

Year 12 Preparation: Support

Year 12 Chemistry Students: This is the support document to help with the question booklet.

This must be brought to your first Chemistry lesson in September

Structure:

Information



Example



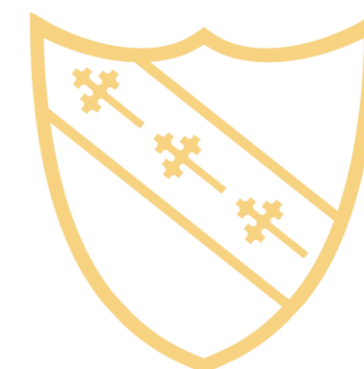
Answers



Within the **first two weeks back** you will have a test on the below Topics;

The three types of bonding and the properties arising from them	Calculating percentage by mass
Electronic structure and configuration (s, p, d, etc.)	No. of protons, neutrons and electrons
Calculating Relative Atomic Mass (Shown as M_r at A level)	Yields
Balancing Equations	Manipulating equations regarding number of moles and Avogadro's Number
Calculating Empirical Formula	Calculating moles

Topics highlighted in **red** are A Level Chemistry and new content. Those in blue are covered in GCSE.



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Structure and bonding

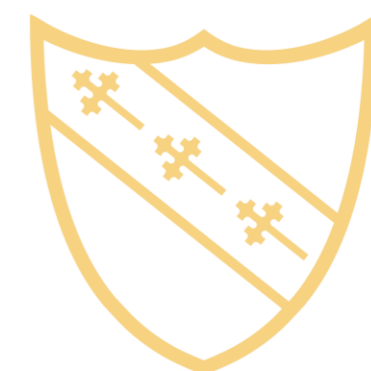


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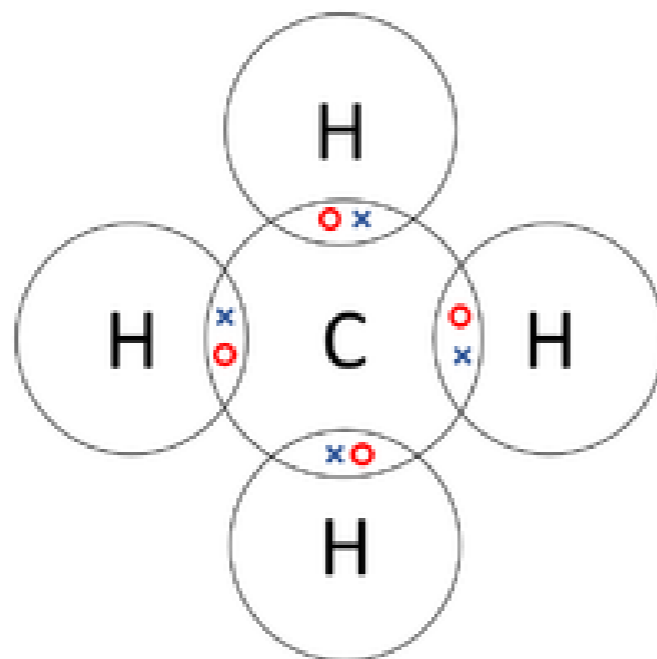
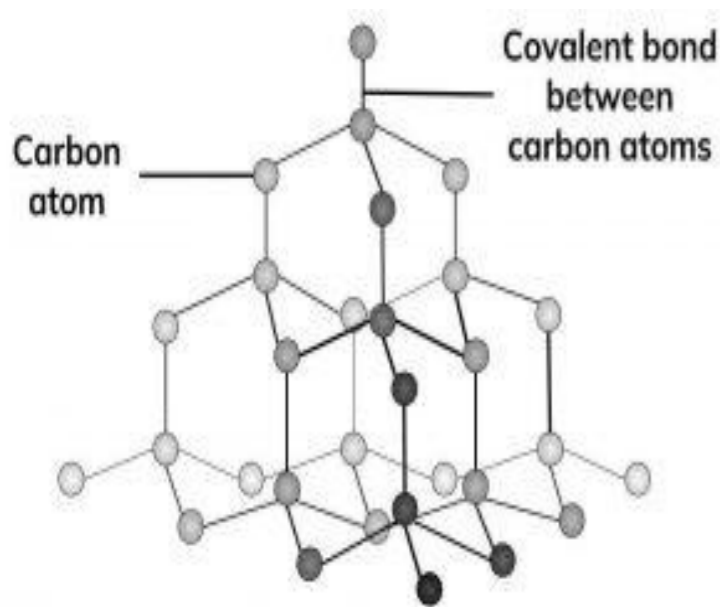
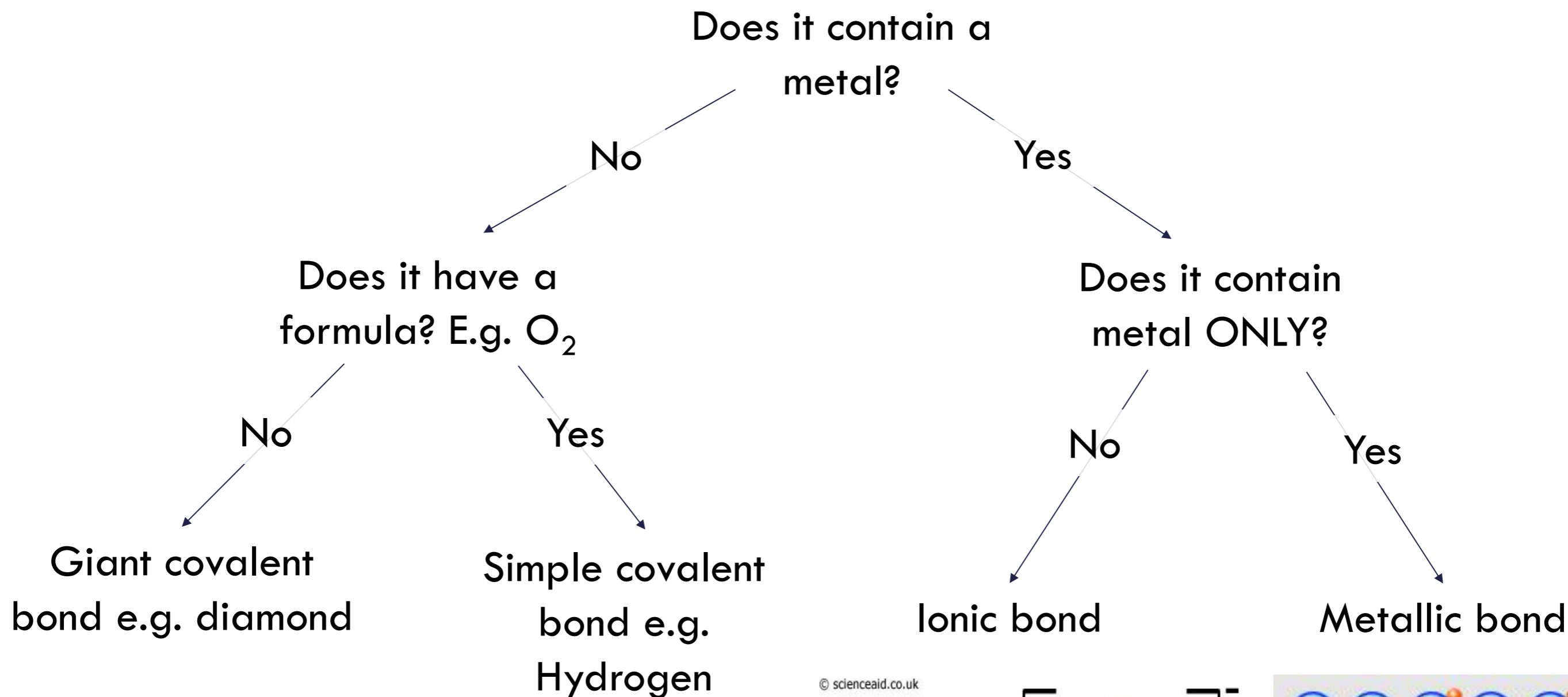
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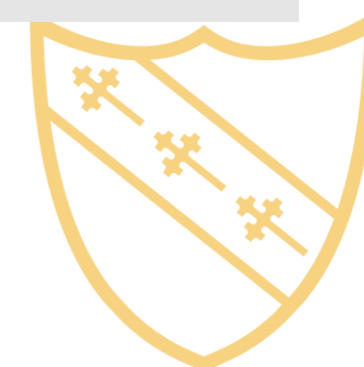
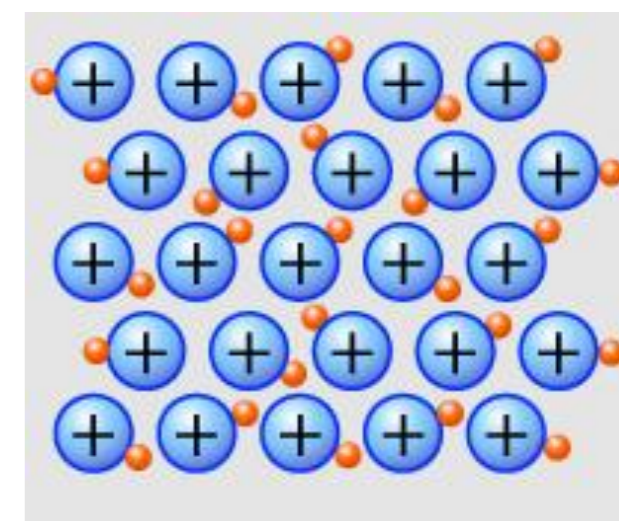
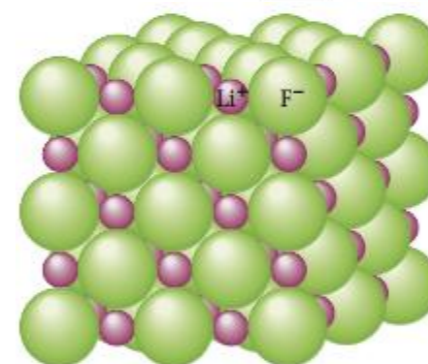
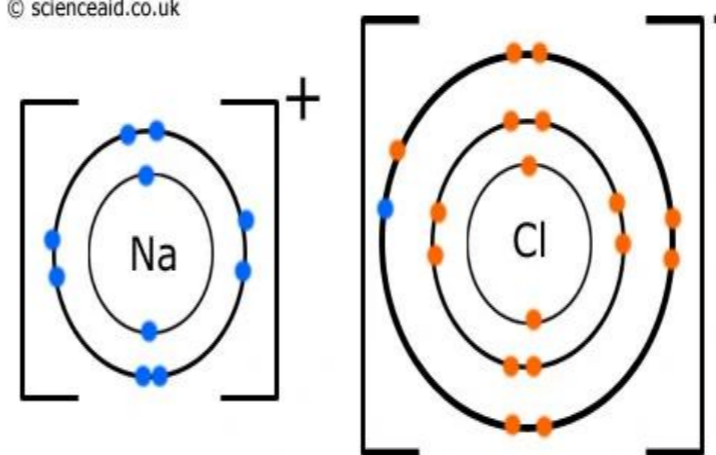
Bonding, structure and
the properties of
matter walkthrough



Identifying bonding and structure



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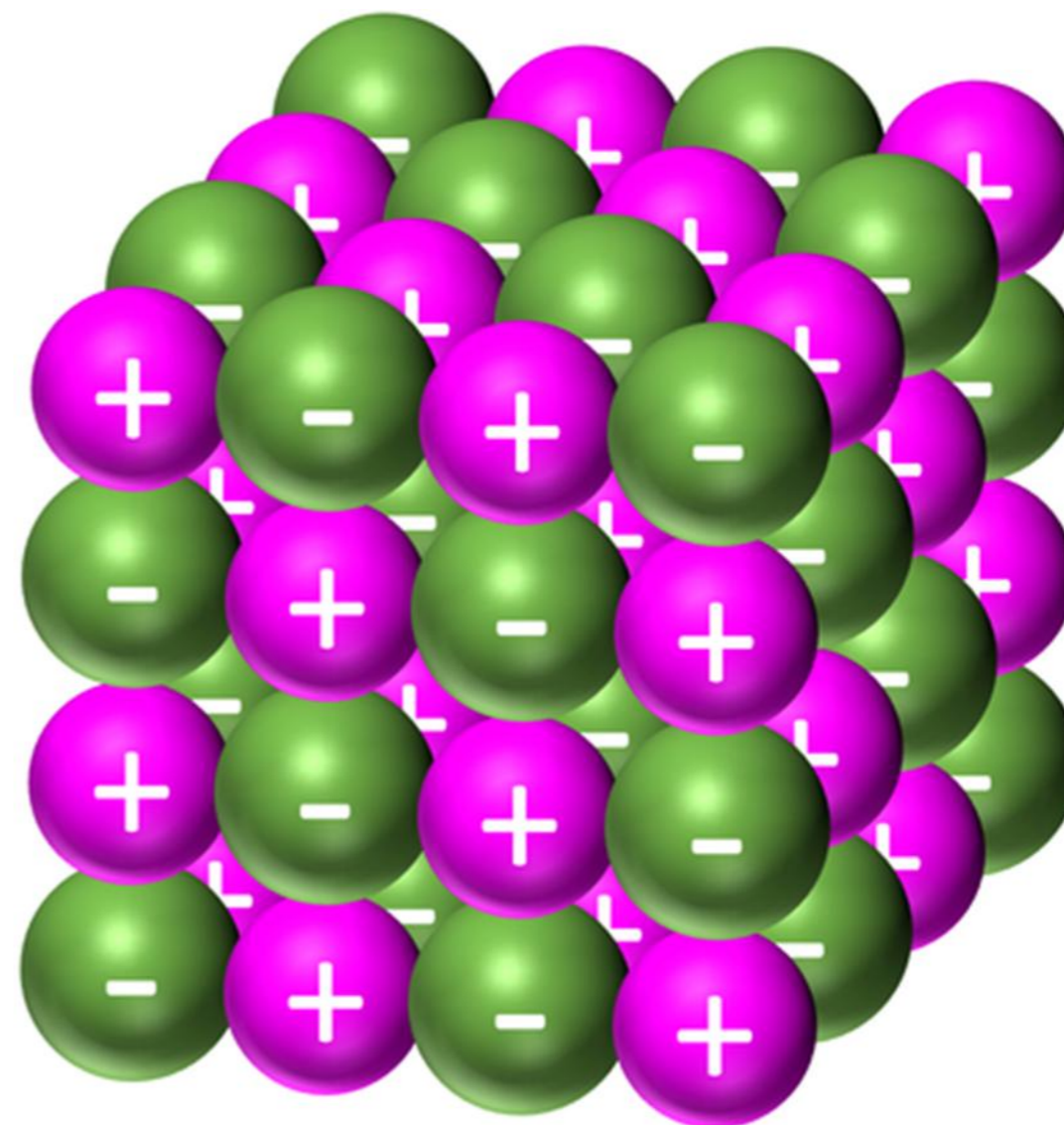
Giant Ionic



- Metal and Non Metal
- Giant uniform lattice of oppositely charged ions held together by **STRONG ELECTROSTATIC FORCES** of attraction acting in all directions.

