

## Ch. 8 Notes ~ CHEMICAL REACTIONS

NOTE: Vocabulary terms are in **boldface and underlined**. Supporting details are in *italics*.

### I. Chemical Reactions (rxns.)

A. **chemical reaction**—an expression showing the *conversion of reactants to products, forming new substances* with new properties

- 1) **reactant**—*starting substance* in a rxn.
- 2) **product**—*ending substance* in a rxn.

**REACTANTS → PRODUCTS** (*reactants react to produce products*)

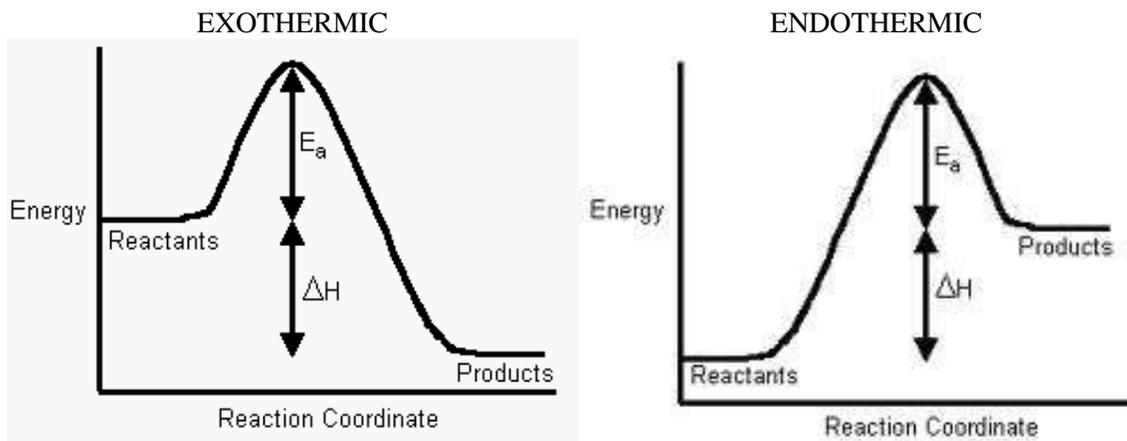
- 3) word equations do not use chemical formulas:  
lead (II) nitrate + potassium iodide → lead(II) iodide + potassium nitrate
- 4) chemical reactions use chemical formulas and are balanced:  
 $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \underline{2}\text{KI} \rightarrow \underline{2}\text{KNO}_3 + \text{PbI}_2$

5) **skeleton equation**—*unbalanced* chemical equation  
 $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$

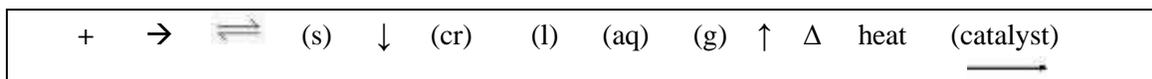
B. **catalyst**—a substance that *increases the reaction rate without being used up* in the reaction (symbol written above the arrow)

C. \*\*\* *clues that a chemical reaction has taken place* \*\*\*

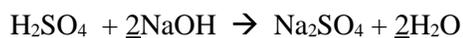
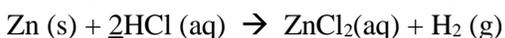
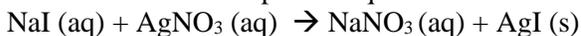
- 1) *solid (precipitate) formation*
- 2) *gas production*
- 3) *odor change*
- 4) *cannot be reversed by physical means*
- 5) *temperature change, without being heated or cooled*
  - a) **exothermic** – *giving off energy*
  - b) **endothermic** – *absorbing energy*



### D. common reaction symbols



### E. examples of equations

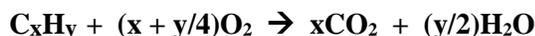




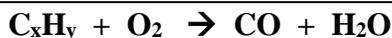


E. **combustion**

- 1) *burning*
- 2) *always involves oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) as a reactant*
- 3) hydrocarbon **complete combustion** (general format):



- 4) hydrocarbon **incomplete combustion** (general format):



