

# Reactions



# Chemical Reaction Equations



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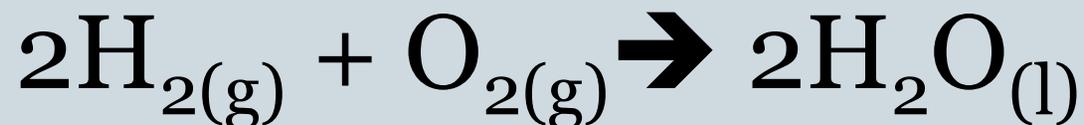
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“yield”

react to form

## Products

Everything on right



- (s)– chemical in solid form
- (l)– chemical is in liquid form
- (g)– chemical is in gaseous form
- (aq)– chemical is dissolved in water, a solution

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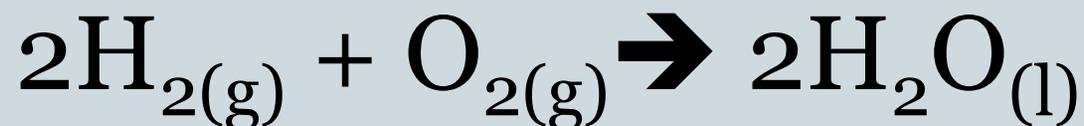
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- Subscripts tell how many atoms of each element are present in a compound or molecule
- Coefficient (larger number)
  - tell how many molecules of each compound are present
  - is used to balance the number of atoms of each element in the reactants and products

# Diatomic Molecules



- A diatomic molecule is a molecule made of two of the same type of atom.
- All of the following elements are found as diatomic molecules in nature:
  - Hydrogen
  - Nitrogen
  - Oxygen
  - Fluorine
  - Chlorine
  - Bromine
  - Iodine

# Writing Equations



- **Words to Symbols**
  - Underline reactants, circle products
  - Write the formula for each compound or element
  - Add the symbol for the state of each compound or element
  - Put the arrow between
  - Add notes about reaction conditions if applicable

# Writing Equations



- **Example:**

One way to form liquid water is to combine oxygen gas and hydrogen gas at higher than atmospheric pressure.

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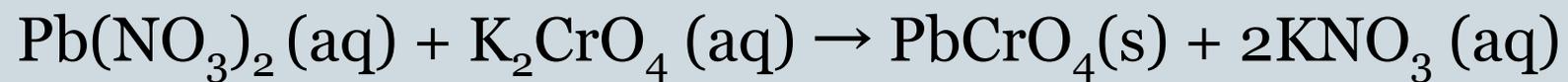


- **Symbols to Words**
  - Underline the reactants, circle the products
  - Write names for each compound or element
  - Add words to describe the state of each compound or element
  - Add the phrase “reacts to form” and any specific reaction conditions if applicable

# Writing Equations



- Example:



# Law of Conservation of Matter

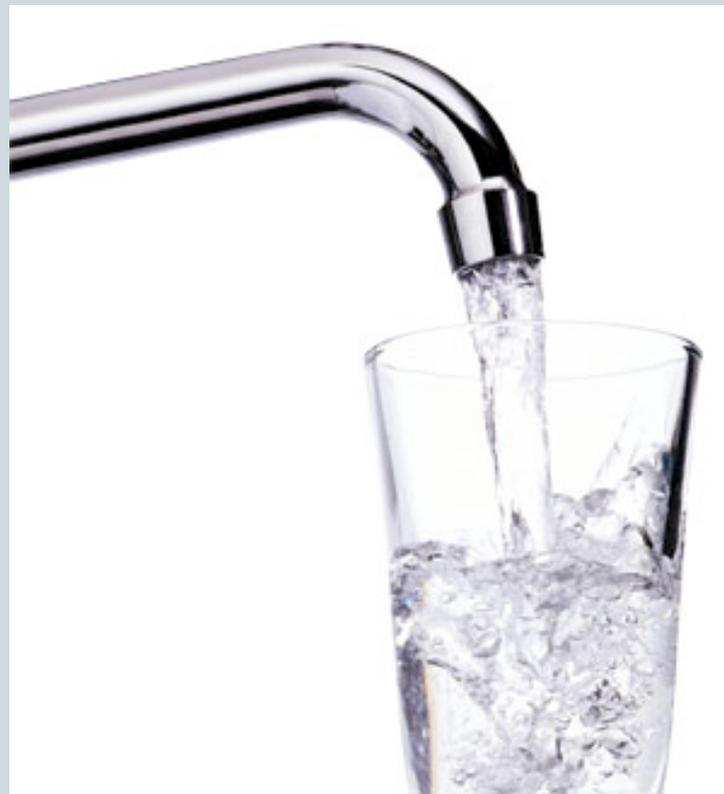
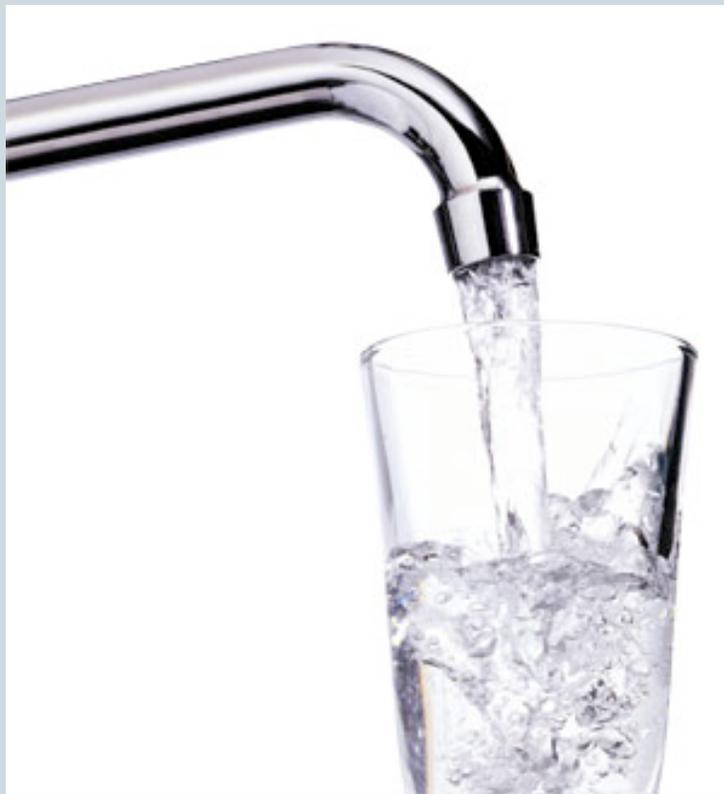


- Matter can neither be created nor destroyed
- Reaction equations are balanced to show that the law of conservation of matter is always followed
- Reactions are balanced by adding coefficients, not by changing subscripts

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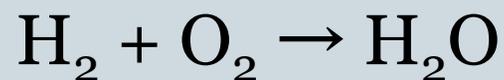


- Changing subscripts changes the chemical make up of a compound
- NEVER change the subscript on a compound in order to balance an equation
- ALWAYS add coefficients until all atoms are balanced

# Balancing Equations on Paper



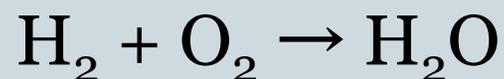
- Step 1: Count the atoms of each element and make a list.



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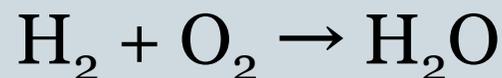
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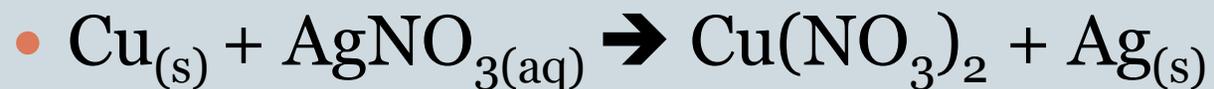
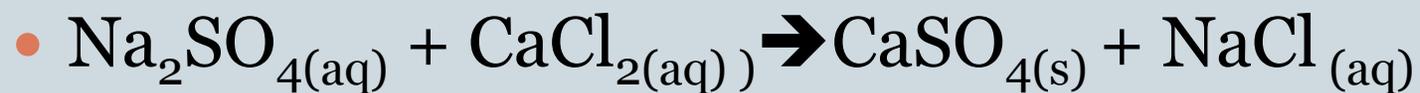


- Step 3: Be sure the coefficients are in the lowest possible ratio.