Properties

- High melting/boiling points due to **strong forces of attraction**
- Can conduct **ONLY** when **IONS** can move freely (when a liquid)
- High density



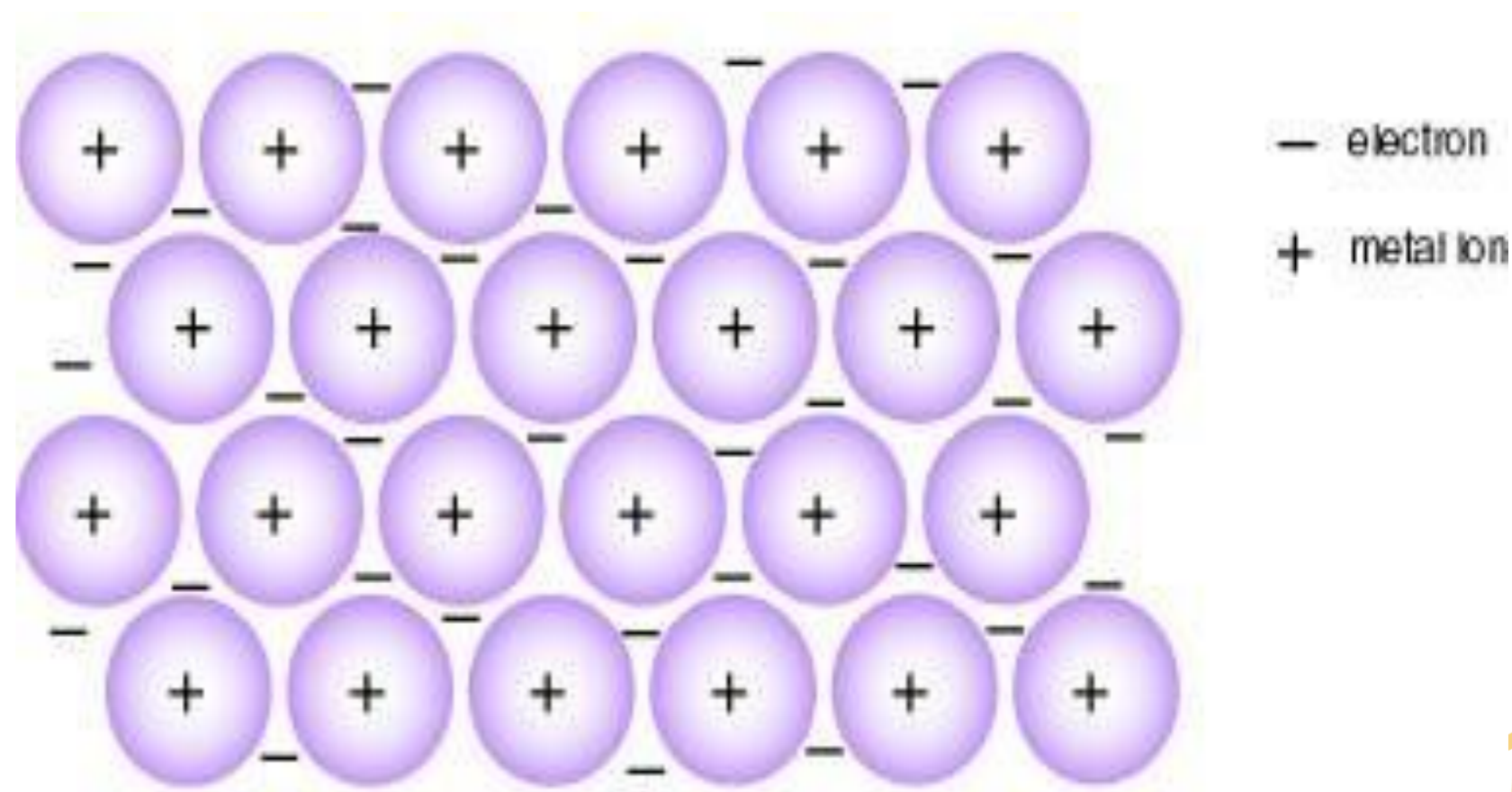
Giant Metallic



- Metals
- Giant uniform lattice of positively charged ions surrounded by a sea of delocalised electrons held together by **STRONG ELECTROSTATIC FORCES** of attraction

Properties

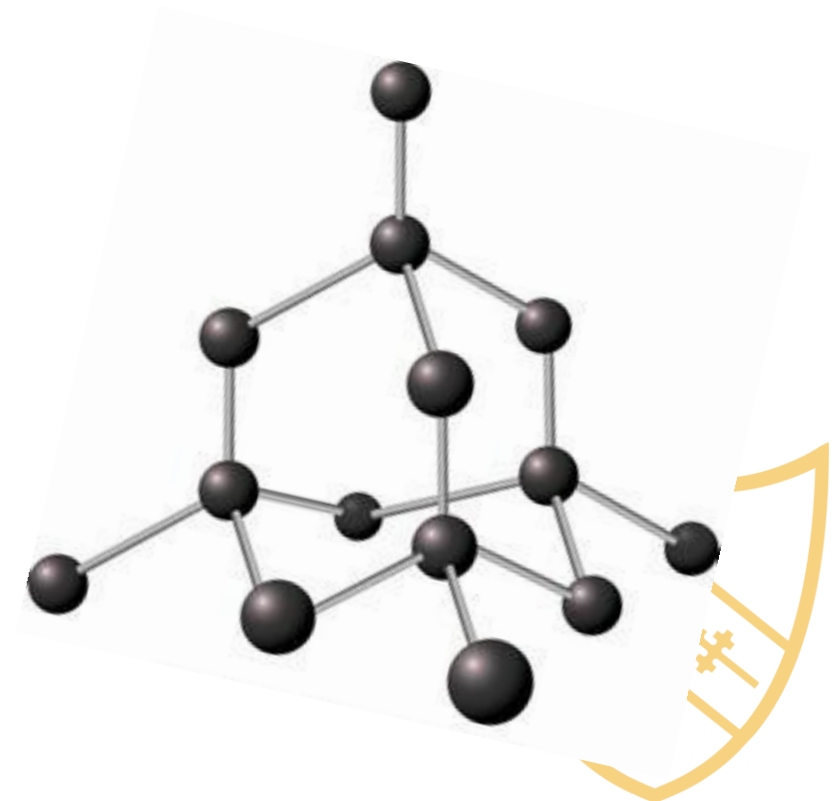
- High melting/boiling points due to **strong forces of attraction**
- Can conduct because **ELECTRONS** are the **charge carriers** and can move **through the whole structure**
- High density



Giant Covalent



- Non Metals e.g. C (diamond and graphite) or Si (SiO_2)
- Giant uniform lattice of atoms covalently bonded together
- E.g. Diamond/Graphite/ SiO_2
- High melting points as there are lots of strong covalent bonds that require a large amount of energy to overcome



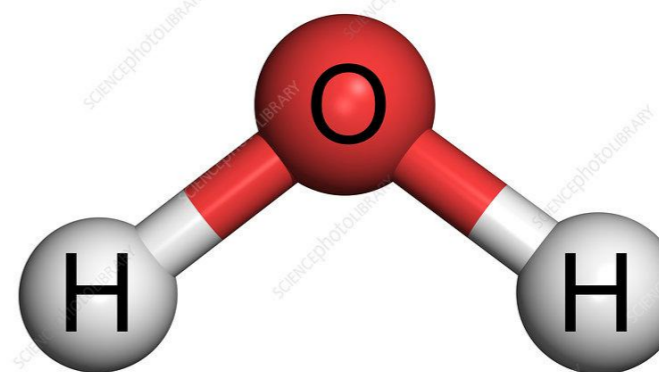
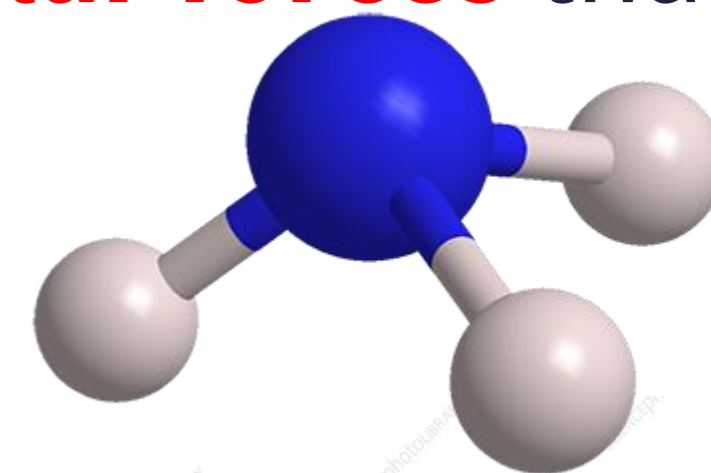
Simple Molecules



- Involves groups of non-metal atoms
- Has a discrete formula e.g. H_2O , CO_2 , NH_3 , H_2 , C_2H_4

Properties

- Low melting and boiling point - They are **simple molecules** with **weak intermolecular forces** that are **easily overcome**
- **Don't** conduct electricity
- Have a **low density**



Monatomic: Noble Gases


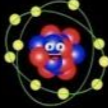
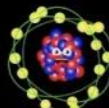






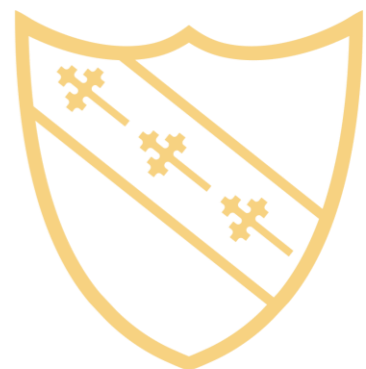
- Group 0 elements
- Travel on their own
- Full outer shell

Properties

- Unreactive
- Don't conduct electricity
- Low density

Noble Gases

 2 He Helium 4.003	 10 Ne Neon 20.18	 18 Ar Argon 39.95	
 36 Kr Krypton 83.80	 54 Xe Xenon 131.3	 86 Rn Radon 222.018	 118 Og Oganesson [294]



Proton, neutron and electron number

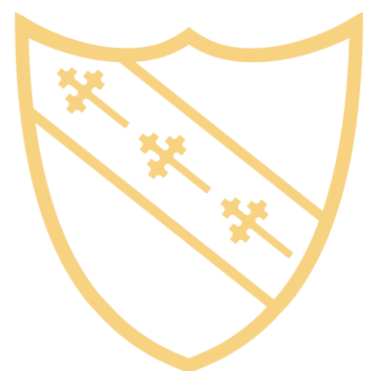


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Proton, neutron and
electron number
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The periodic table is your friend! Use it

Atomic number = smaller value

Atomic mass = larger value



-Group-
-Ion charges-

3 4 5 6 7 0
+3 +4 -3 -2 -1 0

1 2
+1 +2

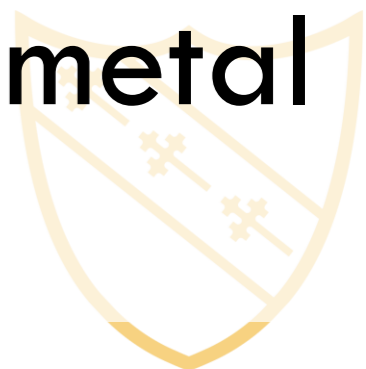
Assume +2 charge unless told otherwise

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Period-

1 H Hydrogen 1.008	2 He Helium 4.003											3 B Boron 10.811	4 C Carbon 12.011	5 N Nitrogen 14.007	6 O Oxygen 15.999	7 F Fluorine 18.998	8 Ne Neon 20.180
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012											13 Al Aluminum 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.086	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.453	18 Ar Argon 39.948
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 51.996	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.631	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.971	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 84.798
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.95	43 Tc Technetium 98.907	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.906	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.414	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.711	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.904	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.328	57-71 Lanthanides	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.948	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.222	78 Pt Platinum 195.085	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.592	81 Tl Thallium 204.383	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium [209]	85 At Astatine [209]	86 Rn Radon 222.018
87 Fr Francium 223.020	88 Ra Radium 226.025	89-103 Actinides	104 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	105 Db Dubnium [262]	106 Sg Seaborgium [266]	107 Bh Bohrium [264]	108 Hs Hassium [269]	109 Mt Meitnerium [268]	110 Ds Darmstadtium [271]	111 Rg Roentgenium [272]	112 Cn Copernicium [277]	113 Nh Nihonium unknown	114 Fl Flerovium [289]	115 Mc Moscovium unknown	116 Lv Livermorium [293]	117 Ts Tennessine unknown	118 Og Oganesson unknown

Has a charge of +1 only

Metal to non-metal dividing line

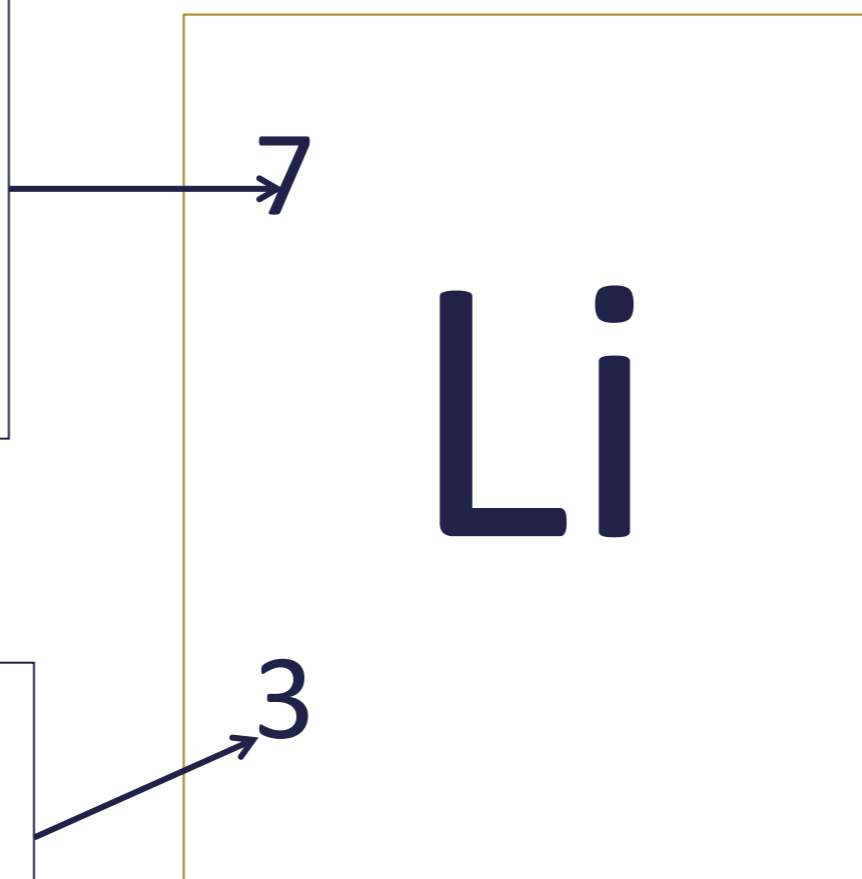


Atomic number and mass number



Lithium looks like this on the table, this is known as the ‘nuclear symbol.’

