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Chemistry Topic C4 Chemical changes

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Section 1: Key Terms

Displacement reaction	A more reactive metal will displace a less reactive metal from a compound . e.g. Iron is more reactive than copper hence will displace copper from solution. $\text{Fe(s)} + \text{CuSO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{FeSO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{Cu(s)}$
Oxidation	Two definitions: Chemicals are oxidised if they gain oxygen in a reaction. Chemicals are oxidised if they lose electrons in a reaction. (HT)
Reduction	Two definitions: Chemicals are reduced if they lose oxygen in a reaction. Chemicals are reduced if they gain electrons in a reaction. (HT)
Acid	A chemical that dissolves in water to produce H⁺ ions . Acids are proton donors
Base	A chemical that reacts with acids and neutralises them. E.g. metal oxides, metal hydroxides, metal carbonate
Alkali	A soluble base that produces OH⁻ ions in solution.
Neutralisation	When a neutral solution is formed from reacting an acid and alkali . Ionic equation: $\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$
pH	A scale to measure acidity/ alkalinity . A 10x increase in concentration of H ⁺ ions causes a decrease of one pH unit (HT)
Strong acid (HT)	Strong acids completely ionise in solution. E.g. hydrochloric, nitric and sulfuric acids.
Weak acid (HT)	A weak acid is only partially ionised in solution. E.g. ethanoic, citric and carbonic acids.

Section 2: The Reactivity Series

Metals can be placed in order of reactivity by their reactions with water and dilute acid. Hydrogen gas is given off when metals react with acid or water. The gas gives a squeaky pop with a lighted spill.

Element	Reaction with water	Reaction with acid	Reactivity
Potassium	Potassium melts , floats & moves around very quickly. It sets on fire with a lilac flame . Alkaline solution forms.	Explodes	↑
Sodium	Sodium melts to form a ball that moves around on the surface. It fizzes rapidly . Alkaline solution forms.	Explodes	
Lithium	Lithium floats. It fizzes steadily and becomes smaller. Alkaline solution formed.	Explodes	
Calcium	It fizzes steadily leaving an alkaline solution.	Fizzes quickly with dilute acid .	
Magnesium	Very slow reaction	Fizzes quickly with dilute acid .	
(Carbon)			
Zinc	Very slow reaction	Bubbles slowly with dilute acid .	
Iron	Very slow reaction	Very slow reaction with dilute acid .	
(Hydrogen)			
Copper	No reaction	No reaction	
Silver	No reaction	No reaction	
Gold	No reaction	No reaction	

Section 3: Extracting Metals

Very unreactive metals e.g. Silver and gold	Found naturally in the ground. Extracted using mining .
Metals less reactive than carbon e.g. Zinc, Iron & Lead	Metals less reactive than carbon can be extracted from their ores by reduction using carbon, coke or charcoal. $2\text{PbO(s)} + \text{C(s)} \rightarrow 2\text{Pb(s)} + \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$ Carbon has displaced lead from its oxide because carbon is more reactive than lead. This extraction takes place in a blast furnace at high temperature.
Metals less reactive than hydrogen e.g. Tungsten	Metals less reactive than hydrogen can be extracted from their ores by reduction using hydrogen. Tungsten is obtained from its oxide by reduction using hydrogen. $\text{WO}_3\text{(s)} + 3\text{H}_2\text{(g)} \rightarrow \text{W(s)} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O(g)}$
Metals more reactive than carbon e.g. Aluminium	Extracted by electrolysis .

Section 4a: Salts from metals (neutralisation reactions)

With metal	Acid + Metal \rightarrow Salt + Hydrogen $2\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{Fe(s)} \rightarrow \text{FeCl}_2\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$
With alkali	Acid + Metal Hydroxide \rightarrow Salt + Water $\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
With metal oxide	Acid + Metal Oxide \rightarrow Salt + Water $2\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{MgO(s)} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
With carbonate	Acid + Metal Carbonate \rightarrow Salt + Water + Carbon Dioxide $2\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{CaCO}_3\text{(s)} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$

Section 4b: Making a Soluble Salt

A salt is a compound formed when the hydrogen in an acid is wholly, or partially, replaced by metal or ammonium ions.

