

## CHEMISTRY 11 MOLARITY

The following are important definitions to know:

**CONCENTRATION:** the amount of solute which exists in a given volume of solution.

**CONCENTRATED:** the solution has a relatively high [ ].

**DILUTE:** the solution has a relatively low [ ].

**MOLAR**

**CONCENTRATION OR "MOLARITY"** - the number of moles of the substance contained in 1 L of solution.

**Example 1.** If 5.0 L of solution contains 2.0 mol of NaCl, what is the molarity of the NaCl?

$$M = \frac{2.0 \text{ mol NaCl}}{5.0 \text{ L solution}} \Rightarrow \boxed{0.40 \text{ M NaCl}}$$

!IMPT : 1. The unit symbol for "mol/L" is "M"

2. When expressed in words, the unit symbol M is written "molar"

3. The short-hand symbol for "molar concentration of..." is [....]

**Example 2.** If a 2.0 L solution contains 2.5 mol of NaCl, the molar concentration can be expressed in the following different ways:

$$M = \frac{2.5 \text{ mol NaCl}}{2.0 \text{ L}} \Rightarrow 1.3 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \text{ NaCl}, 1.3 \text{ M NaCl}$$

or the molarity of sodium chloride is 1.3 mol/L

**THE MOLARITY EQUATION:**

$$\boxed{M = \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}}$$

$$\therefore \text{mol} = M \cdot L \quad (\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \times \text{L})$$

$$L = \frac{\text{mol}}{M}$$

**Example 3.** What is the [NaCl] in a solution containing 5.12 g of NaCl in 250.0 mL of solution?

① Calculate the # of moles.

$$5.12 \text{ g NaCl} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NaCl}}{58.5 \text{ g NaCl}} = 0.0875 \text{ mol}$$

② Plug moles + Volume into M

$$M = \frac{0.0875 \text{ mol}}{0.2500 \text{ L}} = \boxed{0.350 \text{ M NaCl}}$$

and ML Example 4. What mass of NaOH is contained in 3.50 L of 0.200 M NaOH?

① Solve for the # of moles.

$$0.200 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \times 3.50 \text{ L} = 0.700 \text{ mol NaOH}$$

② use moles to solve for mass

$$0.700 \text{ mol} \times \frac{40.0 \text{ g NaOH}}{1 \text{ mol NaOH}} = 28.0 \text{ g NaOH}$$

Example 5. What is the molarity of pure sulphuric acid, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, having a density of 1.839 g/mL? 1.839 g / 1 mL

① solve the # of moles.

$$1.839 \text{ g H}_2\text{SO}_4 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{SO}_4}{98.1 \text{ g}} = 1.87 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$$

② convert mL to L

$$1 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mL}} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L}$$

③ M = mol / L

$$\therefore \frac{1.87 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}}{1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L}} = 18.7 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$$

Example 6. What is the molarity of the CaCl<sub>2</sub> in a solution made by dissolving and diluting 15.00 g of CaCl<sub>2</sub> · 6H<sub>2</sub>O to 500.0 mL?

① solve the # of moles.

$$15.00 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}}{219.1 \text{ g}} = 6.85 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$$

② convert mL to L → 0.5000 L

$$\text{③ solve for M} = \frac{6.85 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}}{0.5000 \text{ L}} = 0.1369 \text{ M CaCl}_2$$

**Sample Problem:** The density of pure HClO<sub>4</sub> is 1.77 × 10<sup>3</sup> g/L. What is the molarity of pure HClO<sub>4</sub>?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{H} &= 1.0 \\ \text{Cl} &= 35.5 \\ \text{O} &= \frac{64.0}{10.5} \end{aligned}$$

① solve # moles.

$$1.77 \times 10^3 \text{ g HClO}_4 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol HClO}_4}{100.5 \text{ g HClO}_4} = 17.6 \text{ mol}$$

② plug into M

$$\frac{17.6 \text{ mol}}{1 \text{ L}} = 17.6 \text{ M HClO}_4$$