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Chemistry 11 TYPES OF CHEMICAL REACTIONS

THERE ARE SIX MAJOR TYPES OF CHEMICAL REACTIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO CHEMISTRY 11:

Type 1. SYNTHESIS when two (or more) reactants combine to form a single product.

GENERIC EQUATION: $A + B \rightarrow AB$

Examples: $2\text{Na} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl}$
 $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Type 2. DECOMPOSITION when a reactant compound breaks into its component elements

GENERIC EQUATION: $AB \rightarrow A + B$

Examples: $2\text{Ag}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{Ag} + \text{O}_2$
 $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$

Type 3. SINGLE REPLACEMENT when a lone element "replaces" its counterpart in a reactant compound

GENERIC EQUATIONS: $\underline{M} + AB \rightarrow MB + A$
 $\underline{N} + AB \rightarrow AN + B$

NOT ALL ELEMENTS CAN "BUMP" THE OTHER OUT OF A CHEMICAL COMPOUND. TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A BUMPING WILL OCCUR YOU MUST REFERR TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY SERIES:

Examples:



ACTIVITY SERIES	
METALS	NONMETALS
	decreasing activity
lithium	fluorine
potassium	chlorine
calcium	bromine
sodium	iodine
magnesium	
aluminum	
zinc	
chromium	
iron	
nickel	
tin	
lead	
hydrogen	
copper	
silver	
mercury	
platinum	
gold	

Type 4. DOUBLE REPLACEMENT when two reacting compounds switch partners.

GENERIC EQUATION: $AB + XY \rightarrow AY + XB$

Examples:



TYPE 5. NEUTRALIZATION (Specialized DOUBLE REPLACEMENT) when an Acid and Base form Salt and water.

GENERIC EQUATION: $\text{HB} + \text{AOH} \rightarrow \text{AB} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$

Examples:

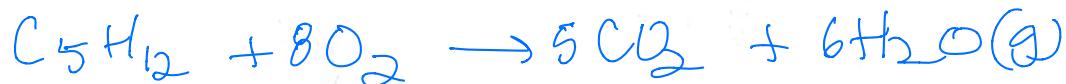


TYPE 5. COMBUSTION when a hydrocarbon "burns" in the presence of oxygen.

HYDROCARBON: a compound containing H's and C's

GENERIC EQUATION: $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \quad (\leftarrow \text{hot} \therefore \text{gaseous water})$

Examples:



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