Salts are made when a suitable metal, metal carbonate, metal oxide or metal hydroxide is reacted with acid.

Crystallisation

Pure dry crystals can be obtained from solution by:

- **Add solid** metal, metal carbonate, metal oxide or metal hydroxide **to an acid**.
- Add solid **until no more reacts** (saturated solution).
- **Filter** off excess solid.
- **Evaporate** to remove some of the water.
- Leave to **crystallise**.
- Filter the crystals
- Leave to dry **in air**/in a **desiccator/oven**.

Evaporation

When you react an acid with an alkali, you need to be able to tell when the acid and alkali **have completely reacted**. Then you can collect pure dry crystals of the salt.

- Carry out an **acid/alkali titration** using an indicator to see how much acid **reacts completely** with alkali
- **Run that volume of acid again** into solution of alkali but **without indicator**.
- Pour solution into evaporating basin
- Heat
- **Leave to crystallise** / boil off water

Section 5: Strong and weak acids

Aqueous solutions of **weak acids have higher pH** than solutions of **strong acids with the same concentration**. Strong acids **completely ionise** in solution to produce hydrogen ions. e.g. $\text{HCl(aq)} \rightarrow \text{H}^+\text{(aq)} + \text{Cl}^-\text{(aq)}$

Weak acids **only partially ionise** in solution. The reaction is **reversible** (unlike the ionisation of strong acids.) So as the molecules of the weak acid split up to form its ions, the ions recombine to form the original molecule.

e.g. Ethanoic acid: $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH(aq)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-\text{(aq)} + \text{H}^+\text{(aq)}$

A position of **equilibrium** is reached in which both the original molecule (majority) and its ions (minority) are present.

Measuring acidity or alkalinity

Indicators are substances that change colour when you add an acid or an alkali. Litmus is an indicator that turns red in acid and blue in alkali. You can also use a pH meter which gives a digital reading of pH.



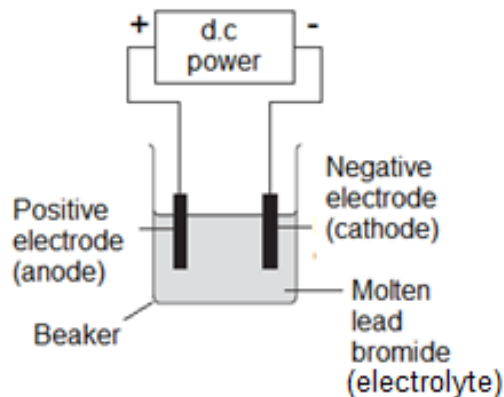
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Section 1 Electrolysis key terms

Electrolysis	The process of splitting an ionic compound by passing electricity through it.
Electrolyte	An ionic compound that is molten (melted) or dissolved in water . The electrolyte is broken down by electricity enabling its ions to and hence carry a charge. move freely
Electrode	An electrical conductor that is placed in the electrolyte and connected to the power supply .
Cathode	The negative electrode . The electrode attached to the negative terminal of the power supply.
Anode	The positive electrode . The electrode attached to the positive terminal of the power supply.
Oxidation	Loss of electrons
Reduction	Gain of electrons



Positive
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Section 2a: Changes at the electrodes – Pure ionic compounds

Electrolyte	Cathode	Anode
Molten Compound	Metal	Non-metal produced.
Molten lead bromide (diagram above)	Lead metal is produced $Pb^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Pb$	Bromine is produced $2Br^{-} \rightarrow Br_2 + 2e^{-}$

Section 2b: Changes at the electrodes – Aqueous solutions

Electrolyte	Cathode	Anode
Dissolved compound (aqueous solution)	The metal if the metal is less reactive than hydrogen . Hydrogen is produced if the metal is more reactive than hydrogen .	Oxygen is produced unless the solution contains halide ions (chloride, bromide, iodide) when the halogen (chlorine, bromine, iodine) is produced.