This is the **mass number**. The mass number of an atom is the total number of **protons and neutrons** in the nucleus.



This is the **atomic number** for lithium. This number tells us how many **protons are in the nucleus**. No other element has the same atomic number as lithium.

We know that the ‘Li’ is the chemical symbol for lithium, but what do those numbers mean?

To calculate the number of neutrons in an element use this equation
Mass number – atomic number = neutron number
 $7 - 3 = 4$ neutrons



Ions and isotopes



Isotopes – An atom of the **same element** with the **same number of protons** and **different numbers of neutrons**

Ions – An element with the **same number of protons** but different **numbers of electrons**. This means they will have a **positive or negative charge**

How to calculate proton, neutron and electron number of ions

Element	Protons	Neutrons	electrons
Ca	20	20	20
Ca ⁺²	20	20	18
Na	11	12	11
Na ⁺¹	11	12	10
F	9	10	9
F ⁻¹	9	10	8

These are **all ions** as they have **positive or negative charges**. When electrons are **lost** then the charge becomes **positive** and when **negative** electrons are **gained**

- **+2** charge means **two electrons are lost**
- **-1** charge means **1 electron is gained**
- All elements reacts to gain a complete outer shell!





Ions and isotopes

How to calculate isotope abundance

A sample contains three different isotopes of oxygen.

Isotope	Isotope percentage
O ¹⁵	30
O ¹⁶	45
O ¹⁷	25

Calculate the relative atomic mass of oxygen in the sample.

Step 1 – Multiply mass by percentage and add them together

$$15 \times 30 = 450$$

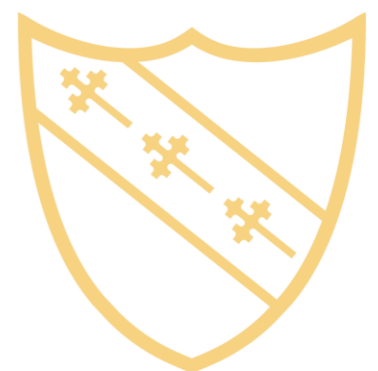
$$16 \times 45 = 720$$

$$17 \times 25 = 425$$

$$450 + 720 + 425 = 1595$$

Step 2 – Divide the total mass by 100

$$1595 \div 100 = \mathbf{15.95}$$



Calculating empirical formula





Empirical formula
walkthrough



Calculating empirical formula



Using the mass of each element in a compound

In an experiment 4.86g of magnesium was combined with 31.96g of bromine to form a compound. (A_r :Mg-24.3; Br-79.9)

Hint – Set it up in a table

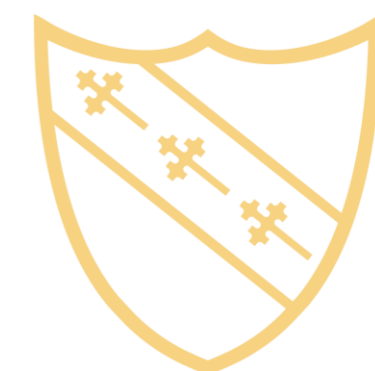
Step 1 – Calculate the moles of each element

	Mg	Br
Mass	4.86	31.96
Mr	24.3	79.9
Moles	$4.86 \div 24.3 = 0.2$	$31.96 \div 79.9 = 0.4$

Step 2 - Find the smallest whole number ratio by dividing the moles of each element by the smallest number of moles

	Mg	Br
Moles	0.2	0.4
Molar ratio	$0.2 \div 0.2 = 1$	$0.4 \div 0.2 = 2$

Step 3 – Write out the formula



Calculating empirical formula



The % by mass for the elements in a compounds are as follows: 26.6% Potassium, 35.4% Chromium and the rest is oxygen. Calculate the empirical formula for a compound.

Hint – Set it up in a table & assume the percentage is the mass

Step 1 – Calculate the percentage of oxygen

$100 - (35.4 + 26.6) = 38\%$ We can assume that the **percentages are masses**

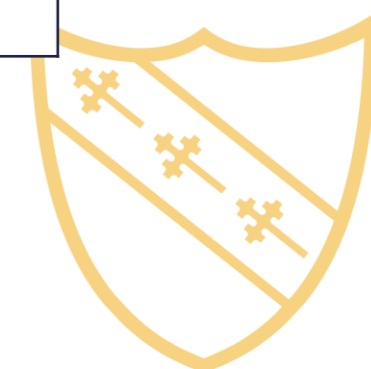
Step 2 – Calculate the moles of each element

	K	Cr	O
Mass	26.6	35.4	38
Mr	39.1	52	16
Moles	$26.6 \div 39.1 = 0.680$	$35.4 \div 52 = 0.681$	$38 \div 16 = 2.38$

Step 3 - Find the smallest whole number ratio by **dividing the moles of each element** by the **smallest number of moles**

	K	Cr	O
Moles	$26.6 \div 39.1 = 0.680$	$35.4 \div 52 = 0.681$	$38 \div 16 = 2.38$
Molar ratio	$0.680 \div 0.680 = 1$	$0.681 \div 0.680 = 1$	$2.38 \div 0.680 = 3.5$

Step 4 – Write out the formula



Using Avogadro's number

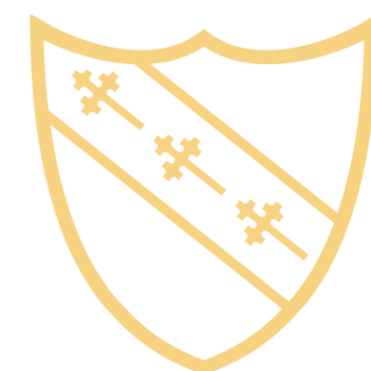


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Moles and Avogadro's
number





Using Avogadro's constant

Avogadro's constant – 6.02×10^{23} This allows the number of atoms within a mole to be calculated. It also allows the number of molecules within mole to be calculated.

The basic rules

If calculating the number of **atoms** for an element

1. *Moles x Avogadro's constant*

e.g. How many atoms are there in 2 moles of Na

$$2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.204 \times 10^{24}$$

If calculating the number of **molecules** for a **molecule**

1. *Moles x Avogadro's constant*

e.g. How many molecules are there in 3 moles of N₂

$$3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.806 \times 10^{24}$$





Using Avogadro's constant

How to calculate the number of atoms/molecules in a sample:

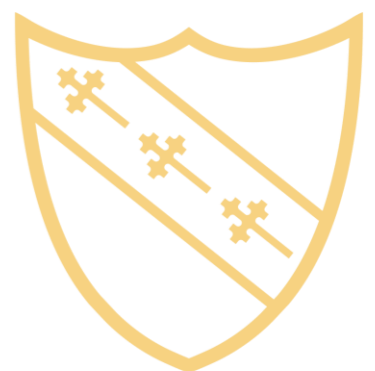
Number of moles X ***Avogadro's constant = molecule/atom number***

Example 1 – A student has 5 moles of copper. How many atoms of copper does the student have in their sample?

$$5 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 3.01 \times 10^{24}$$

Example 2 – How many molecules of oxygen are there in 3.6 moles of oxygen (O_2)

$$3.6 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 2.1672 \times 10^{24}$$



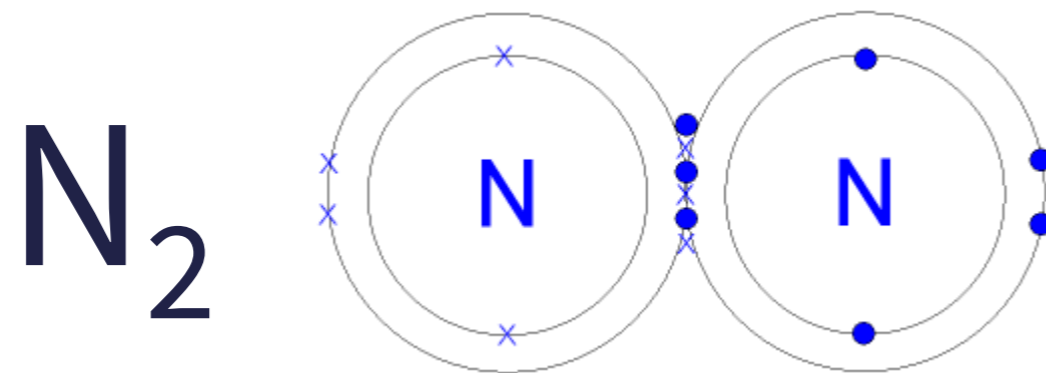


Using Avogadro's constant

The constant can also be used to also calculate the number of atoms in moles of a molecules

The more complex rule

If calculating the number of **atoms** for a **molecule**



Every nitrogen molecule contains 2 nitrogen ATOMS

1. *Moles x Avogadro's constant = Number of molecules*
2. *Number of molecules x number of atoms in molecule = number of atoms*

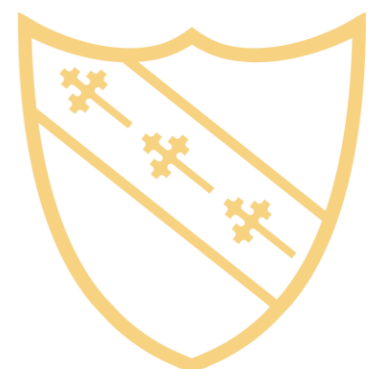
e.g. How many atoms are there in 3 moles of N_2

There are 3 moles in total

$$3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.806 \times 10^{24}$$

There are 2 atoms per molecule

$$2 \times 1.806 \times 10^{24} = 3.612 \times 10^{24}$$





Using Avogadro's constant

How to calculate the number of atoms/molecules in a sample:

Number of moles X *Avogadro's constant* = *molecule/atom number*

One more – A student has 2.6 moles of oxygen molecules (O_2). How many atoms of oxygen does the student have?

Remember oxygen (O_2) has TWO ATOMS per molecule

$$\text{Answer: } 2.6 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 1.5652 \times 10^{24}$$

Number of molecules

$$1.5652 \times 10^{24} \times 2 = 3.1304 \times 10^{24}$$

Number of atoms

A little more complex - A student has 1.5 moles of ethene molecules (C_2H_4). How many atoms does the student have?

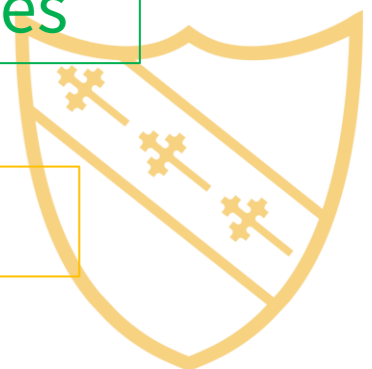
Remember that ethene has 6 ATOMS per molecule (2 carbon and 4 hydrogen)

$$\text{Answer: } 1.5 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 9.03 \times 10^{23}$$

Number of molecules

$$9.03 \times 10^{23} \times 6 = 5.418 \times 10^{24}$$

Number of atoms



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Balancing equations



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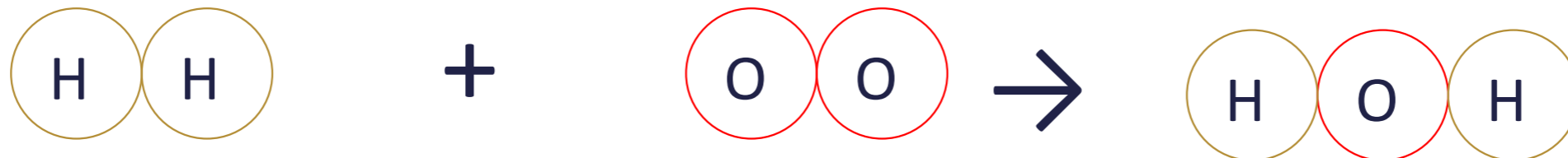
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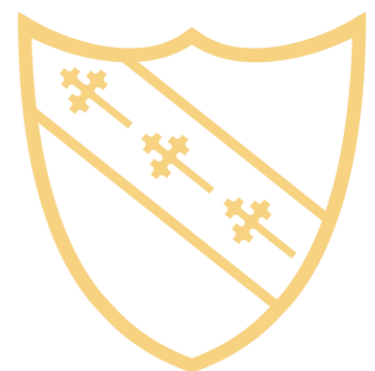
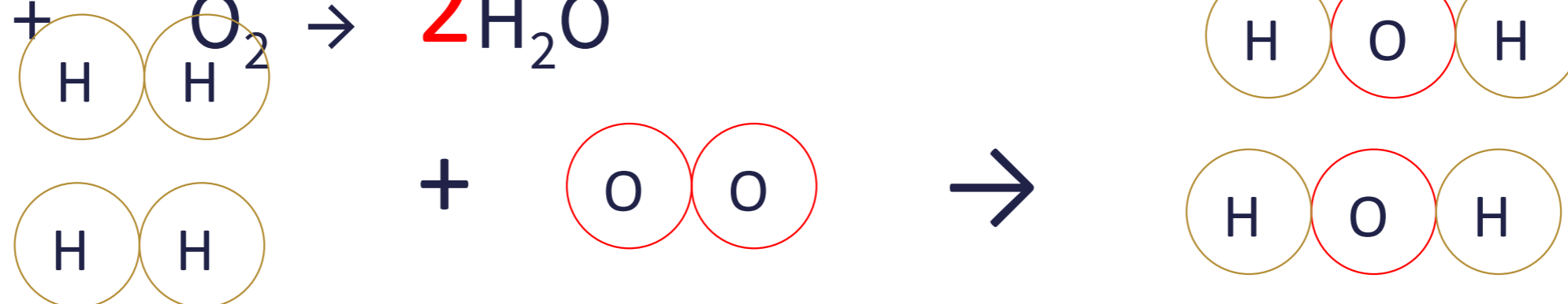
Rules for balancing equations



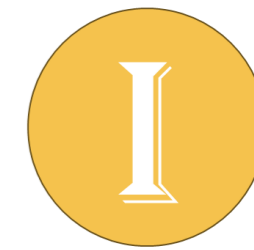
1. You can only change the **coefficients**, the large font numbers in front of formula (you can have as many particles as you need)
2. You cannot change the **small font numbers in a formula** (This would change the chemicals).



