Essay about chemical reactions



Chemical Change

- reorganization
- original substances form new substances with different formulas
- may or may not involve a change of state
- symbols used to describe chemical reaction are known as a chemical equation
 Chemical equations do not have equal signs (=) they have an arrow

Chemical Equations

- Must follow the Law of Conservation of Matter
- atoms can neither be created or destroyed during a chemical reaction
- What goes in must come out!

Chemical Equations

 Reactants = Products same number of atoms of each element on each side of the reaction arrow

Equations must be balanced!

- other symbols
- (s)solid
- (I)liquid
- (g)gas
- (aq)aqueous, dissolved inwater

Balancing Chemical Equations

First check all ionic formulas to see if they are correct! Five steps to balancing equations

- 1. Count the number of atoms of each element (or polyatomic ion) on the reactant side and then on the product side. You may want to use a chart or table.
- 2. Determine which are out of balance these need to be balanced
- 3. Pick an element or polyatomic ion to start with...
- 4. Balance using coefficients. Do not use coefficients of 1. No changes may be made to the subscripts use least common multiples.
- 5. Check and recheck!
- Practice balancing these equations
- H2(g) + O2(g) > H2O KCl + BaSO4 > K2SO4 + BaCl2 Types of Chemical Reactions
- Combination / Direct Combinationsynthesis
- 2Na(s) + Cl2(g) > 2 NaCl(s)

Single Displacement

- single substitution
- anion always replaces anion
- cation always replaces cation Mg + 2 HCl > MgCl2 + H2
- Complete the following Single Displacement (formula is correct) Al + CuSO4

Double Displacement

- 2 substitutions
- ion-exchange
- MgSO4 + BaCl2 > BaSO4 + MgCl2
- What are the expected products of MgSO4 + BaCl2
- KOH + MgCl (check formulas and complete)

Decomposition

HgO > Hg + O2 (balance) • 2 HgO > 2 Hg + O2 • carbonic acid in lab activity

Oxidation / Reduction

oxidize iron into rust 4Fe + 3O2 (2Fe2O3 Oxidation reactions • add O
(or remove H)

Reduction reactions

- add H (or remove O) Redox reaction
- Combination of oxidation and reduction

Practice

- How many grams of diatomic oxygen (O2) are needed to make 4 moles of magnesium oxide (MgO) from magnesium ribbon (Mg)?
- Hint balance equation and use coefficient as mole.

Energy in a Chemical Reaction Endothermic

- heat in
- requires activation energy
- A + B + 100kcal => C + D

Exothermic

- heat out
- A + B => C + D + 100 kcal