



Science 1206

Chemical Equations



The Law of Conservation of Mass

In any chemical reaction, mass is neither created nor destroyed.

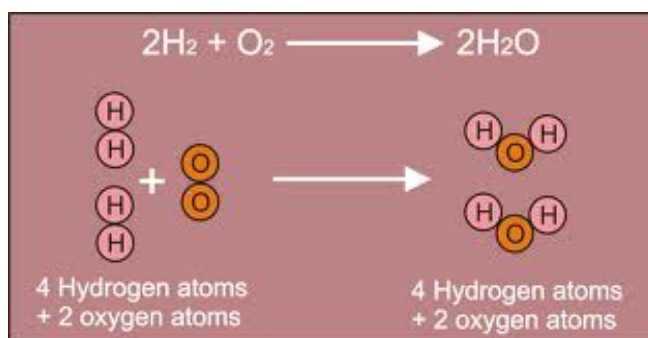
Mass is conserved or transformed.

mass of reactants = mass of products

mass in = mass out

Experimental evidence from reactions also shows:

1. Energy is conserved in a reaction
2. Atoms are conserved (atoms in = atoms out)



Chemical Equations

- Show how chemicals react to form new compounds and molecules



Reactants

Products

The number of atoms must be conserved!!!

Chemical Equations

A shorthand way of representing a chemical reaction.

This is why you've needed the naming first.

All chemical equations must:

1. Represent the correct chemical formula AND phase of each reactant and product.
(solid, liquid or gas)
2. Show that atoms are conserved by balancing their numbers on both sides of the equation.

note solutions and acids need the (aq).....

Before we start:

- Learn to count the atoms:



Ca =

N =

N =

H =

O =

S =

O =

Balancing Chemical Equations

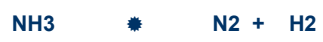
Start by balancing the atom with the highest numbers:



Note: Sometimes easier to
balance the IONS instead of
the atoms!!!





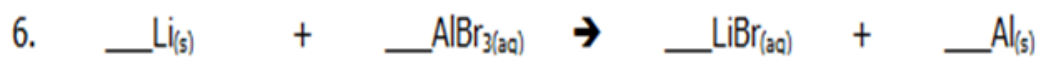


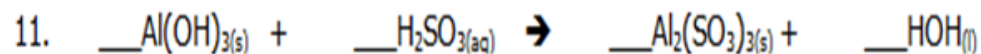
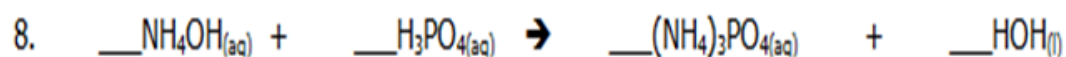


Try These:









WRITING BALANCED CHEMICAL EQUATIONS

- To write a balanced chemical equation from a statement or word equation:
 - Write the chemical formulas for all reactants and products involved
 - Arrange as Reactants → Products
 - Balance the atoms

Example

Hydrogen and chlorine react to produce hydrogen chloride gas.

Chemical Equation:

Example 2

Solid potassium and aqueous magnesium chloride react to produce solid magnesium and aqueous potassium chloride

Chemical Equation:

Practice...

1. nitrogen gas reacts with hydrogen gas to make gaseous ammonia
2. potassium nitride powder reacts with solids manganese II oxide to produce a solution of potassium oxide and manganese II nitride pellets.

Balance the following:

