



# Knowledge Organiser: Year 8

## Chemical Reactions Part I

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### Conservation of mass

In a chemical reaction, there is no change in mass because the total number of atoms stays the same.

If the mass appears to have gone up, one of the **reactants** was a gas.

If the mass appears to have gone down, one of the **products** was a gas.

### Chemical & Physical Reaction

**Chemical changes** happen when chemical reactions occur. They involve the formation of new chemical elements or compounds.  
E.g. Iron will react with oxygen to form Iron Oxide (rust).

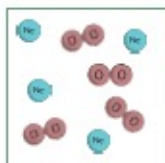
**Physical changes** do not lead to new chemical substances forming. In a physical change, a substance simply changes physical state. E.g. A solid to a liquid.



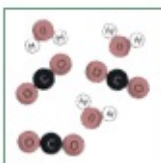
### Mixtures

A mixture is a substance consisting of two or more substances not chemically combined together. You can have mixtures of elements, mixtures of compounds or mixtures containing both.

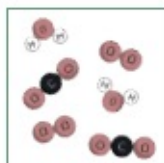
In a particle diagram of a mixture, not all of the molecules shown will be touching each other or be joined by sticks representing the bonds.



mixture of elements



mixture of compounds



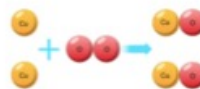
mixture of elements and compounds

### Oxidation Reactions

In an oxidation reaction, a substance gains oxygen. Metals and non-metals can take part in oxidation reactions.

Metals react with oxygen in the air to produce metal oxides. For example, copper reacts with oxygen to produce copper oxide when it is heated in the air.

Copper + Oxygen → Copper Oxide  
 $2\text{Cu} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CuO}$



### Thermal Decomposition

Some compounds break down when heated, forming two or more products from one reactants.

Many metal carbonates can break down easily when it is heated:  
**Copper Carbonate → Copper Oxide + Carbon Dioxide**

Copper carbonate is green, copper oxide is black. We can test for carbon dioxide using limewater. Limewater is colourless, but turns cloudy when carbon dioxide is bubbled through it.

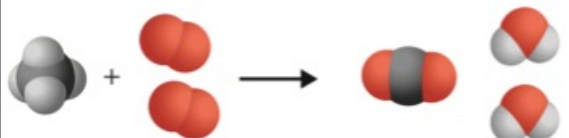
### What are combustion reactions?

Fuels burn in chemical reactions. Burning is also called **combustion**. In a combustion reaction, a substance reacts with oxygen, and energy is transferred to the surroundings as heat and light.

The fuel methane is a compound of carbon and hydrogen. Its chemical formula is  $\text{CH}_4$ . When it burns, it reacts with oxygen from the air. The reaction makes two products, carbon dioxide and water:

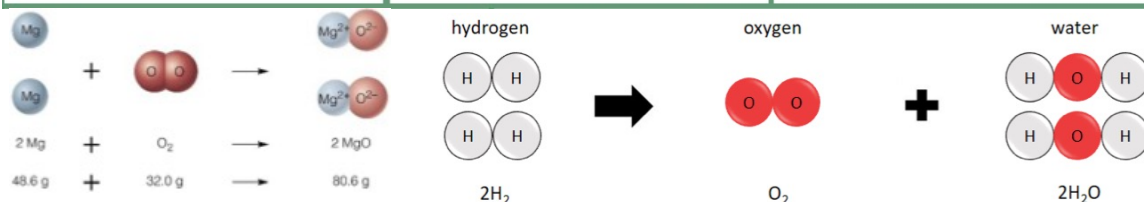
methane + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

The particle diagram below represents this reaction. It shows that one molecule of methane reacts with two molecules of oxygen to make one molecule of carbon dioxide and two molecules of water.



Petrol is a mixture of compounds. Most of its compounds consist of atoms of hydrogen and carbon. Petrol makes mainly carbon dioxide and water when it burns in car engines.

Elements	Compounds	Compound Formulae
<p>An element is a substance that cannot be broken down into other substances. The smallest part of an element that can exist is an atom.</p> <p>Each element is represented by a symbol. The first letter of the symbol is always capitalised, any following letters are lower case.</p> <p>The symbols for the elements are arranged on the periodic table.</p>	<p>A compound is a substance made when two or more elements are chemically bonded together.</p> <p>A compound can be represented by a diagram. The atoms are shown touching each other or joined by a stick that represents a bond.</p>	<p>The formula of a compound tells you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which elements the compound is made from.</li> <li>how many atoms of each element there are.</li> </ul>
<p>atomic mass → 23</p> <p>element symbol → Na</p> <p>element name → Sodium</p> <p>atomic number → 11</p>	<p>Water is a compound made from one oxygen atom and two hydrogen atoms. Its formula is <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>.</p>	<p>Carbon dioxide has the formula <math>\text{CO}_2</math>.</p> <p>C is the symbol for carbon. There are no subscript numbers after the C, so we know there is only one atom of carbon in the compound.</p> <p>O is the symbol for oxygen. There is a subscript 2 after the O, so we know there are two atoms of oxygen in the compound.</p>





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1	Chemical Reactions Part I	8

Tier 2 'unlocking' language	Tier 3 subject relevant language
Reactant	Oxidation
Product	Aqueous
Molecule	Combustion
Thermal	Decompose
Chemical	Reversibility
Balancing	Formulae
Rearrangement	Conservation
Equations	Precision



# Knowledge Organiser: Year 8 – Acids and Alkalis

## Acids and alkalis

**Acids and alkalis** are special solutions which are chemical opposites to each other.

If a solution is between acid and alkaline it is **neutral**.

Acids and alkalis can be:

**concentrated**



Lots of acid/alkali particles for the amount of water.

**dilute**



A small number of acid/alkali particles in the same amount of water.

Acids and alkalis are **corrosive**

This means that they can cause burns if they get on your skin.



Acids and alkalis can be extremely dangerous, depending on the type of acid/alkali and its concentration.

As a general rule the more concentrated the solution, the more dangerous it can be.

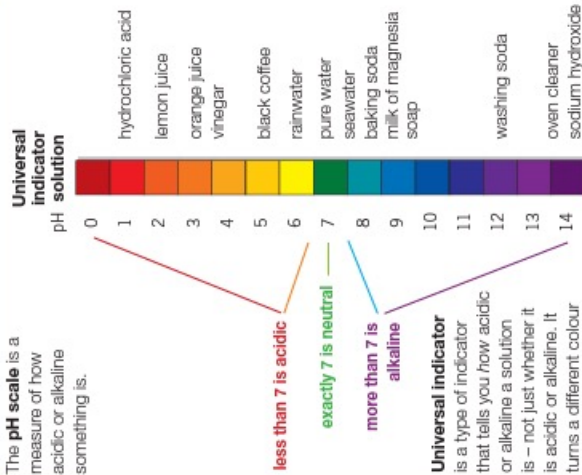
## Indicators

If you want to know if something is acidic or alkaline, you need to use an **indicator**. Indicators contain a dye that turns different colours in acidic and alkaline solutions.

**Litmus** paper is a type of indicator. It can be either **pink** paper or **blue** paper.

- in acid – **blue** paper turns **pink**
- in alkali – **pink** paper turns **blue**

The **pH scale** is a measure of how acidic or alkaline something is.



**Universal Indicator**

is a type of indicator that tells you how acidic or alkaline a solution is – not just whether it is acidic or alkaline. It turns a different colour at each pH – the pH scale shows the colours of universal indicator in solutions of different pH.

## Reactions with acids

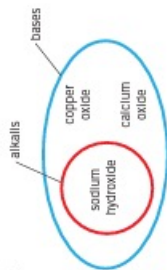
When an acid reacts with a metal element or compound a **salt** is formed. The hydrogen atoms of the acid are replaced with atoms of the metal element.



A **base** is a compound that can react with an acid to make a neutral solution.

This is called **neutralisation**.

Bases that are soluble in water are **alkalis**.



Neutralisation reactions produce water and a salt.



for example,



Metals can also react with acids, but they produce a salt and hydrogen gas.

for example,



## Naming salts

The name of the metal comes first, for example, **magnesium** chloride.

Different acids produce different types of salt:

- hydrochloric acid produces metal **chlorides**
- sulfuric acid produces metal **sulfates**
- nitric acid produces metal **nitrates**

## Key terms

Make sure you can write definitions for these key terms.

acid    alkali    base    concentrated    corrosive    dilute    indicator    litmus    neutral    neutralisation    pH scale    salt    universal indicator

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2	Acids and Alkalis	8

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Acid	Ions
Alkali	Neutralisation
Reactant	PH
Strong	Equation
Weak	Oxidised
Concentration	Reduced
Dilute	Base
Scale	Logarithmic