- If all coefficients are divisible by a single number (usually 2), then divide each coefficient by that number.

# Examples



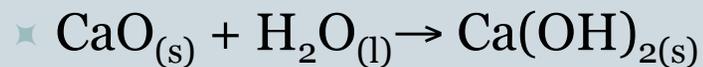
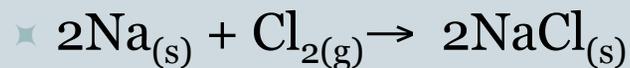
# Classifying Reactions



- **Synthesis Reactions**

- two elements combine to produce a new compound
- General Equation:  $A + B = AB$
- Identifying characteristic: **ONLY** one product

- **Examples:**





# Classifying Reactions



- **Decomposition Reactions**
  - A single compound breaks down into two or more atoms or new compounds
  - General Equation:  $AB \rightarrow A + B$
  - Identifying characteristic: **ONLY** one reactant
  - Examples:
    - ✦  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_{3(s)} \rightarrow \text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$
    - ✦  $2\text{NaN}_{3(s)} \rightarrow 2\text{Na}(\text{s}) + 3\text{N}_2(\text{g})$



# Classifying Reactions



- **Single Displacement Reactions**

- Atoms of one element replace the atoms of another element in a compound

- General Equation:  $A + BX \rightarrow AX + B$

- Identifying Characteristic: Reactants and products have one single element and one compound

- Examples:





# Classifying Reactions



- **Double Displacement Reactions**

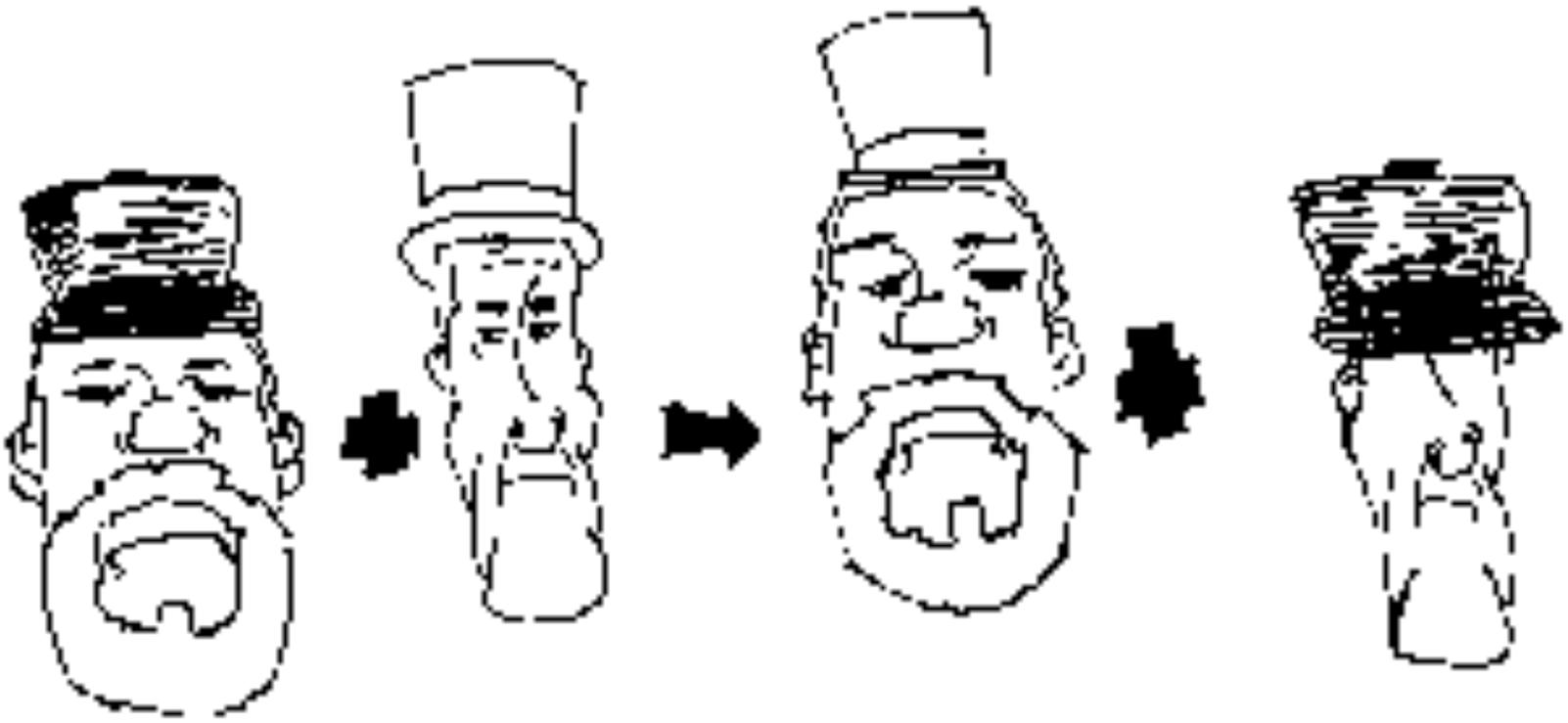
- A reaction in which the positive and negative ions of two compounds switch places

