





Half Reaction Practice Model Unbalanced Equation: Fe + $Cu^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + Cu$

Question 1: Using oxidation numbers as evidence, state when the above reaction is a redox reaction.

• Iron goes from _____ to _____

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- Copper goes from _____ to ____
- If ______ then it is a redox reaction

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Question 2: What is happening in the above reaction in terms of electrons?

• Iron is ______ electrons

Copper is ______ electrons

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Question 3: Identify and explain why which element is oxidized, and which is reduced.

- Iron is ______ because the oxidation number ______ which means electrons are _____.
- Copper is _____ because the oxidation number _____ which means electrons are _____.

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Question 4: Identify which reactant is the oxidizing agent and which is the reducing agent.

• Fe⁰ is the ______ agent because it is ______.

• Cu²⁺ is the _____ agent because it is _____.

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Question 5: Write out the balanced oxidation and reduction half reaction. **First**, show oxidation and reduction. **Second**, add the electrons for each half reaction. **Third**, check that the electrons lost equals the electrons gained.

Oxidation: _____

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• Reduction: _____

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Question 6: Write out the balanced redox reaction $Oxidation: 2Fe^0 \rightarrow 2Fe^{3+} + 6e^ Reduction: 6e^- + 3Cu^{2+} \rightarrow 3Cu^0$ Half Reaction Practice Model <u>**Balanced**</u> Equation: $2Fe + 3Cu^{2+} \rightarrow 2Fe^{3+} + 3Cu$

Question 7: Explain how the balanced redox reaction shows both conservation of mass and conservation of charge.

• The above balanced equation shows conservation of mass because there are 2 moles of iron on each sides of the equation, and 3 moles of copper on each side of the equation. It shows conservation of charge because the sum of the charges on the left side is (+6), and the sum of the charges on the right side is (+6). Both sides of the equation have the same net charge. In addition, from the balanced half-reactions, we see the electrons lost by Fe^0 is equal to the electrons gained by Cu^{2^+} .

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