Cooling curve of a pure substance

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3	Periodic Table	8

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Periods	Boiling Point
Groups	Melting Point
Elements	Displacement
Molecules	Inert
Bonding	Halogen
Structure	Noble
Reactivity	Distinction
Organised	Atomic Mass

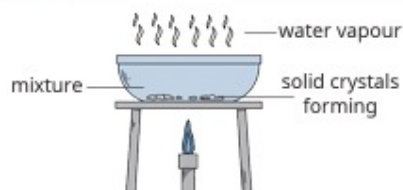


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## Separating Substances

KEYWORD	DEFINITION
<b>Chromatogram</b>	An image obtained from a chromatogram.
<b>Chromatography</b>	A technique to separate mixtures of liquids (often coloured) that are soluble in the same solvent.
<b>Dissolve</b>	The complete mixing of a solute with a solvent to make a solution.
<b>Distillation</b>	A technique that uses evaporation and condensation to obtain a solvent from a solution.
<b>Filtrate</b>	The liquid or solution that collects in the container after the mixture has passed through the filter paper.
<b>Filtration</b>	A way of separating pieces of solid that are mixed with a liquid or solution by pouring through filter paper.
<b>Insoluble</b>	Cannot dissolve in a given substance.
<b>Mixture</b>	A mixture is made up of two or more pure substances that are mixed (not chemically joined) together.
<b>Pure substance</b>	A single material with no other substances mixed with it.
<b>Residue</b>	The solid that collects in the filter paper during filtration.
<b>Saturated solution</b>	A solution in which no more solute can dissolve.
<b>Solubility</b>	The maximum mass of solute that dissolves in a certain volume or mass of solvent.
<b>Solubility curve</b>	A graph showing the change in solubility of a substance with temperature.
<b>Soluble</b>	Can dissolve in a given solvent.
<b>Solute</b>	The solid or gas that is dissolved in a liquid.
<b>Solvent</b>	A substance (normally a liquid) that dissolves another substance.

### Evaporation



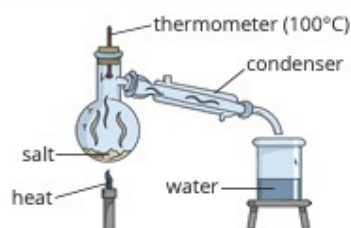
### Filtration



This method is used to separate an **insoluble solid** from a **liquid**. The solution is passed through a filter paper and a funnel.

The **residue** remains in the filter paper, and the part which passes through the filter is called the **filtrate**. A mixture of sand and water can be separated by filtration.

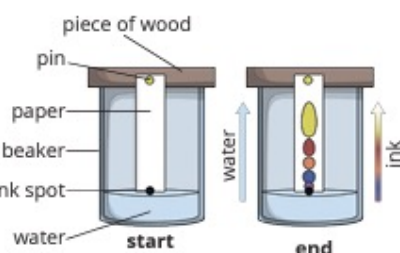
### Distillation



This method is used to separate a solvent from a solution. It can separate the same type of solution as in evaporation, e.g. salt water, but retrieving the other component of the mixture.

As the water is **heated** and evaporates from the flask, it flows upwards and into the **condenser**. The condenser is surrounded by cool water which causes the water vapour to **condense** back into a liquid, this flows down the tube and into the beaker. The water collected in the beaker is **distilled water**.

### Chromatography

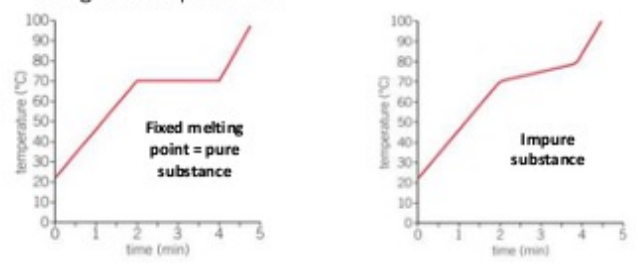


**Chromatography** can be used to separate, for example, different dyes in ink. The colours are separated because they have varying **solubilities**.

The separate inks are carried different distances up the **stationary phase** (filter paper) by the **mobile phase** (solvent).

### PURE SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURES

- Chemists make mixtures suitable to specific purposes (e.g. toothpaste and paint); they work out the best amounts of each substance to add to the mixture.
- A pure substance has a fixed melting and boiling point.
- An impure substance (mixture) will melt/boil over a range of temperatures.



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Filter	Distillation
Condense	Chromatography
Evaporate	Crystallisation
Purity	Solubility
Dissolving	Solvent
Residue	Solute
Mixture	Filtrate
Elements	Saturated