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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the empirical formula?

Hint: Think about the definition of empirical formulas.

- ◯ A) The exact number of atoms in a molecule
- ◯ B) The simplest whole-number ratio of elements in a compound
- ◯ C) The mass of a compound
- ◯ D) The chemical name of a compound

Which of the following are true about molecular formulas?

Hint: Consider the characteristics of molecular formulas.

- ☐ A) They show the exact number of each type of atom in a molecule.
- ☐ B) They are always the same as empirical formulas.
- ☐ C) They can be derived from empirical formulas.
- ☐ D) They represent the simplest ratio of elements.

Explain the difference between an empirical formula and a molecular formula.

Hint: Consider the definitions and what each formula represents.

List the steps to calculate an empirical formula from percent composition.

Hint: Think about the process of converting percentages to moles.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

If a compound has an empirical formula of CH2 and a molecular mass of 56 g/mol, what is its molecular formula?

Hint: Use the empirical formula to find the molecular formula based on the molar mass.

- ◯ A) CH2
- ◯ B) C2H4
- ◯ C) C3H6
- ◯ D) C4H8

Which statements are true about calculating molecular formulas?

Hint: Consider the necessary information for calculating molecular formulas.

- ☐ A) You need the empirical formula.
- ☐ B) You need the molar mass of the compound.
- ☐ C) You divide the molar mass by the empirical formula mass.
- ☐ D) You multiply the empirical formula by the resulting factor.

Describe a real-world scenario where knowing the molecular formula of a compound is essential.

Hint: Think about applications in medicine, industry, or research.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

A compound is found to contain 40% carbon, 6.7% hydrogen, and 53.3% oxygen by mass. What is its empirical formula?

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

- ◯ A) CHO
- ◯ B) CH2O
- ◯ C) C2H4O2
- ◯ D) C3H6O3

You have a compound with an empirical formula of NO2 and a molar mass of 92 g/mol. What steps do you take to find the molecular formula?

Hint: Think about the calculations needed to derive the molecular formula.

- ☐ A) Calculate the empirical formula mass.
- ☐ B) Divide the molar mass by the empirical formula mass.
- ☐ C) Multiply the empirical formula by the factor obtained.
- ☐ D) Add more nitrogen atoms to the formula.

Given a compound with an empirical formula of P2O5 and a molar mass of 283.88 g/mol, calculate its molecular formula.

Hint: Use the empirical formula mass to find the molecular formula.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following best explains why empirical formulas are not always sufficient for identifying a compound?

Hint: Consider the limitations of empirical formulas.

- ◯ A) They do not provide the exact number of atoms.
- ◯ B) They are too complex to calculate.
- ◯ C) They are only used for ionic compounds.
- ◯ D) They are not based on actual measurements.

Evaluate the following scenario: A chemist determines the empirical formula of a compound as C_2H_5O. If the compound's molar mass is 90 g/mol, what is the molecular formula?

Hint: Use the empirical formula to find the molecular formula based on the molar mass.

- ◯ A) C_2H_5O
- ◯ B) $C_4H_{10}O_2$
- ◯ C) $C_6H_{15}O_3$
- ◯ D) C_3H_8O

Evaluate the following statements about the importance of molecular formulas in chemical research.

Hint: Consider the role of molecular formulas in identifying and understanding compounds.

- ☐ A) They help in identifying unknown compounds.
- ☐ B) They are not necessary for determining the structure of a compound.
- ☐ C) They provide information about the reactivity of a compound.
- ☐ D) They are essential for calculating the yield of a chemical reaction.

Create a hypothetical compound with a given empirical formula and molar mass. Describe the steps you would take to determine its molecular formula.

Hint: Think about the process of deriving the molecular formula from the empirical formula.