- The number of oxygen atoms on each side of the arrow are not the same. We need the same number of atoms each side of the arrow to be balanced.
- There are 2 oxygen atoms on one side, and one on the other... We need two H_2O molecules.
- Now we have two hydrogen atoms on the left, and four on the right..... So we need to put a 2 in front of H_2 .



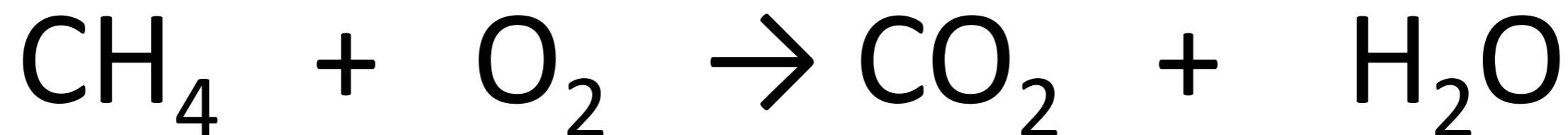
How to balance equations



1. Write out the unbalanced symbol equation (leave spaces for **coefficients**).
2. One element at a time, check and balance changing **coefficients** to balance numbers.
3. Elements balancing order. Metals, non-metals, finally C, H, then O
4. If you leave O_2 to last... and you can finish the balancing by writing a half value, like $1.5O_2$, you can, but then you have to double the whole equation to complete it.
5. When balancing an element, if the number is odd one side, and even the other, just double the odd number first. Then continue to balance that element.
6. **Do a final double check to balance all elements.**

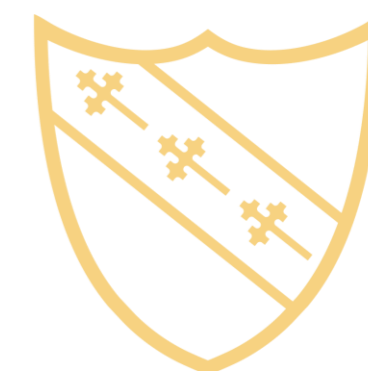


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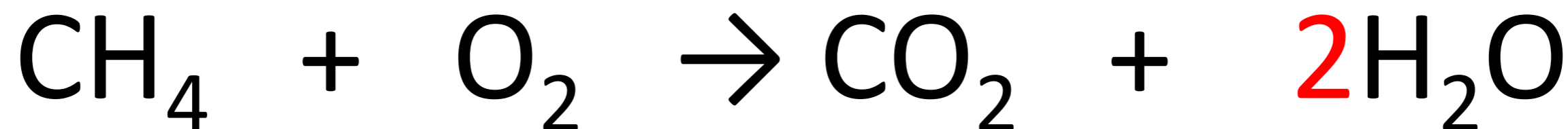


Step 1 – Find out how many of each element there is on the reactants and products side of the equation

Element	Reactant atom number	Product atom number
C	1	1
H	4	2
O	2	3



Balancing equations



Step 2 – Balance one of the elements by adding big numbers in front of different compounds. *This might worse before it gets better*

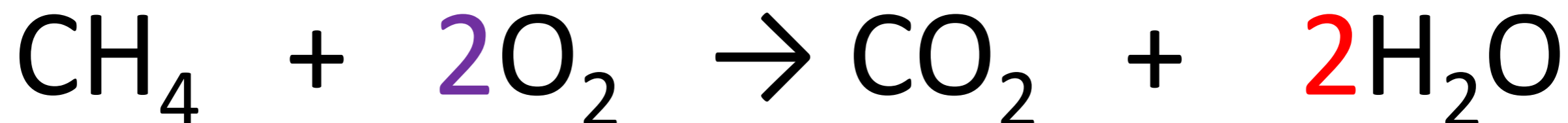
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C	1	1
H	4	2 4
O	2	3 4

This has changed as we now have 2X1 oxygen from water (H₂O) and we already had 2 oxygen from carbon dioxide (CO₂)

This has changed as we now have 2 x the number of hydrogen (2X2 = 4)



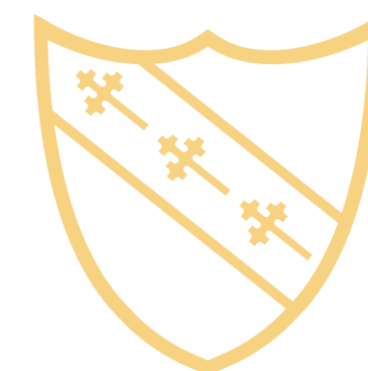
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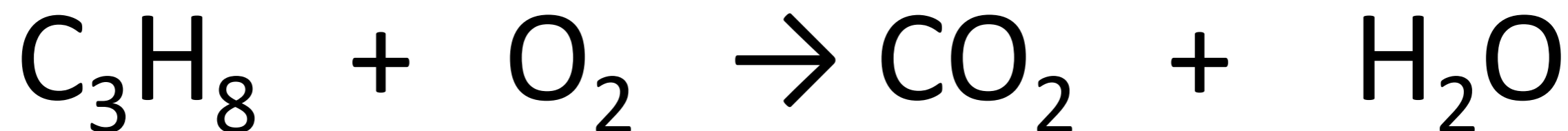
Step 3 – Balance the other side of the question to make the atom number on both reactant and product side the same.

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C	1	1
H	4	2 4
O	2 4	3 4

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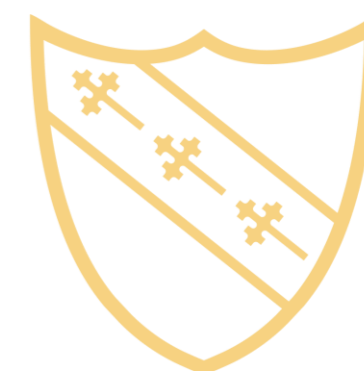


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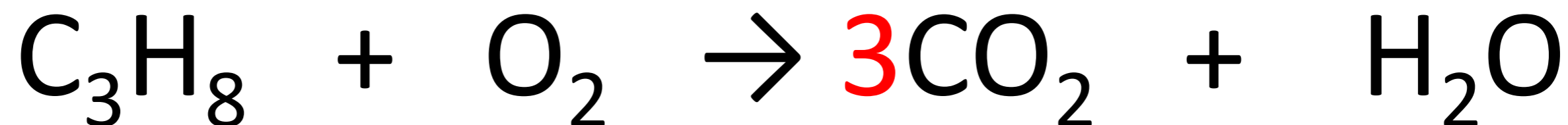


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Element	Reactant atom number	Product atom number
C	3	1
H	8	2
O	2	3

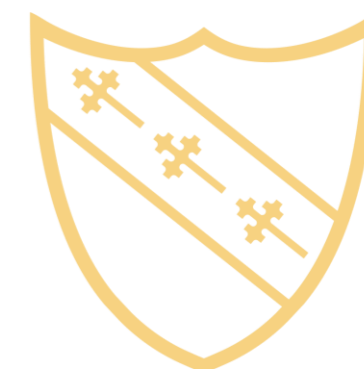


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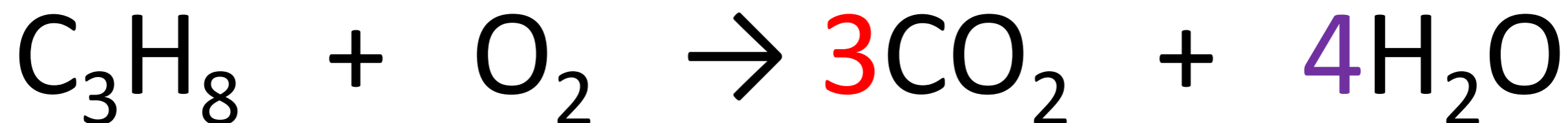


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C	3	1 3
H	8	2
O	2	3 7



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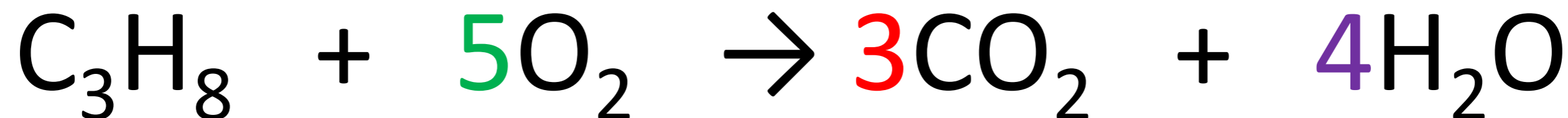


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O	2	3 7 10

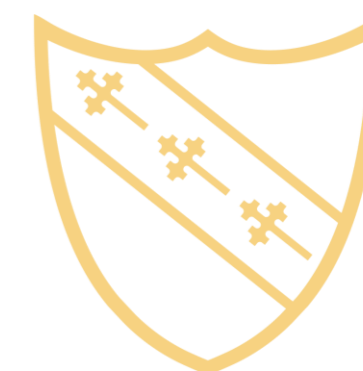


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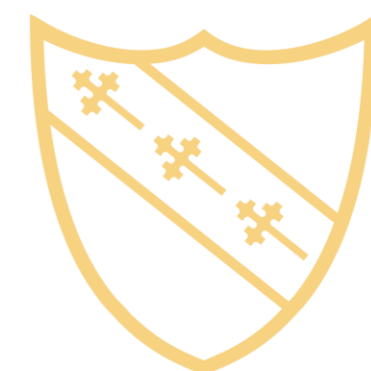
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Relative atomic mass





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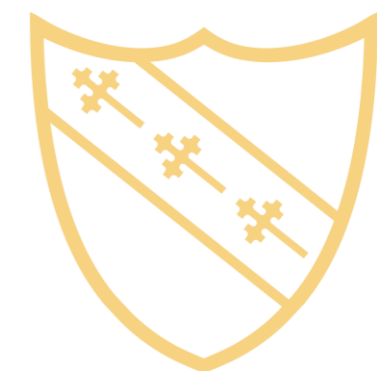


Relative Atomic Mass



Relative Atomic Mass (A_r) is just the mass number from the periodic table (the large number protons + neutrons)

Element	Symbol	R.A.M (A_r)
Cobalt	Co	58.9
Rubidium	Rb	85.5
Silicon	Si	28.1
Neon	Ne	20.2
Boron	B	10.8

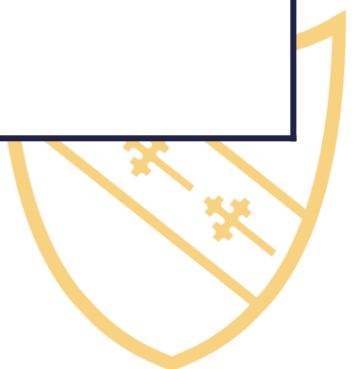




Relative Formula Mass (Mr)

- Is the mass of a substance made up of more than one atom
- To calculate this we simply add together the atomic masses of all the atoms shown in the formula, being careful to make sure that we look at the formula.

