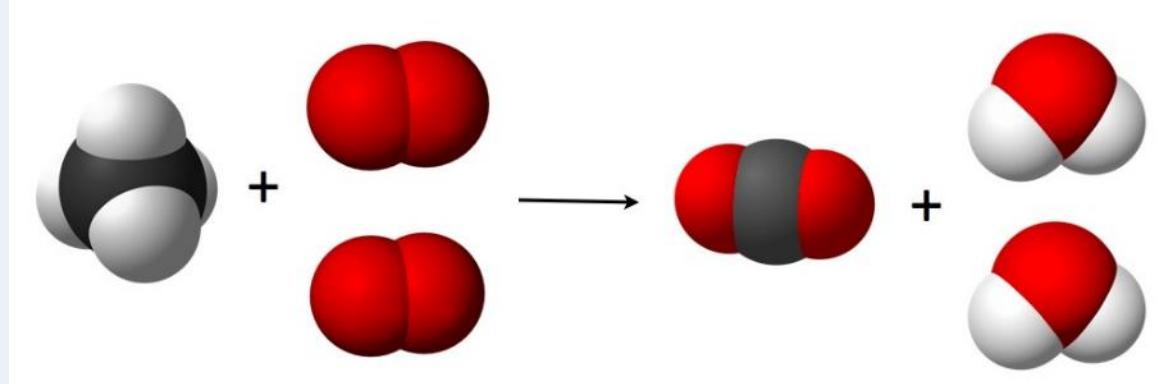
(aq) = aqueous (dissolved in water)

State symbols are always written **subscript**



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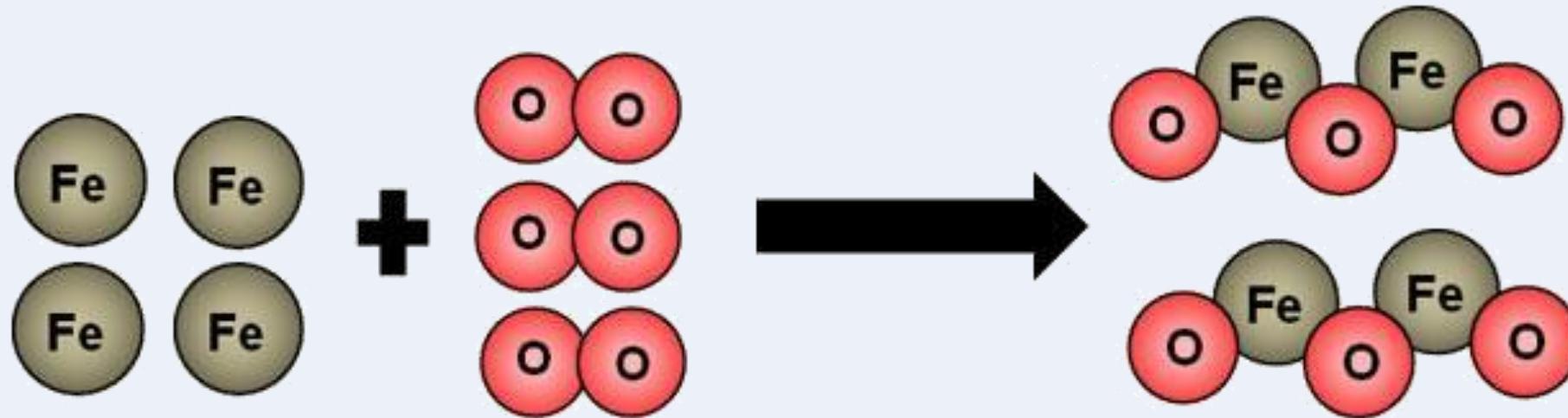
The **law of conservation of mass** states that matter cannot be created or destroyed, only transferred from one form to another.



Example sentences

1. There are the same number of each type of atom at the end of a reaction as there were at the start because of the law of conservation of mass.
2. The law of conservation of mass means that if you have 20 grams of reactants then you will have 20 grams of products.
3. Conserving mass means understanding that it cannot be created or destroyed.

Does this diagram agree with the law of conservation of mass?



This diagram does agree with the law of conservation of mass because

What is the law of conservation of mass?

- A. Atoms cannot be destroyed, just created
- B. Atoms can be made from one form into another
- C. Atoms cannot be created or destroyed, just changed from one form to another.

Does mass change when chemicals react?



What will happen to the mass on the balance during the reaction?

The mass on the balance will decrease.

But, **no atoms are lost or made** during a chemical reaction.

So why has the mass decreased?

- **Hydrogen gas is being produced.**
- **The hydrogen gas will move out of the flask.**
- **The decrease in mass on the balance will equal the mass of H₂ gas.**

So, **mass of products = mass of reactants**

This is why chemical reactions are represented by **symbol equations** which are **balanced** in terms of the **number of atoms of each element**.

