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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary purpose of a chemical equation?

Hint: Think about what chemical equations represent.

- To measure temperature changes
- To represent a chemical reaction
- To calculate pressure
- To determine the color of a substance

Which of the following are components of a chemical equation?

Hint: Consider what elements are involved in a chemical equation.

- Reactants
- Products
- Coefficients
- Subscripts

Explain the Law of Conservation of Mass and its significance in balancing chemical equations.

Hint: Consider how mass is treated in chemical reactions.

List the types of chemical reactions. Provide a brief description of each type.

Hint: Think about the different ways substances can interact.

1. What is a synthesis reaction?

2. What is a decomposition reaction?

3. What is a single replacement reaction?

4. What is a double replacement reaction?

5. What is a combustion reaction?

Which of the following best describes a synthesis reaction?

Hint: Think about how substances combine.

- A complex molecule breaks down into simpler substances
- Two or more simple substances combine to form a more complex product
- An element replaces another element in a compound
- Exchange of ions between two compounds

Part 2: Application and Analysis

In balancing chemical equations, which of the following steps are essential?

Hint: Consider the process of ensuring both sides of the equation are equal.

- Count the number of atoms of each element on both sides
- Change the subscripts to balance the equation
- Use coefficients to balance the most complex molecule first
- Check the balanced equation to ensure all elements are balanced

Describe the process of balancing a chemical equation. Why is it important to use coefficients instead of changing subscripts?

Hint: Think about the implications of changing chemical formulas.

Given the unbalanced equation: $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$, what is the balanced form?

Hint: Consider how many molecules of each reactant are needed.

- $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{H}_2 + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2\text{H}_2 + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Which of the following are correctly balanced equations?

Hint: Evaluate each equation for balance.

- $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$
- $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 3\text{CO}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2\text{Na} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl}$
- $\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Balance the following chemical equation and explain your steps: $\text{Al} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$.

Hint: Consider how many aluminum and oxygen atoms are needed.

In a decomposition reaction, what is typically observed?

Hint: Think about the products of a decomposition reaction.

- Formation of a single product
- Breakdown of a compound into simpler substances
- Exchange of ions between compounds
- Replacement of one element by another

Identify the errors in the following unbalanced equation: $C_4H_{10} + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$

Hint: Evaluate the balance of each element in the equation.

- Incorrect coefficients
- Unbalanced number of oxygen atoms
- Unbalanced number of hydrogen atoms
- Incorrect reactants

Analyze the following reaction and determine the type of reaction: $Zn + 2HCl \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: Consider the changes occurring in the reactants and products.

Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

Which statement best evaluates the importance of balancing chemical equations?

Hint: Think about the implications of unbalanced equations.

- It ensures the reaction occurs faster
- It helps in predicting the products of a reaction
- It maintains the conservation of mass
- It determines the color of the products

Evaluate the following scenarios and identify which would require balancing a chemical equation:

Hint: Consider the context of each scenario.

- Predictin the amount of product formed
- Calculating the energy change in a reaction
- Determining the reactants needed for a reaction
- Analyzing the speed of a reaction

Create a balanced chemical equation for a combustion reaction involving C_2H_6 and O_2 . Explain your process and the significance of each component in the equation.

Hint: Consider the products of combustion reactions.