Substance	Formula	Formula Mass
Ammonia	NH₃	14 + 3 = 17
Sodium oxide	Na₂O	23 + 23 + 16 = 62
Magnesium hydroxide	Mg(OH)₂	24.3 + [(16 + 1) x 2] = 58.3
Calcium carbonate	CaCO₃	40.1 + 12 + 3x16 = 100.1



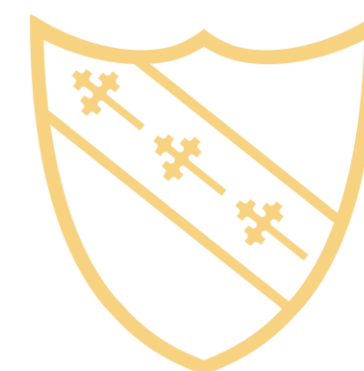
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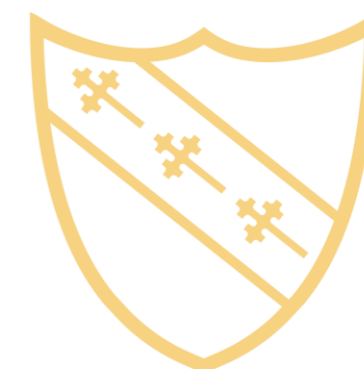


- $\text{Mass (g)} \div \text{Mr (g/mol)} = \text{Moles}$
- $\text{Volume (dm}^3\text{)} \times \text{Concentration (g/dm}^3\text{)} = \text{Mass}$
- $\text{Volume (dm}^3\text{)} \times \text{Concentration (mol/dm}^3\text{)} = \text{Moles}$
- $\text{Moles} \times 24 = \text{Volume (dm}^3\text{)}$

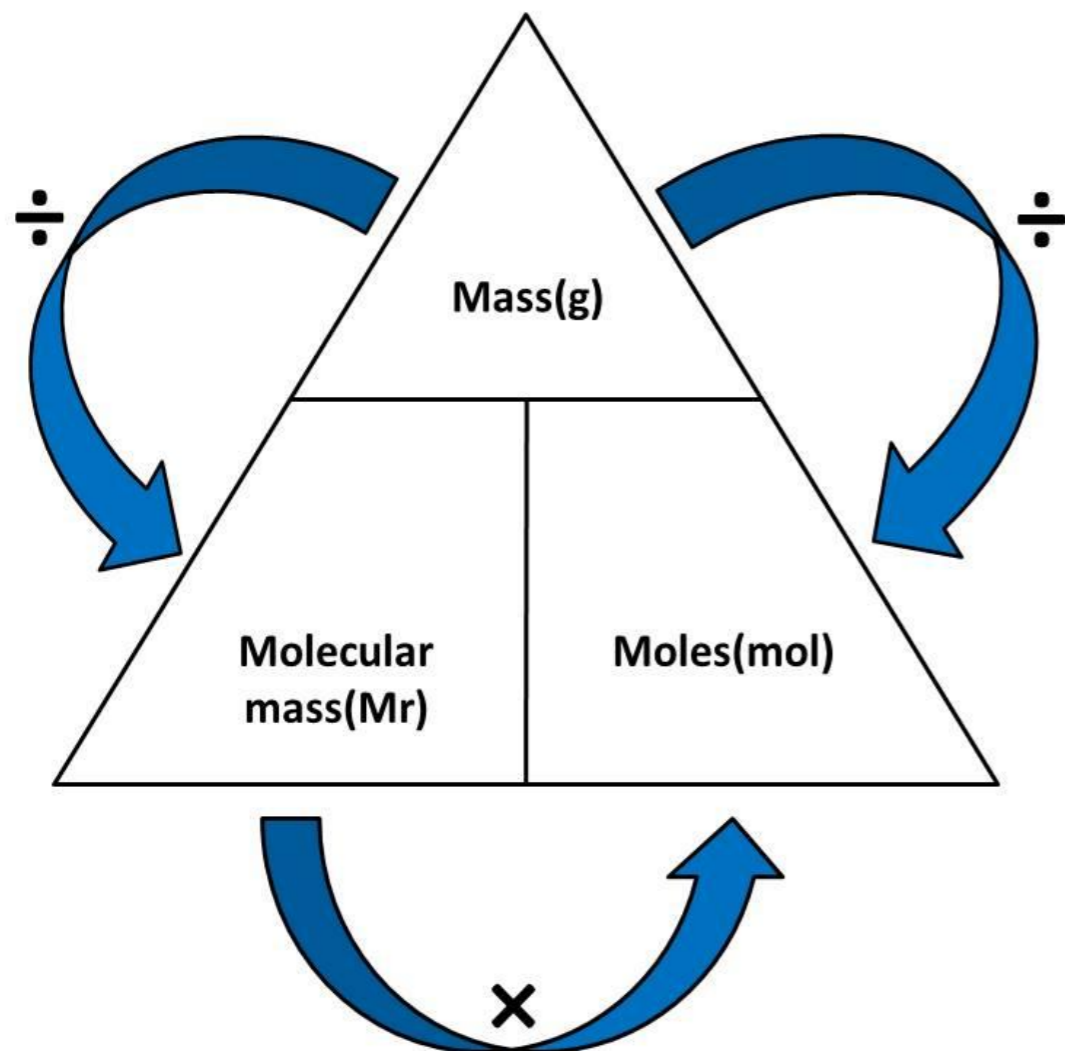
Note – Concentration can be written as mol/dm^3 or mol dm^{-3} as these are the same unit!

Units and conversions

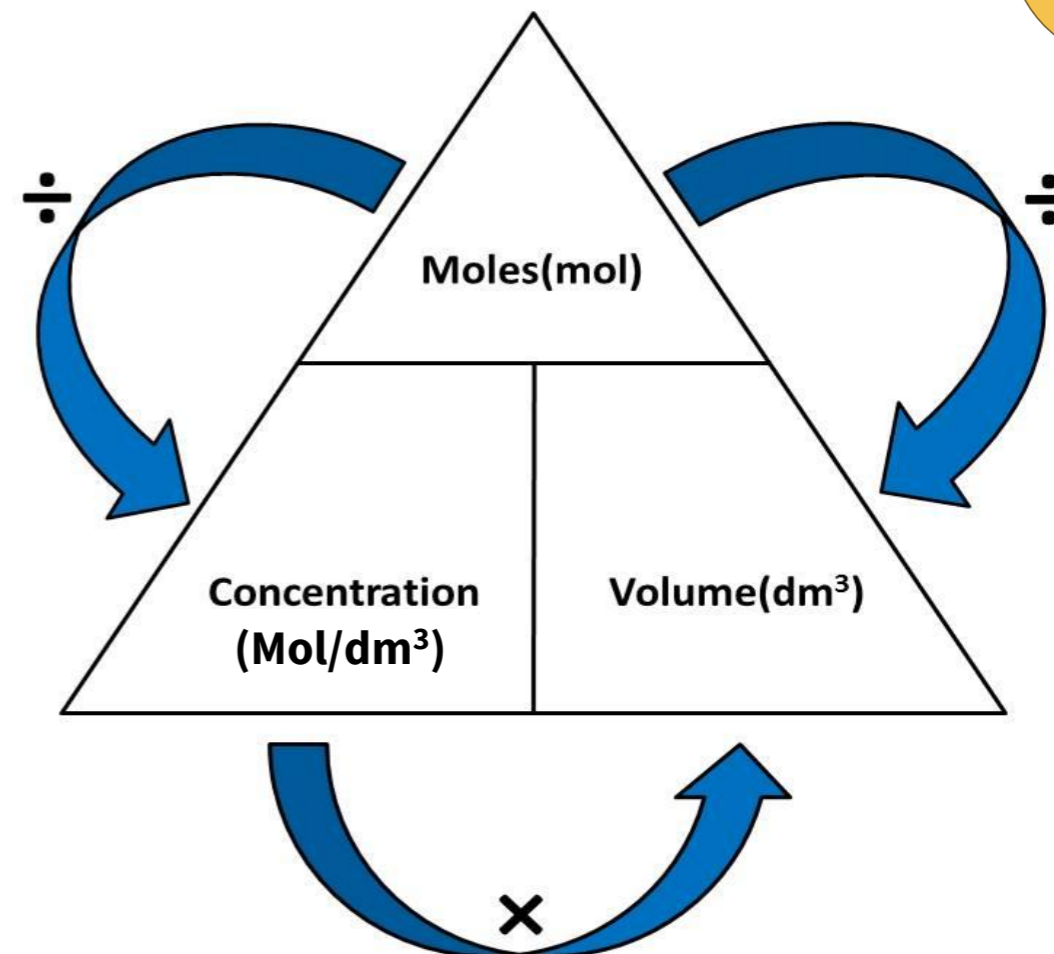
- Converting cm^3 to $\text{dm}^3 \div 1000$
- g/dm^3 is the same as g dm^{-3}



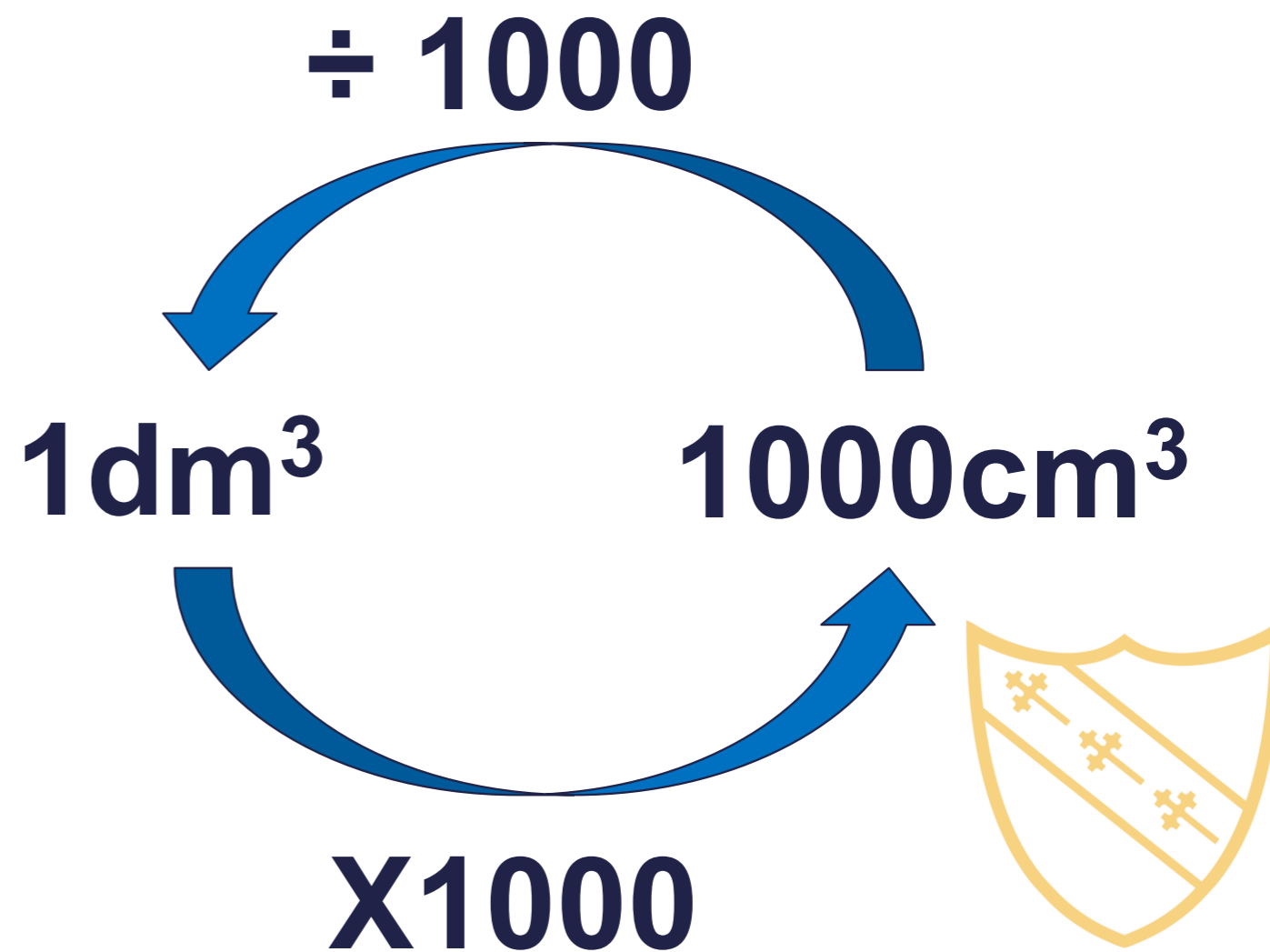
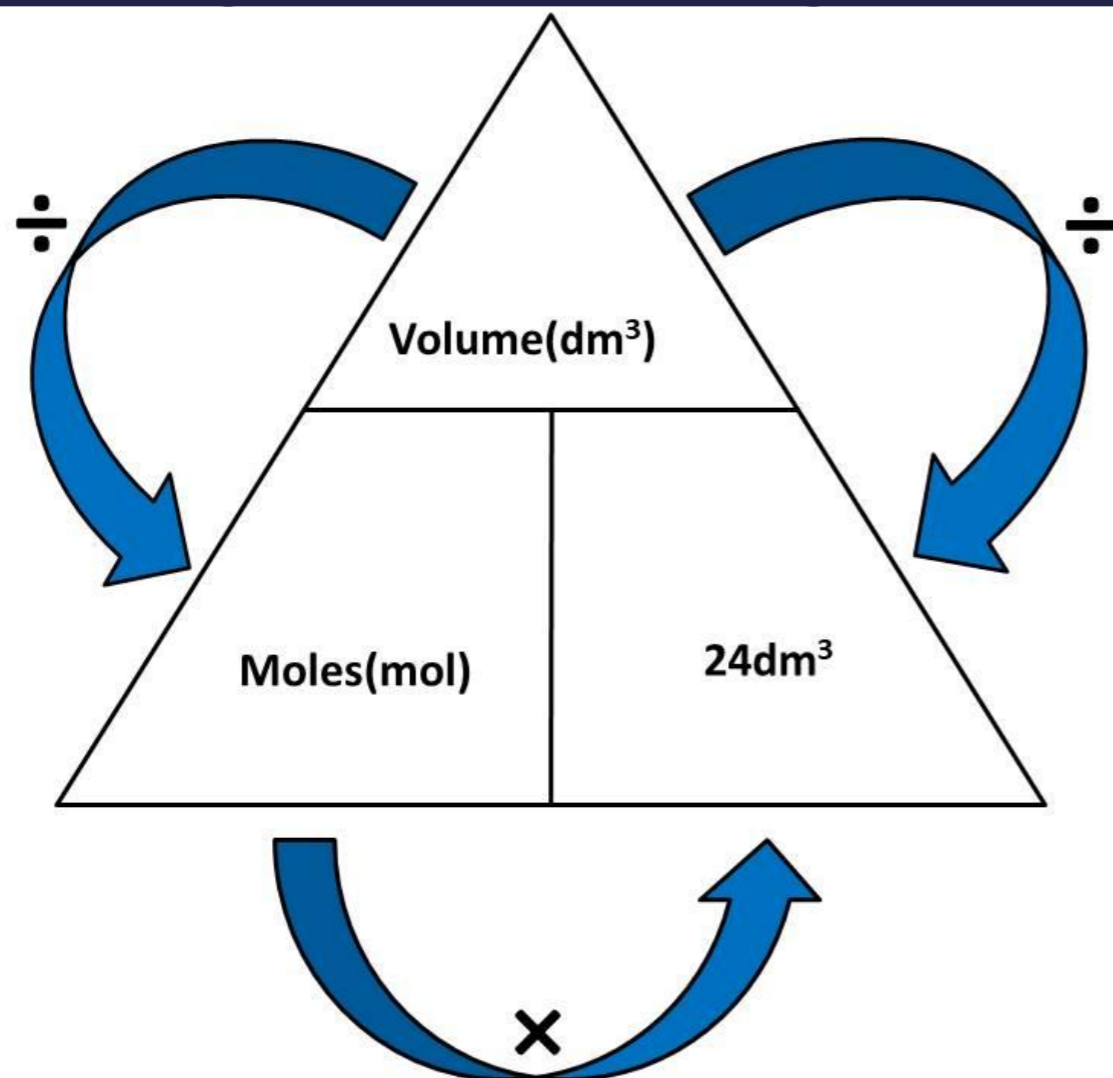
Calculating moles from mass



