

Is This Redox?

• $2H_2 O \rightarrow 2H_2 + O_2$

• $CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + CO_2$

• $HCl + NaOH \rightarrow H_2O + NaCl$

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Half Reaction

- Half reaction shows the exchange of electrons in a redox reaction
- One half reaction shows oxidation, and the other shows reduction

Example of a Reduction Half Reaction

- $Fe^{3+} + 3e- \rightarrow Fe^{0}$
- Electrons on the left side, gained in the reaction







When $Fe^{3+}(aq)$ gains 3 electrons, it produces iron solid Fe(s)

Example of an Oxidation Half Reaction

- $Fe^0 \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + 3e$ -
- Electrons are the right hand side, loss of electrons in the reaction
- Always add electrons to the side of the reaction that has a more positive charge







When iron solid Fe(s) loses 3 electrons, it produces Fe³⁺ (aq)

Complete the Incomplete Half Reactions

- Rewrite the equation and place the correct number of electrons on the appropriate side
- $I_2 \rightarrow 2I^-$
- $Cr^{2+} \rightarrow Cr^{3+}$
- $Sr \rightarrow Sr^{2+}$

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Following the Law of Conservation

- · Half reactions follow:
 - <u>Law of conservation of mass</u>; same # of atoms on both sides of the reaction
 - Conservation of charge; net charge must be the same on both sides of the equation (# of electrons lost = # of electrons gained)

Rules for Setting Up Half Reactions

• Assign numbers

$$Mg + ZnCl_2 \rightarrow MgCl_2 + Zn$$

- · Identify oxidation and reduction
 - ______ is oxidized because electrons were lost and the oxidation number increased
 - _____ is reduced because electrons were gained and the oxidation number decreased

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Rules for Setting Up Half Reactions

• Write the oxidation and reduction half reactions

$$Mg + ZnCl_2 \rightarrow MgCl_2 + Zn$$

- Reduction Half Reaction:
- Oxidation Half Reaction:

Rules for Setting Up Half Reactions

 Balance masses (change coefficients) and balance charge – multiply each half reaction to have the same number of electrons

$$Mg + ZnCl_2 \rightarrow MgCl_2 + Zn$$

- Reduction:
- Oxidation:

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$$\text{Li} + \text{Ca}^{+2} \rightarrow \text{Li}^{+1} + \text{Ca}$$

 $Mn + Cu^{+2} \rightarrow Mn^{+4} + Cu$

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Ni + Fe⁺³ → Ni⁺³ + Fe

