CHEMICAL REACTIONS



CHEMICAL REACTIONS are a process in which substances interact, causing the formation of **new substances** with **new properties**

Equations are used to describe chemical reactions

- 1 WORD EQUATIONS
 - Names of the chemicals are written out in full

iron (s) + chlorine (g) \rightarrow iron (III) chloride (s)

- II SKELETON EQUATIONS
 - Chemical formulas are used to represent the chemicals

Fe (s) + $Cl_2(g) \rightarrow FeCl_3(s)$

Parts of the Equation

Equations have 2 sides

 REACTANTS — PRODUCTS (get used up) (formed during the reaction)

Sodium + Chlorine → Sodium chloride

- An arrow tells the direction in which the chemical reaction is going. The arrow reads as "yields, forms, or produces"
- Substances to the left of the arrow are called reactants
- Substances to the right of the arrow are called products
- If more than 1 reactant is used we use a "+" sign between them
- If more than 1 product is made we use a "+" sign between them

Example 1

Lead (II) nitrate solution is mixed with sodium chloride solution. The results produce a precipitate of Lead (II) chloride and a solution of sodium nitrate.

Word Equation:

Lead (II) nitrate solution + Sodium chloride solution --> Lead (II) chloride solid + sodium nitrate solution

Chemical Equation:

 $Pb(NO_3)_2 + NaCl \Rightarrow NaNO_3 + PbCl_2$

Equation Also Provides Details!!

It is proper to give the chemical formulas and the state (solid, liquid, gas, aqueous) of the reactants and products

$$Pb(NO_3)_2 + NaCl \Rightarrow NaNO_3 + PbCl_2$$

- (s) = Solid eg.. Fe (s) is iron metal
- (I)= liquid eg.. $H_2O_{(I)}$ water at room temperature
- (g)= gas eg.. $O_{2(g)}$ Oxygen at room temperature
- (aq)= solution eg.. NaCl (aq) salt mixed in water

ENERGY: ITS ROLE IN REACTIONS

Chemical reactions can either absorb or release energy

If absorbing energy: energy is placed on the reactant side reactants + energy products

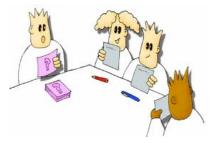
If releasing energy: energy is placed on the product side reactants products + energy

energy is usually in the form of heat or light

Example

Ex: Green copper (II) carbonate powder is heated to produce carbon dioxide gas & copper (II) oxide solid residue

Energy + CuCO₃ (s) \rightarrow CO₂ (g) + CuO(s)



Iron and Sulfur are slightly heated; the result is iron (II) sulfide plus a lot of energy. More energy is released than add to the reactants

• Word Equation:

Iron solid + Sulfur solid —> iron (II) sulfide solids + ENERGY (note the energy went where there was the greater amount)

Chemical Equation:

 $Fe_{(s)} + S_{(s)} \longrightarrow FeS_{(s)} + ENERGY$

HOMEWORK:

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Handout: 6.1 Writing Word equations