Calculating moles from volume and concentration

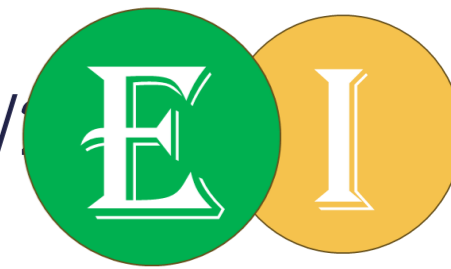


Calculating moles from a gas volume

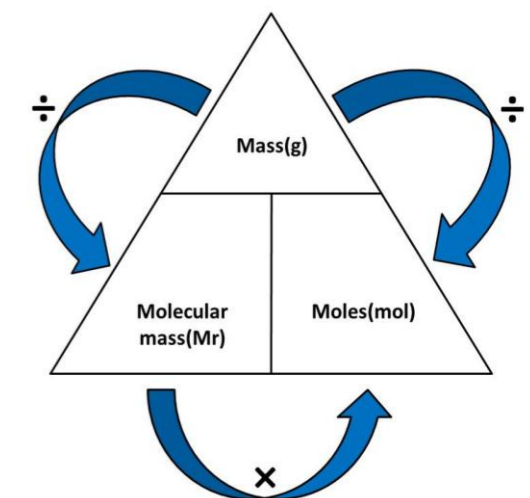


Moles & Mass

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1. How many moles are in 24g of carbon
Equation - $\text{Mass} \div \text{Mr} = \text{Mole}$
 $24 \div 12 = 2 \text{ mol}$
2. How many grams are in 5 moles of magnesium
Equation - $\text{Mass} \div \text{Mr} = \text{Mole}$
Rearrange – $\text{Mole} \times \text{Mr} = \text{Mass}$
 $5 \times 24.3 = 121.5\text{g}$
3. How many grams are in 7 moles of sodium hydroxide (NaOH)
Equation - $\text{Mass} \div \text{Mr} = \text{Mole}$
Rearrange – $\text{Mole} \times \text{Mr} = \text{Mass}$
 $7 \times (23+16+1) = 280$



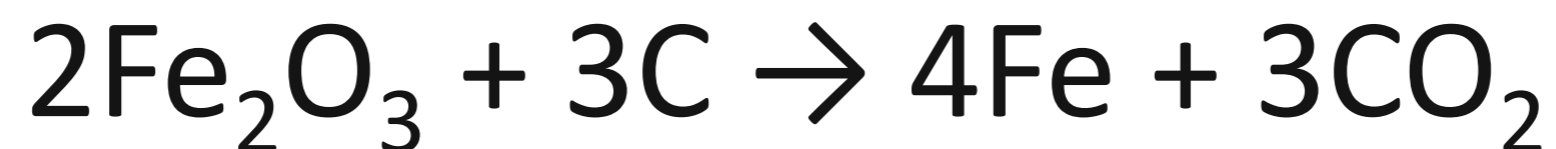
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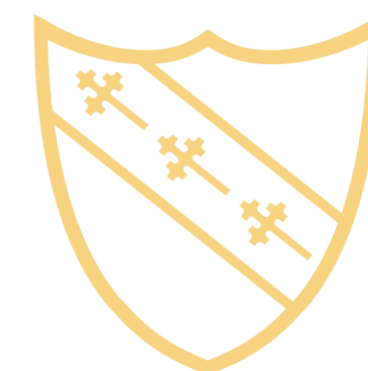


Calculate the mass of iron (Fe) that can be extracted from 8kg of Fe_2O_3 in the reaction with carbon (4 marks)

Step 1 – Draw the mass, Mr mol table



Mass		
Mr		
Mol		
Molar ratio		



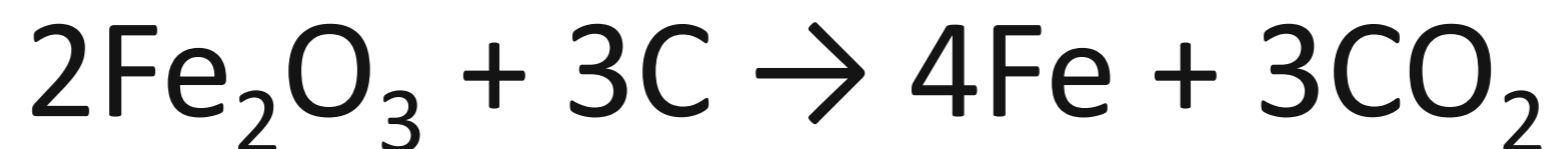
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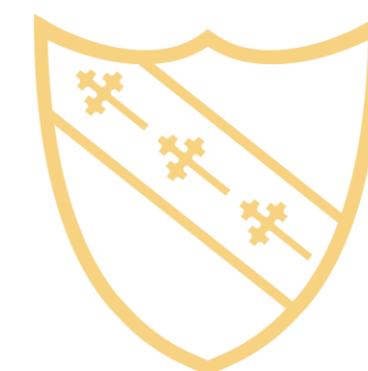


Calculate the mass of iron (Fe) that can be extracted from 8kg of Fe_2O_3 in the reaction with carbon (4 marks)

Step 2 – Identify the known and unknown compounds



	Fe	Fe₂O₃
Mass		
Mr		
Mol		
Molar ratio		



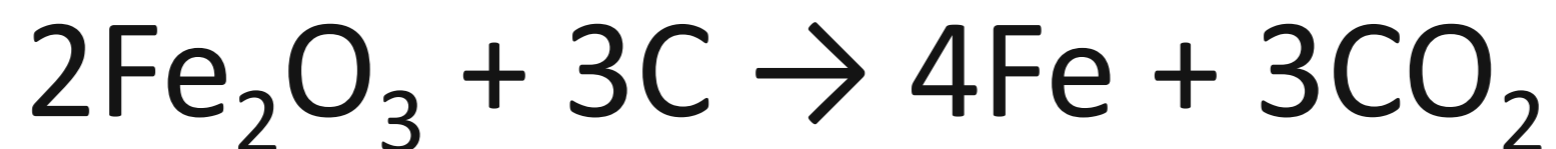
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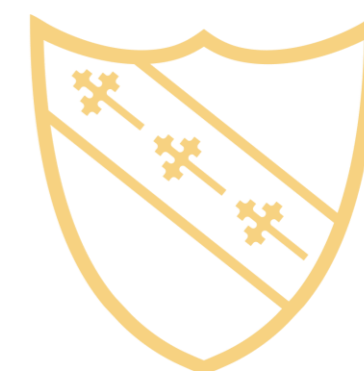


Calculate the mass of iron (Fe) that can be extracted from 8kg of Fe_2O_3 in the reaction with carbon (4 marks)

Step 3 – Calculate the mass of the known



	Fe	Fe₂O₃
Mass		8000
Mr		159.6
Mol		50
Molar ratio		



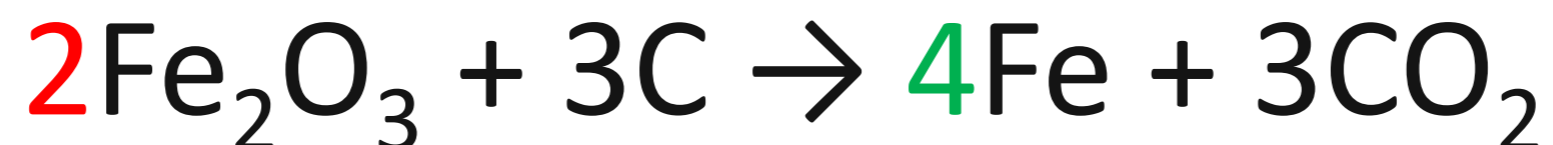
Calculating Mass From Moles

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Calculate the mass of iron (Fe) that can be extracted from 8kg of Fe_2O_3 in the reaction with carbon (4 marks)

Step 4 – Write the ratio (big numbers in front of the compounds) to calculate the moles of the unknown



	Fe	Fe_2O_3
Mass		8000
Mr		159.6
Mol	100	50
Molar ratio	4	2

If the ratio doubles, then so does the moles!



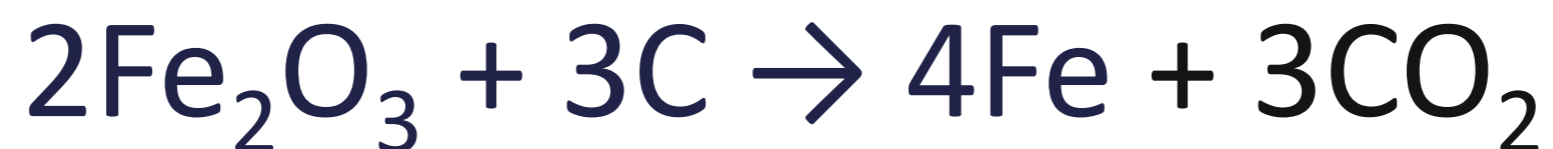
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Step 5 – Calculate the mass of the unknown

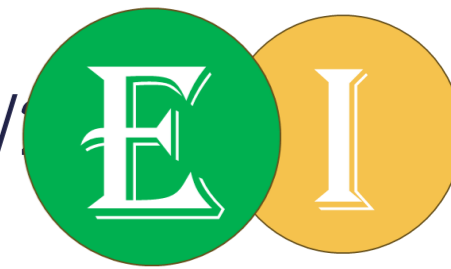


	Fe	Fe₂O₃
Mass	5580	8000
Mr	55.8	159.6
Mol	100	50
Molar ratio	4	2



Moles and Concentration

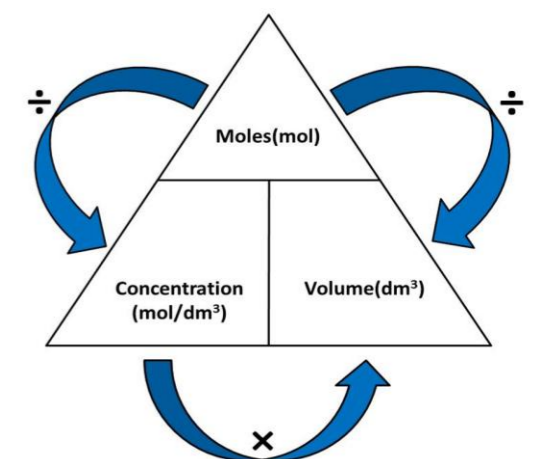
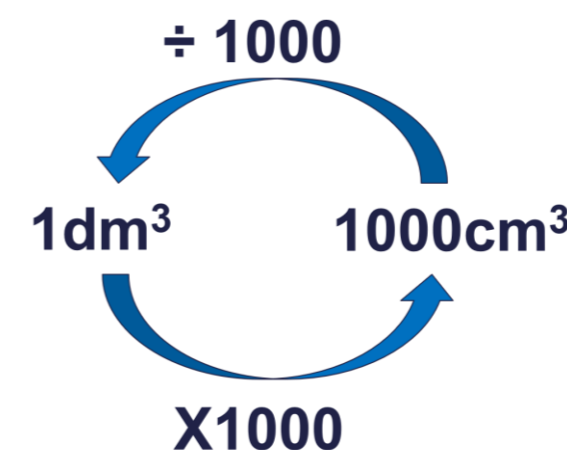
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1. How many moles are in 50cm^3 of 0.5mol/dm^3 HCl
Equation – Volume x Concentration = Moles
Volume = 50cm^3 This must be in dm^3 so divide by 1000
Concentration = 0.5 mol/dm^3
 $0.05 \times 0.5 = 0.025\text{ mol}$

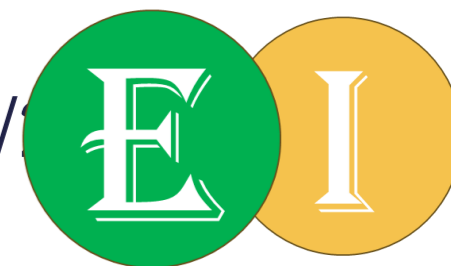
Concentration units are mol/dm^3 or mol dm^{-3} . They can also be g/dm^3 or g dm^{-3} which can be converted into mols/dm^3 by \div Mr of compound e.g. 50g/dm^3 of NaOH = $50 \div 40 = 1.25\text{mol/dm}^3$

2. What is the concentration of 100cm^3 of 2 mols of MgO
Equation – Volume x Concentration = Moles
Rearrange – Moles \div Volume = Concentration
Volume = 100cm^3 This must be in dm^3 so divide by 1000
Moles = 2 mol
 $2 \div 0.1 = 20\text{ mol/dm}^3$

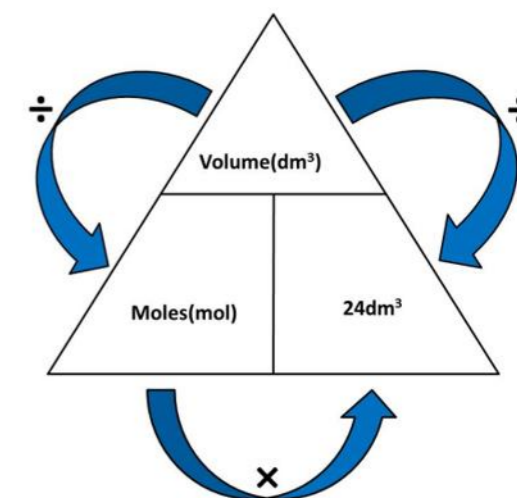


Moles & Volume of Gas

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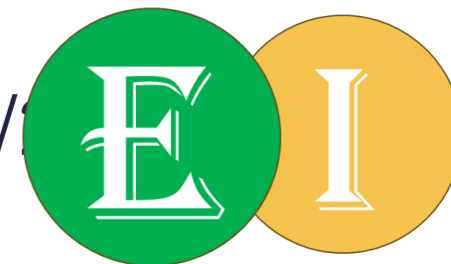


1. How many moles are there in 48dm³ of oxygen gas?
Equation – Moles x 24 = Volume
Rearrange – Volume ÷ 24 = Moles
48 ÷ 24 = 2 Moles
2. How many moles are there in 100dm³ of Carbon dioxide gas to 2.d.p?
Equation – Moles x 24 = Volume
Rearrange – Volume ÷ 24 = Moles
100 ÷ 24 = 4.17
3. What volume of hydrogen gas is in 5 moles? Put your answer in cm³.
Equation – Moles x 24 = Volume
5 X 24 = 120dm³
120dm³ x 1000 = 120,000cm³