IV. Reactions in Aqueous Solution

A. **aqueous solution (aq)**—*homogeneous mixture of solute and solvent*

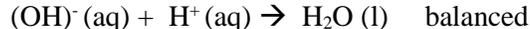
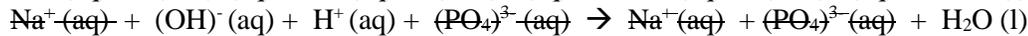
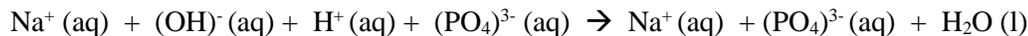
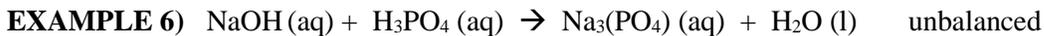
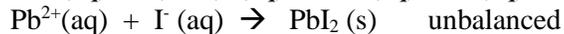
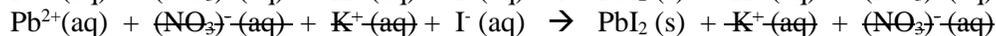
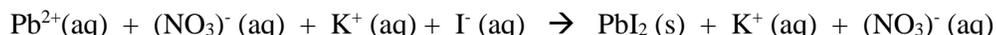
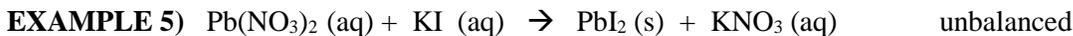
- 1) **solute**—*substance being dissolved*
  - a) can be a solid, liquid, or gas
  - b) can be molecular (polar) or ionic
- 2) **solvent**—*substance doing the dissolving* (in this case, water)

B. types of reactions in aqueous solutions

- 1) rxns that form precipitates  
(**precipitate**—*a solid formed from a chemical reaction*)
- 2) rxns. that form water  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
- 3) rxns. that form gases

C. net ionic equations

- 1) **complete ionic equation**—an equation showing dissolved (aq) ionic cmpds. (compounds) as free ions
- 2) **spectator ions**—*ions not directly involved in the rxn.*
- 3) **net ionic equation**—equation only showing particles involved in the rxn.
  - a) *leave (s), (g), (l) intact*
  - b) *go backwards from crisscross to “take ionic cmpds. apart”*
  - c) *eliminate ions which are shown as spectator ions on both sides*
  - d) *balance the net ionic equation when finished*
- 4) examples

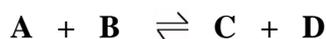


V. Nature of Reactions

A. *overall equations* – reactions formed from combining a stepwise reaction mechanism

B. **reversible reactions**—reactions which can *change*  $\rightleftharpoons$  *direction*  
(reversible reaction arrow is used)

- 1) **equilibrium**—a system in *balance* (no net change)
- 2) **dynamic equilibrium**— forward and backward reactions occur at the same rate
- 3) *LeChatelier's Principle*—*if a system at equilibrium is disturbed, it will correct itself to reestablish equilibrium*



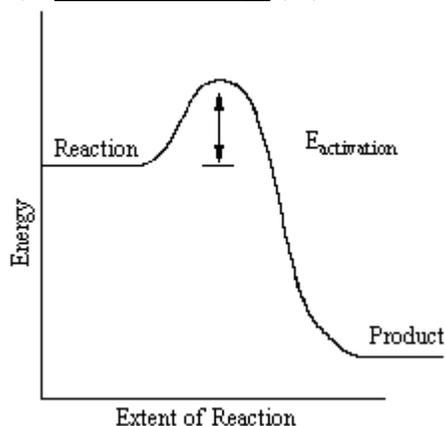
a) Changing direction

- add more A/B, or remove C/D, so more C/D will be produced
- add more C/D, or remove A/B to form more A/B

b) Adding or removing energy (heat)

C. reaction rate

- 1) **activation energy** ( $E_a$ ) – amount of energy needed to initiate a reaction



- 2) **catalyst**—*substance which lowers the activation energy without acting as reactant or product (makes it easier to react)*
- 3) **inhibitor**—substance which retards reaction rate
- 4) *reaction speed*— measure production of products or disappearance of reactants
- 5) effects of *temperature*—more reactions go faster at higher temps.
- 6) *concentration*—increased concentration of reactants should increase reaction rate
- 7) **limiting reactant**—the parent chemical which will run out first; this controls the reaction

## REACTION SUMMARY

- 1) **SYNTHESIS (COMBINATION)**  $A + B \rightarrow AB$
- 2) **DECOMPOSITION**  $AB \rightarrow A + B$
- 3) **SINGLE REPLACEMENT**  
**(SINGLE DISPLACEMENT)**  $A + BC \rightarrow AC + B$
- 4) **DOUBLE REPLACEMENT**  
**(DOUBLE DISPLACEMENT)**  $AB + CD \rightarrow AD + CB$
- 5) **COMBUSTION**  
hydrocarbon **COMPLETE COMBUSTION**  $C_xH_y + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$   
hydrocarbon **INCOMPLETE COMBUSTION**  $C_xH_y + O_2 \rightarrow CO + H_2O$