- General Equation:  $AX + BY \rightarrow AY + BX$

- Identifying Characteristic: Two compounds for reactants, two compounds for products

- Example:





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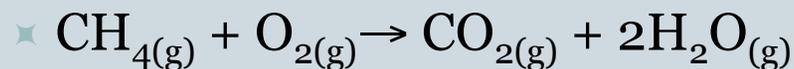
- **Combustion Reactions**

- Oxygen combines with a substances and releases energy in the form of heat and light

- General Equation: hydrocarbon +  $O_{2(g)} \rightarrow CO_{2(g)} + H_2O_{(g)}$

- Identifying Characteristic: ALWAYS  $O_2$  as one reactant, ALWAYS  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$  as products

- Examples:



# Predicting Products of Single Displacement Reactions

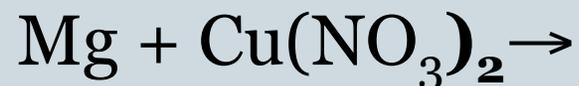
- Check the activity series
- If the single metal is higher, it will replace another metal cation in solution (the one that is part of the compound)
- If the reaction happens, write the products
- If not write NR for no reaction

## Activity Series

Lithium		Most Active
Rubidium		
Potassium		
Sodium		
Magnesium		
Aluminum		
Manganese		
Zinc		
Iron		
Nickel		
Tin		
Lead		
(Hydrogen)		
Copper		Least Active
Silver		
Platinum		
Gold		

# Predicting Products of Single Displacement Reactions

Examples:



- this reaction



- this reaction

# Predicting Products of Double Displacement Reactions



- Determine what ions are present in the solution
- Ionization- when ionic compounds are placed in water, they break apart into cations and anions
  - Example: If you have the following reactants, what ions will be present in solution?
    - ✦  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{aq}) + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow$

# Predicting Products of Double Displacement Reactions

- Predict the products by rearranging the cations and anions to form possible products



# Predicting Products of Double Displacement Reactions



- Check the solubility of both products on the solubility table and note it beside each product
  - Example:  $\text{PbCO}_3 + \text{NaNO}_3$

# Predicting Products of Double Displacement Reactions

Example:  $\text{PbCO}_3 (\text{s}) + \text{NaNO}_3 (\text{aq})$

- Make a final determination about the reaction:
  - If one product is insoluble, the reaction DOES happen and we call that solid product the precipitate
    - ✦ We also may say that it “precipitates” out of solution
  - If all products are soluble, there is NO REACTION (NR)

# Net Ionic Equations



- Only deal with the ions that change state (from aqueous to solid, gas, or decompose)
- Any ions that start in solution and stay in solution are left out of net ionic equations
- Any ions that start in solution but become solids, gasses, or decompose are included.

# Net Ionic Equations



- $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{aq}) + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{PbCO}_3(\text{s}) + 2 \text{NaNO}_3(\text{aq})$
- Write all the ions in solution
- Keep any that change state, leave out those that do not (show solid as a compound, not ions)
- Net Ionic:

# Examples



- For the following reactions:
  - Predict the products
  - If the reaction happens, write the products
  - Write the net ionic equation for the reaction

