


Useful Information to Learn

Reactivity Series of Metals

Potassium	most reactive
Sodium	
Calcium	
Magnesium	
Aluminium	
<i>Carbon</i>	
Zinc	
Iron	
Tin	
Lead	
<i>Hydrogen</i>	
Copper	
Silver	
Gold	
Platinum	least reactive



(elements in italics, though non-metals, have been included for comparison)

Formulae of Some Common Ions

Positive ions

Name	Formula
Hydrogen	H ⁺
Sodium	Na ⁺
Silver	Ag ⁺
Potassium	K ⁺
Lithium	Li ⁺
Ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺
Barium	Ba ²⁺
Calcium	Ca ²⁺
Copper(II)	Cu ²⁺
Magnesium	Mg ²⁺
Zinc	Zn ²⁺
Lead	Pb ²⁺
Iron(II)	Fe ²⁺
Iron(III)	Fe ³⁺
Aluminium	Al ³⁺

Negative ions

Name	Formula
Chloride	Cl ⁻
Bromide	Br ⁻
Fluoride	F ⁻
Iodide	I ⁻
Hydroxide	OH ⁻
Nitrate	NO ₃ ⁻
Oxide	O ²⁻
Sulfide	S ²⁻
Sulfate	SO ₄ ²⁻
Carbonate	CO ₃ ²⁻

Moles

Equation	Symbols	Units
$n = g/A_r$ or $n = g/M_r$	n = number of moles g = mass A_r = atomic mass (from the periodic table) M_r = molecular mass (ass up all the A_r 's from the periodic table)	n = moles g = mass in grams (g) M_r = no unit
$n = c \times v$	n = number of moles c = concentration v = volume of solution	n = moles c = mol/ dm ³ or mol dm ⁻³ v = dm ³
$v = n \times 24\text{dm}^3$ (24000 cm ³)	v = volume of gas n = number of moles 24dm ³ = the volume of 1 mole of any gas	v = dm ³ n = moles

Electrolysis

Equation	Symbols	Units
1 Faraday = 1 mole of electrons		
96500 Coulombs = 1 Faraday		
$Q = \frac{\text{Number of Coulombs}}{1 \text{ Faraday (96500 Coulombs)}}$		
$Q = I \times t$	Q = charge I = current t = time	Q = Coulombs I = amps t = secs

Other Useful Equations

Equation	Symbols	Units
$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}}$		Actual yield = usually measured in grams (g) Theoretical yield = usually measured in grams (g)
$\% \text{ change} = \frac{\text{final value} - \text{initial value}}{\text{initial value}}$		These values are usually measured in mass (g) or volume (dm ³). Note this change could be negative if there has been a decrease i.e. a decrease in mass
Finding the percentage of an element in a compound: $\frac{\text{Mass of element}}{\text{Total mass of compound}}$		These values are usually measured in mass
$\frac{(\% \text{ of isotope 1} \times \text{mass of isotope 1}) + (\% \text{ of isotope 2} \times \text{mass of isotope 2})}{100}$		Note you may have to divide by the total abundance if the abundance is not given as a percentage.
$d = m/v$	d = density m = mass v = volume	density = g/dm ³ mass = g volume = dm ³