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## Part 1: Building a Foundation

### What is the empirical formula?

*Hint: Think about the simplest representation of a compound.*

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## Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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*Hint: Consider the units needed for further calculations.*

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*Hint: Think about what empirical formulas do not provide.*

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*Hint: Convert the percentages to moles and find the simplest ratio.*

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**Calculate the empirical formula for a compound with the following percent composition: 27.29% carbon, 72.71% oxygen.**

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## Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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