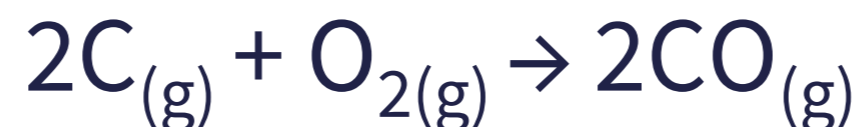
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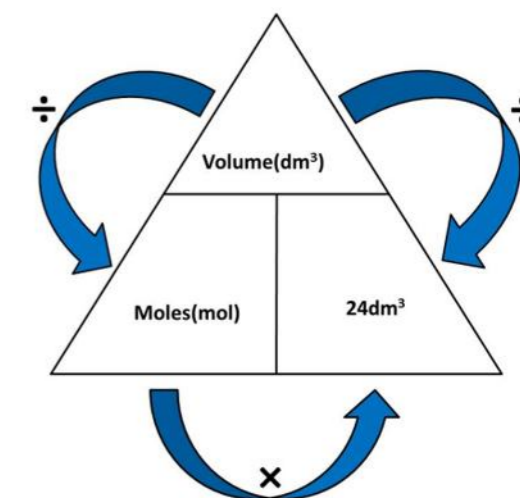
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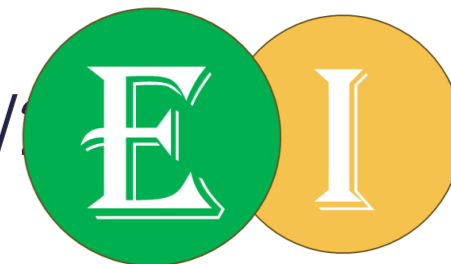
Step 1 – Work out the ration 2:1

	Carbon	Oxygen
Volume (dm ³)	4	
Ratio	2	1



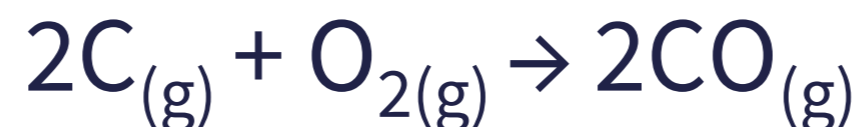
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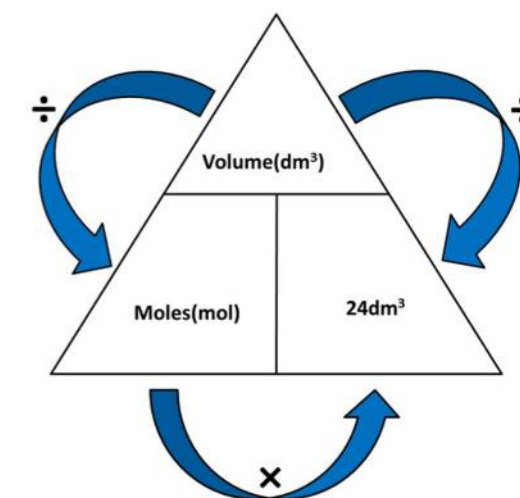
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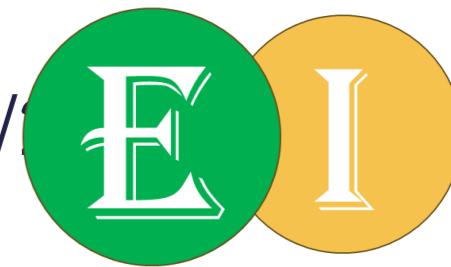
Step 2 – Divide the volume by the ratio

	Carbon	Oxygen
Volume (dm ³)	4	4 ÷ 2 = 2
Ratio	2	1

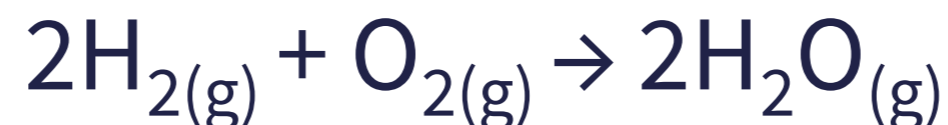


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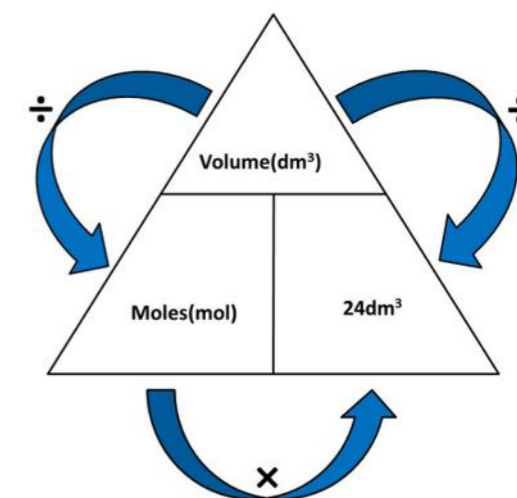
2. 5.0 dm³ of oxygen reacts with 3.0dm³ of hydrogen. Calculate the volume of water produced



Step 1 – Identify which element will run out first. Divide the volume by the ratio to get the comparison volumes

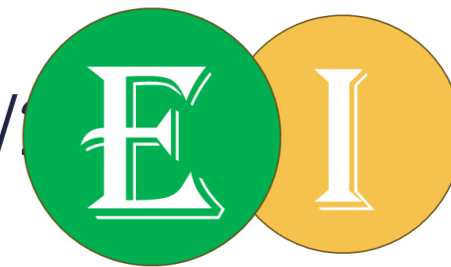
	Hydrogen	Oxygen	Water
Volume (dm ³)	3.0	5.0	
Ratio	2	1	
Comparison volume (dm ³)	3 ÷ 2 = 1.5	5 ÷ 1 = 5	

The comparison volume that is smaller will **run out first**. This is called the **limiting reactant**.

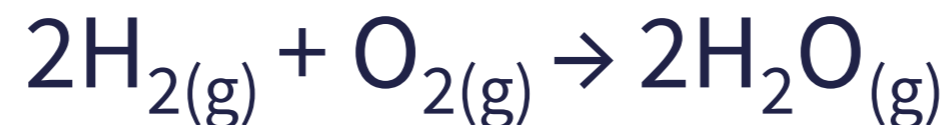


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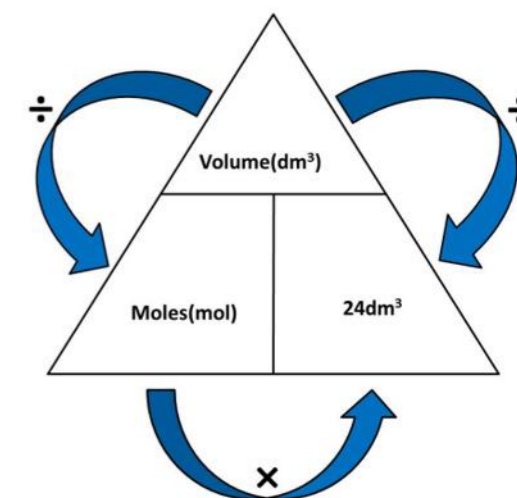
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Step 2 – Use the volume of the limiting reactant to calculate the volume of the product.

	Hydrogen	Oxygen	Water
Volume (dm ³)	3.0	5.0	3.0
Ratio	2	1	2
Comparison volume (dm ³)	3 ÷ 2 = 1.5	5 ÷ 1 = 5	-----

As the **ratio is the same** for hydrogen (the limiting reactant) and water (product) then the **volumes are the same**.



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Percentage yield

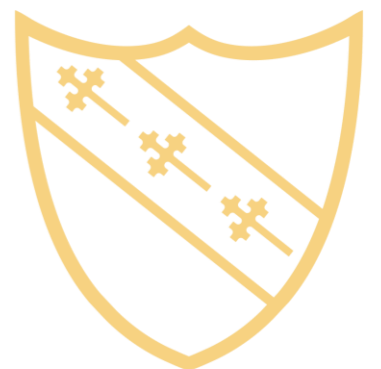


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Percentage yield





Even though no atoms are gained or lost in a chemical reaction, it is not always possible to obtain the calculated amount of a product because:

1. The reaction may not go to completion because it is reversible
2. Some of the product may be lost when it is separated from the reaction mixture
3. Some of the reactants may react in ways different to the expected reaction

To try and prevent the loss of reactants during a reaction we use a process called **REFLUX**



Percentage yield calculation

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Percentage YIELD - The amount of product you **actually make** as a percentage (%) of the amount you should **theoretically make**

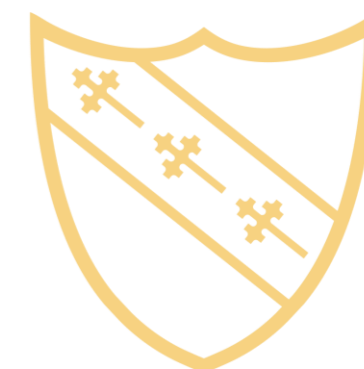
Actual mass ÷ **Theoretical mass** X 100 = Percentage yield

Worked example 1

In a reaction Mr Maidens obtained 4.6g of sodium but 5.8g of sodium was expected to be obtained. Calculate the percentage yield of the reaction to 2.d.p

- 4.6 is the actual mass
- 5.8 is the theoretical mass

Answer - $(4.6 \div 5.8) \times 100 = 79.31$ (2.d.p)



Percentage yield calculation

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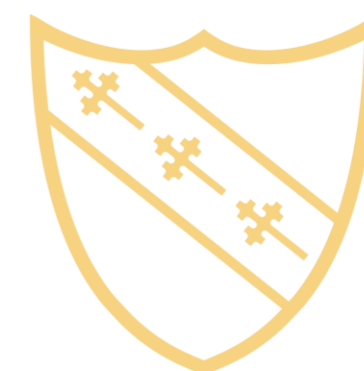


Worked example 2

In a reaction Miss Swan obtained 6.5g of potassium but 8.9g of potassium was expected to be obtained. Calculate the percentage yield of the reaction to 2.d.p

- 6.5 is the actual mass
- 8.9 is the theoretical mass

Answer - $(6.5 \div 8.9) \times 100 = 73.03$ (2.d.p)



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More complex examples

A student completes the following reaction

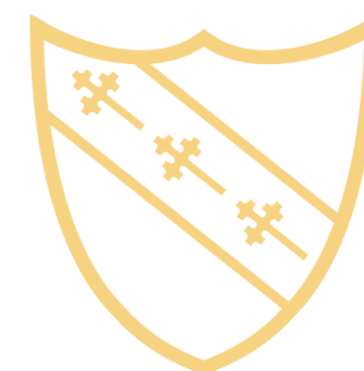


The student starts with 8g calcium (Ca). They obtained 20.6g of calcium chloride (CaCl₂). Calculate the percentage yield of the reaction.

Note – 20.6g is the actual mass of calcium chloride obtained

Step 1 – Calculate the theoretical mass of calcium chloride

	Ca	CaCl ₂
Mass	8	22.2
Mr	40	111
Mole	0.2	0.2
Molar ratio	1	1



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More complex example 1

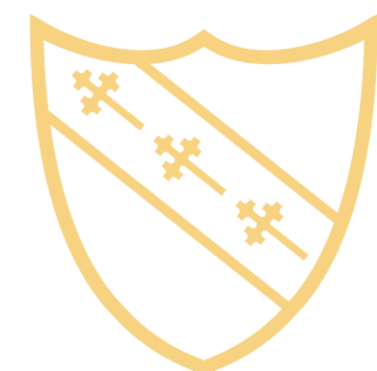
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Step 1 – Theoretical mass of calcium chloride = 22.2g

Step 2 – **Actual mass** ÷ **Theoretical mass** X 100 = Percentage yield
(20.6 ÷ 22.2) x 100 = 92.8%



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More complex example 2

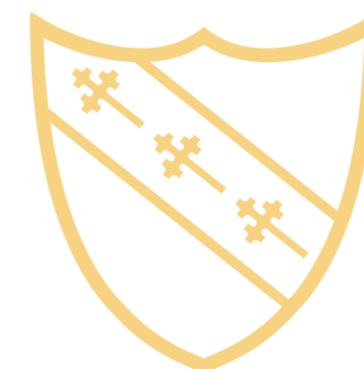
A student completes the following reaction



The student starts with 5g sodium (Na). They obtained 6.6g of sodium chloride (NaCl). Calculate the percentage yield of the reaction to 3.s.f.

	Na	NaCl
Mass	5	12.71...
Mr	23	58.5
Mole	0.2173...	0.2173...
Molar ratio	1	1

$$5 \div 12.71 \times 100 = 39.3\% \text{ (3.s.f)}$$



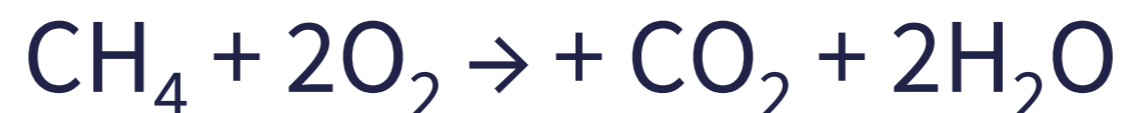
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Working the opposite direction 1

A student completes the following reaction



Calculate the mass of methane (CH_4) needed to obtain 55g of carbon dioxide (CO_2) assuming there is a 70% yield of carbon dioxide.