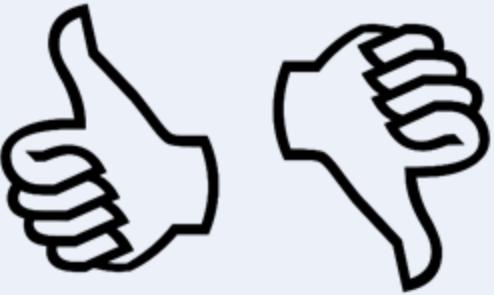


Fill in the blanks to show the meaning of the state symbols

State symbol	Meaning	Example
(g)	gas	H_2
(l)	liquid	H_2O
(s)	solid	Mg
(aq)	Aqueous (dissolved in water)	CuSO_4

Check for understanding

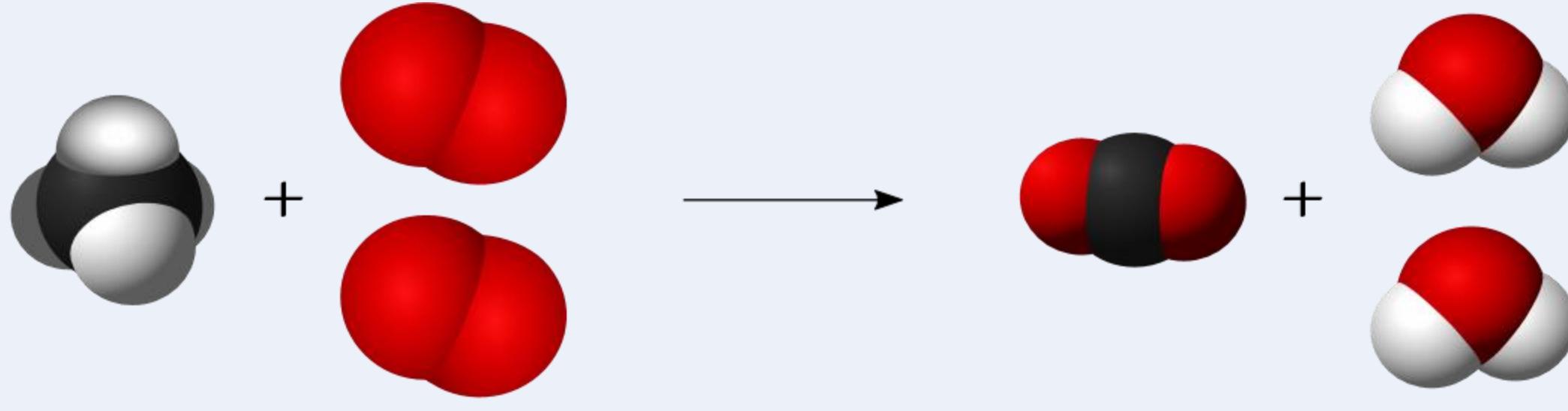
True or false?



True False

1. During a chemical reaction the atoms are rearranged. **True**
2. The mass of an ice cube decreases when it melts. **False**
3. $2\text{Al}_{(s)} + 3\text{Cl}_2\text{ (g)} \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3\text{ (s)}$ is a balanced equation. **True**
4. Gases have no mass. **False**
5. Mass is always conserved in chemical reactions. **True**

What is being shown in this image?



Words to use: conservation, atoms, molecule, two, reactants, products

Drill

1. What is the state symbol for gas?
2. What is the state symbol for liquid?
3. What is the state symbol for solid?
4. What is the state symbol for aqueous?
5. What does aqueous mean?
6. Where must you position the state symbol when writing chemical formulae?
7. What is the law of conservation of mass?
8. If I use 400 g of cake ingredients, mix them and they then undergo a chemical reaction in the oven, what will the mass of the cake be?
9. If 100 g of CaCO_3 is heated in the chemical reaction below, 66 g of CaO is produced. What mass of CO_2 will be produced?
10. If the same reaction was done on a mass balance, it would show 66 g. Why?



Drill answers

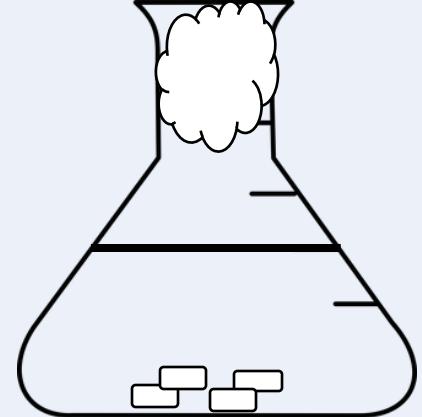
1. (g)
2. (l)
3. (s)
4. (aq)
5. **Dissolved in water**
6. **Subscript, after the chemical formula**
7. **Matter cannot be created nor destroyed, only transformed from one to another**
8. **400g**
9. **44g**
10. **CO₂ is a gas and it escaped from the container**

Check for understanding

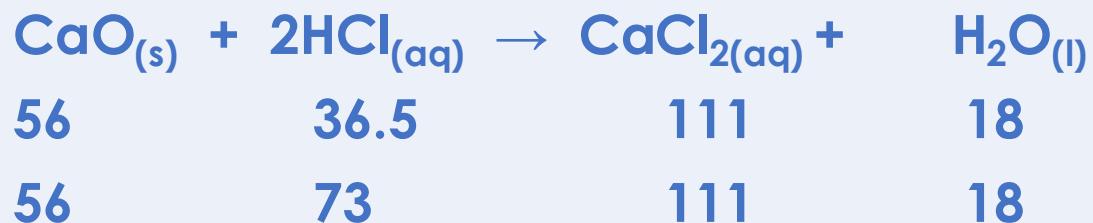
I: Conservation of mass

56g of calcium oxide reacts with 73g of hydrochloric acid.

