

- 9 Some water becomes contaminated with radioactive iodine-131 (^{131}I).
The activity of the iodine-131 in 1.0 kg of this water is 460 Bq.
The half-life of iodine-131 is 8.1 days.

- (a) Define radioactive *half-life*.

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- (b) (i) Calculate the number of iodine-131 atoms in 1.0 kg of this water.

$$\text{number} = \dots \quad [3]$$

- (ii) An amount of 1.0 mol of water has a mass of 18 g.

Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{\text{number of molecules of water in 1.0 kg of water}}{\text{number of atoms of iodine-131 in 1.0 kg of contaminated water}}.$$

$$\text{ratio} = \dots \quad [2]$$

- (c) An acceptable limit for the activity of iodine-131 in water has been set as 170 Bq kg^{-1} .

Calculate the time, in days, for the activity of the contaminated water to be reduced to this acceptable level.

time = days [3]