Step 1 – Calculate 100% yield of carbon dioxide

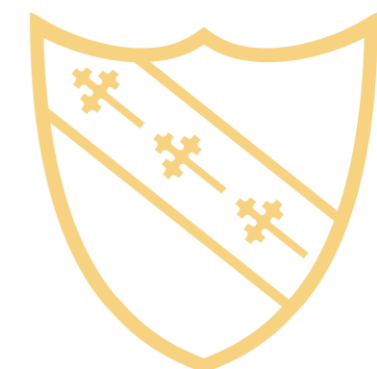
- 55g is the actual mass of CO_2

$$55 \div \text{Theoretical mass} \times 100 = 70\%$$

$$55 \div \text{Theoretical mass} = 0.7$$

$$55 \div 0.7 = \text{Theoretical mass}$$

$$\text{Theoretical mass} = 78.571\dots\text{g}$$



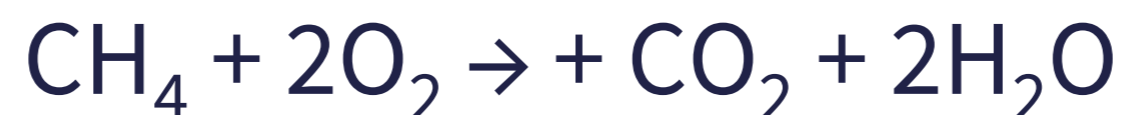
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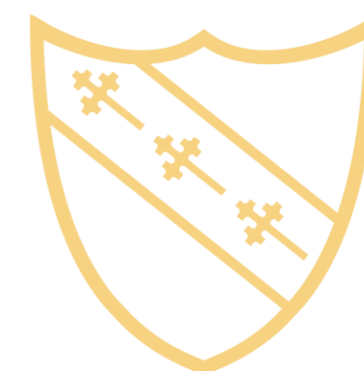


Calculate the mass of methane (CH_4) needed to obtain 55g of carbon dioxide (CO_2) assuming there is a 70% yield of carbon dioxide.

Step 1 – Theoretical mass = 78.571...g

Step 2 – Calculate the mass of methane (CH_4) using theoretical mass

	CO_2	CH_4
Mass	78.571...	28.57
Mr	44	16
Mole	1.785...	1.785...
Molar ratio	1	1



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Working the opposite direction 2

A student completes the following reaction

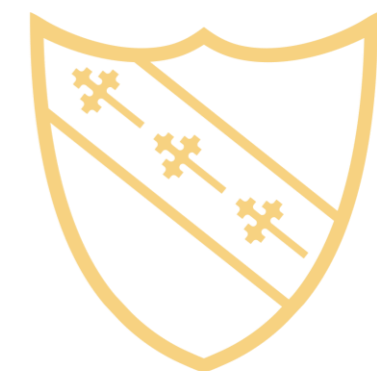


Calculate the mass of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) needed to obtain 40g of calcium oxide (CaO) assuming there is a 50% yield of calcium oxide to 1.d.p.

Step 1 – Calculate 100% yield of calcium oxide

$$40 \div 0.5 = 80\text{g}$$

Step 2 – Calculate the mass of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) using theoretical mass



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Working the opposite direction 2

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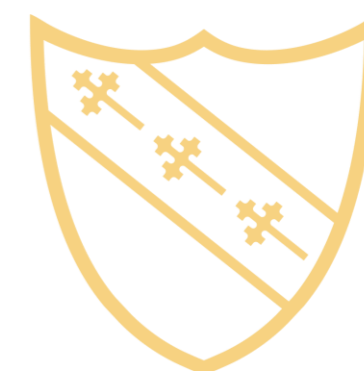


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Step 1 – $40 \div 0.5 = 80\text{g}$

Step 2 – Calculate the mass of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) using theoretical mass

	CaO	CaCO ₃
Mass	80	142.7
Mr	56.1	100.1
Mole	1.426...	1.426...
Molar ratio	1	1



Electron configuration

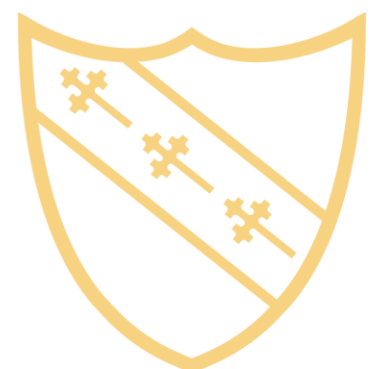




Electronic configuration 1



Electronic configuration 2



Electron configuration

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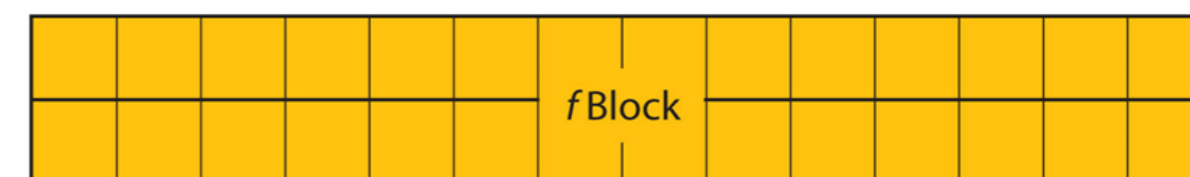
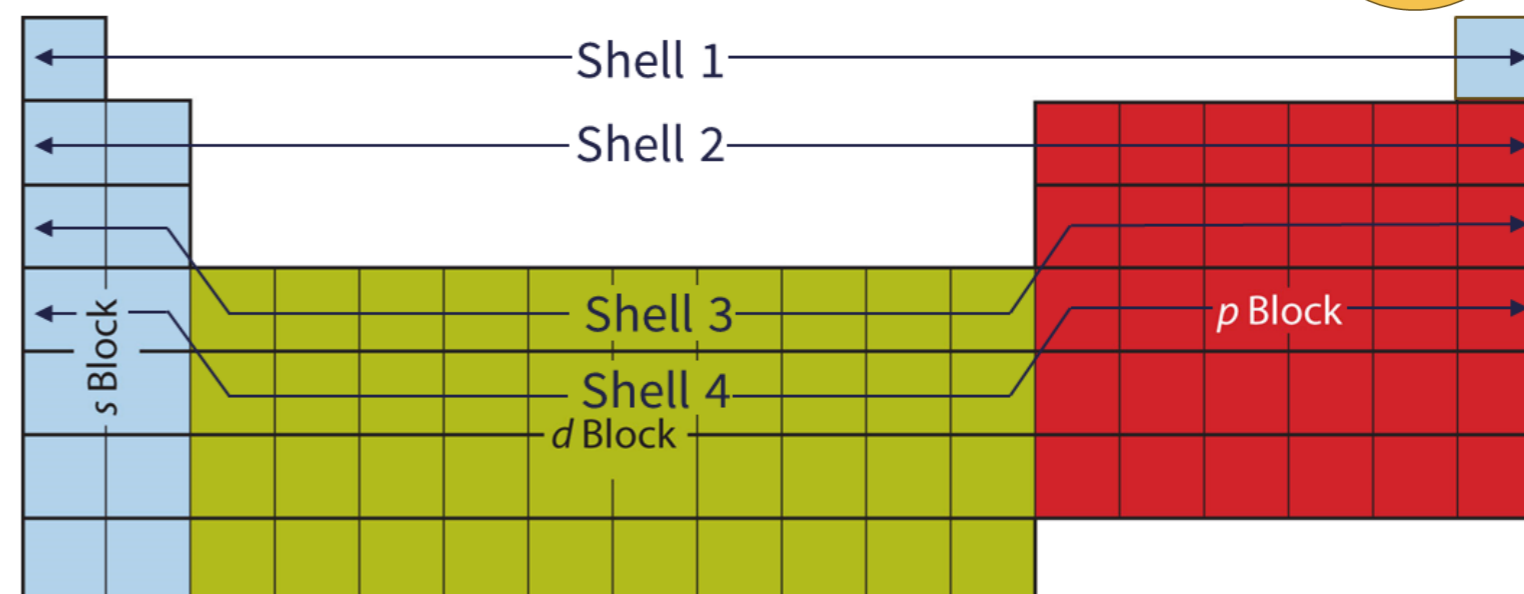
In GCSE we had a simplified electrons arrangement!

Electrons are arranged into energy levels called shells. Each row on the periodic table is a shell.

- The first shell of electrons can contain 2 electrons in total
- The second shell can contain 8 electrons in total
- The third shell can contain 18 electrons in total

This can happen because each energy level is divided into sub-shells. These are called:

The **s** sub-shell, The **p** sub-shell, The **d** sub-shell, The **f** sub-shell



Sub-shells and orbitals

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Each sub-shell can be further split into orbitals.

An orbital is a region in a sub-shell that can contain a maximum of 2 electrons.

The s Sub-shell

This contains 1 orbital and so each s sub-shell can have a **MAXIMUM** of 2 electrons within it.

The p sub-shell

This contains 3 orbitals and so each p sub-shell can have a **MAXIMUM** of 6 electrons within it.

The d sub-shell

This contains 5 orbitals and so each d sub-shell can have a **MAXIMUM** of 10 electrons within it.

The f sub-shell

This contains 7 orbitals and so each f sub-shell can have a **MAXIMUM** of 14 electrons within it.





Each energy level/shell can contain multiple sub-shells. So this means that the total number of electrons in that energy level is determined by the total number of sub-shells within that energy level/shell.

For example:

- An element in shell 1 can have a maximum of 2 electrons in its outer shell/energy level ($1s^2$)
- An element in shell 2 can have a maximum of 8 electrons in its outer shell/energy level ($2s^2, 2p^6$)
- An element in shell 3 can have a maximum of 18 electrons in its outer shell/energy level ($3s^2, 3p^6, 3d^{10}$)



Writing electron configurations

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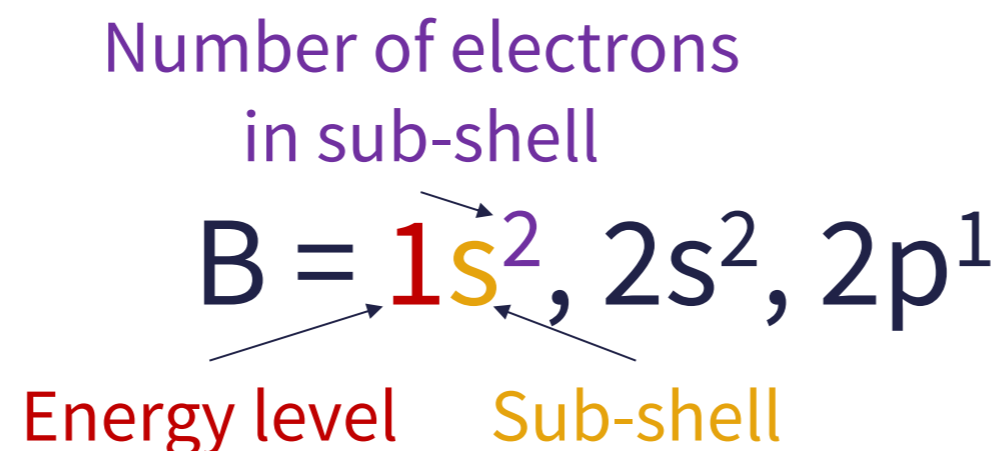


We can write out electron configurations for elements to show how many electrons are within each shell and within each sub-shell

Example 1

Write the electron configuration for Boron

Boron has a total of 5 electrons. We fill the first energy level and then the second just like at GCSE



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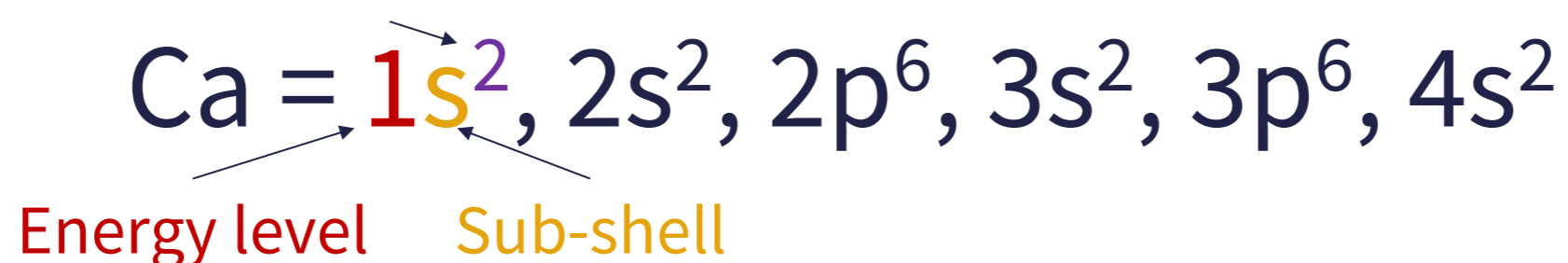
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Example 2

Write the electron configuration for calcium

Calcium has a total of 20 electrons. We fill the first energy level and then the second just like at GCSE

Number of electrons
in sub-shell



Note – The 4s sub-shell fills *BEFORE* the 3d sub-shell as it required less energy and is easier to fill!



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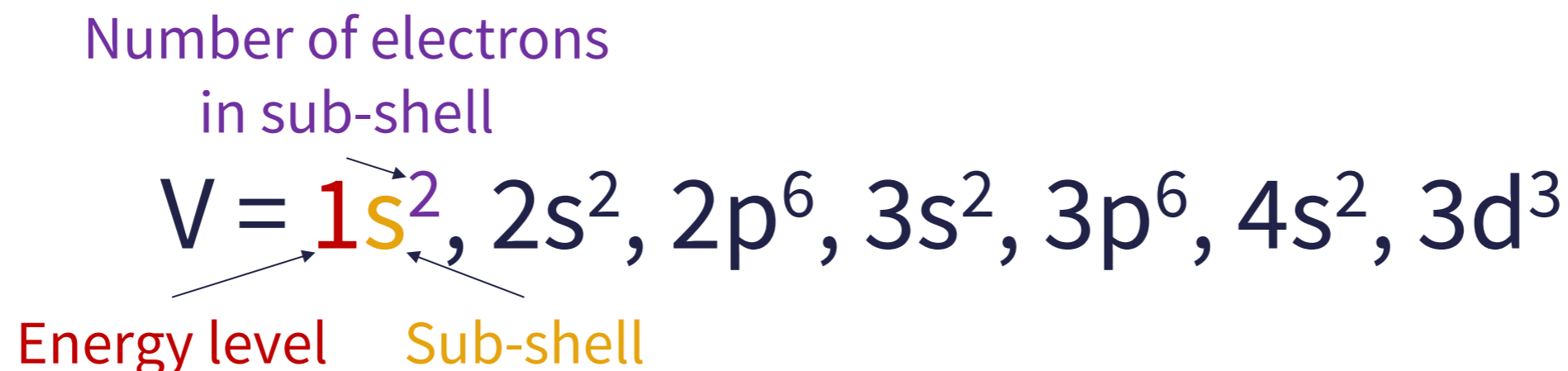


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Example 3

Write the electron configuration for vanadium

Vanadium has a total of 23 electrons. We fill the first energy level and then the second just like at GCSE



Note – The 4s sub-shell fills *BEFORE* the 3d sub-shell as it required less energy and is easier to fill!