- What is the word equation for this reaction?



- The formula for calcium chloride is CaCl_2 . What is the balanced symbol equation for this reaction? Include state symbols
- What are the relative formula masses for each reactant and product? Write these below the symbol equation.
- Now write the mass for each substance below the symbol equation



We: Conservation of mass

4.8g of Magnesium reacts with oxygen, producing 8g of Magnesium oxide (MgO).

What is the word equation for this reaction?

Magnesium + oxygen → Magnesium oxide

1. What is the balanced symbol equation for this reaction? Include state symbols
2. What are the relative formula masses for each reactant and product? Write these below the symbol equation.
3. Now write the mass for each substance below the symbol equation
4. Why is the mass of oxygen 3.2 g?



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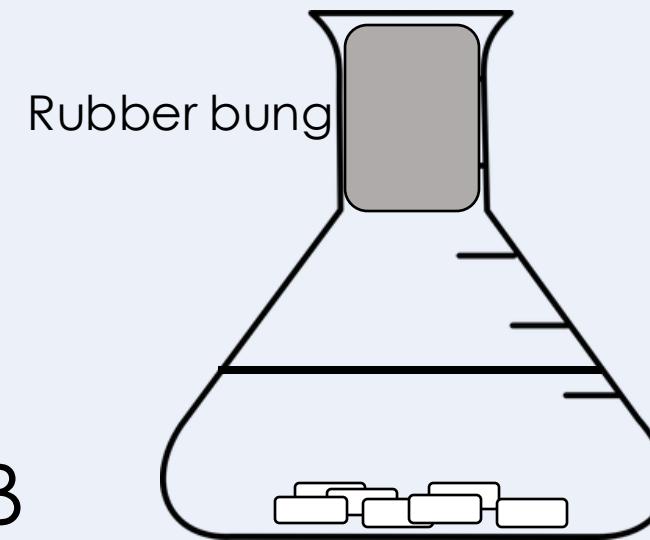
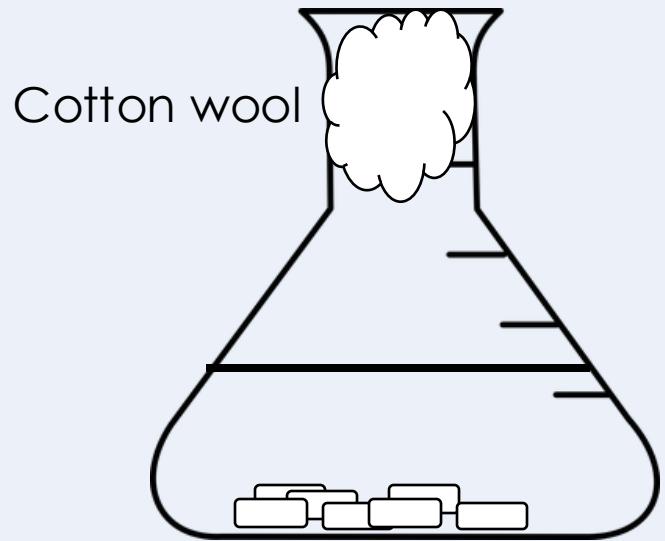
4.8	3.2	8.0
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The mass of the reactants = Mass of the products. $4.8 + 3.2 = 8.0$

You: Conservation of mass

There is a gas involved in the reaction below, which apparatus can prove the law of conservation of mass?

Explain your answer.



B is better because the bung will prevent any gases from escaping and so you can find the mass of them. The cotton wool will allow gases to escape because the gas particles are so small they can make their way through the cotton wool.

Answer the questions below.

1. If 3 g of copper oxide and 2 g of carbon dioxide were produced, how many grams of copper carbonate was broken down?



- A. 1 g
 - B. 6 g
 - C. 5 g
2. When copper carbonate is heated, the mass recorded on a balance decreases. Which of the following is **false**?

- A. The loss in mass is due to a change in state.
- B. The loss in mass is due to a formation of gas.
- C. The mass of products equals the mass of reactants.

3. Which of the following is **correctly balanced**?

- A. $2\text{P} + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$
- B. $2\text{P} + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$
- C. $4\text{P} + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

Lesson C3.2.4

What was good about this lesson?

What can we do to improve this lesson?

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