Electrolyte	Cathode	Anode
$CuBr_{2(aq)}$	Copper	Bromine
$NaCl_{(aq)}$	Hydrogen	Chlorine
$KI_{(aq)}$	Hydrogen	Iodine
$Na_2SO_{4(aq)}$	Hydrogen	Oxygen

Electrolysis of Brine (concentrated sodium chloride solution)

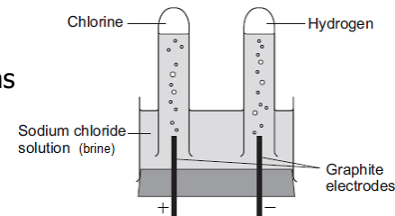
In the electrolysis of brine, **three products** are formed, **hydrogen, chlorine** and **sodium hydroxide**.

Sodium chloride → **hydrogen** + **chlorine** + **sodium hydroxide**
solution **gas** **gas** **solution**

At the **cathode** **hydrogen** gas forms
 $2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow H_2$ (**reduction**)

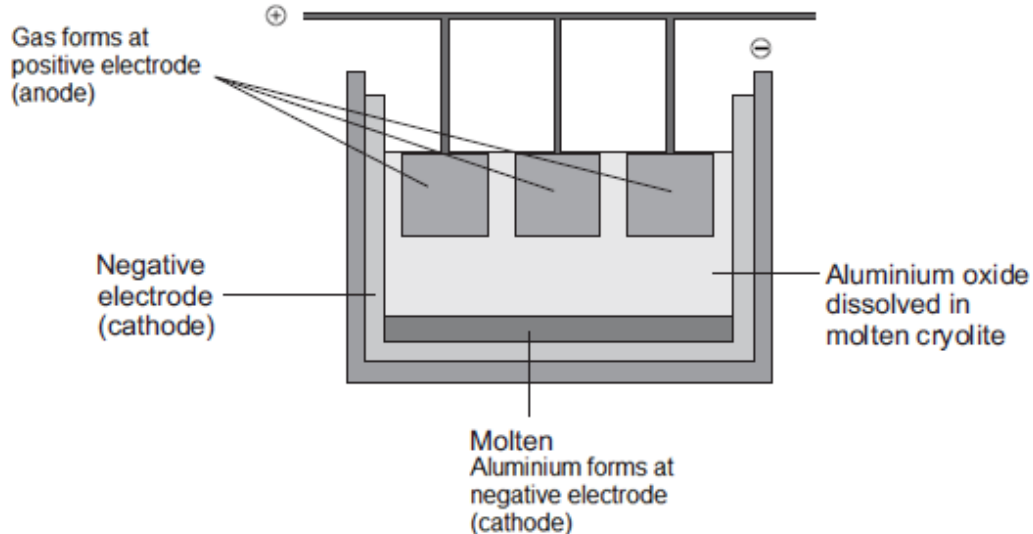
At the **anode**, **chlorine** gas forms
 $2Cl^{-} \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^{-}$ (**Oxidation**)

Sodium ions stay in solution (as sodium is more reactive than hydrogen) and **combine with hydroxide ions** to form sodium hydroxide.
 $Na^{+} + OH^{-} \rightarrow NaOH$



Section 3a: The extraction of Aluminium by electrolysis

Bauxite	You get aluminium oxide from the ore called Bauxite , the ore is mined by open cast mining .
Cryolite	Aluminium oxide is dissolved in cryolite to lower its melting point . This saves money on energy costs .
Graphite	The electrodes are made from graphite (carbon) as graphite can conduct electricity (due to it having delocalised electrons between it's layers.)
Cathode	Positive Al³⁺ ions move to the cathode . Aluminium is produced (reduction). Al³⁺ + 3e⁻ → Al
Anode	Negative O²⁻ ions move to the anode . Oxygen is made (oxidation). 2O²⁻ → O₂ + 4e⁻ The anode wears away gradually as the carbon graphite anode reacts with oxygen to form carbon dioxide .



Section 3b: Uses of Aluminium

Aluminium is a very important metal, the uses of its metal or alloys include:

- Pans
- Overhead power cables
- Aeroplanes
- Cooking foil
- Drink cans
- Window and patio door frames
- Bicycle frames and car bodies