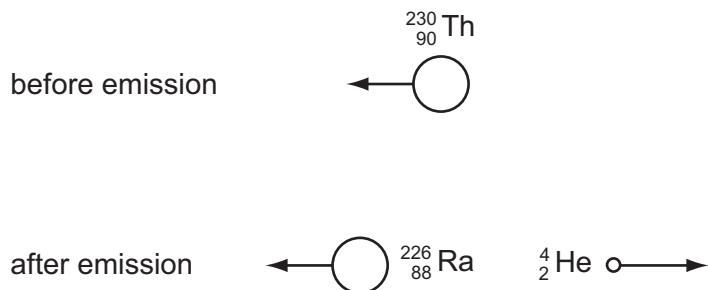


- 10 A moving thorium nucleus  $^{230}_{90}\text{Th}$  spontaneously emits an  $\alpha$ -particle. The nucleus formed is a radium nucleus  $^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}$ , as shown.



Which statement is correct?

- A The kinetic energy of the  $\alpha$ -particle equals the kinetic energy of the radium nucleus.
- B The momentum of the  $\alpha$ -particle equals the momentum of the radium nucleus.
- C The total momentum before the emission equals the total momentum after the emission.
- D The velocity of the  $\alpha$ -particle equals the velocity of the radium nucleus.

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