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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the empirical formula?

Hint: Think about the definition of empirical formulas.

- A) The actual 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 symbol of an element

Which of the following are needed to determine an empirical formula?

Hint: Consider the information required for empirical formula calculations.

- A) Percentage composition of each element
- B) Molecular weight of the compound
- C) Atomic masses of the elements
- D) The color of the compound

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

Hint: Consider the definitions and what each formula represents.

List the steps required to calculate an empirical formula from percentage composition.

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

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

4. Step 4

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

If a compound has an empirical formula of CH_2O and a molecular weight of 180 g/mol, what is the molecular formula?

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

- A) CH_2O
- B) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$
- C) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$
- D) $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$

Which statements are true about empirical formulas?

Hint: Consider the properties and characteristics of empirical formulas.

- A) They always match the molecular formula.
- B) They are the simplest ratio of elements.
- C) They can be used to determine molecular formulas.
- D) They provide the exact number of atoms in a molecule.

Describe how the empirical formula can be used to determine the molecular formula when the molecular weight is known.

Hint: Think about the relationship between empirical and molecular formulas.

A compound is found to contain 40% carbon, 6.71% hydrogen, and 53.29% oxygen by mass. What is its empirical formula?

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

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

A compound has an empirical formula of NH₂ and a molecular weight of 32 g/mol. Determine its molecular formula.

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

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following best describes the relationship between empirical and molecular formulas?

Hint: Consider how the two formulas relate to each other.

- A) They are always identical.
- B) The molecular formula is a multiple of the empirical formula.
- C) The empirical formula is a multiple of the molecular formula.
- D) They have no relationship.

Analyze the following scenarios and identify which would affect the determination of an empirical formula.

Hint: Think about factors that could lead to incorrect calculations.

- A) Incorrect atomic masses used in calculations
- B) Incorrect percentage composition data
- C) Presence of impurities in the sample
- D) Accurate molecular weight measurement

Discuss how errors in measuring the percentage composition of elements could impact the calculation of an empirical formula.

Hint: Consider the effects of inaccurate measurements.

A student calculated an empirical formula as C_2H_5O . If the molecular weight is 90 g/mol, what is the correct molecular formula?

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

- A) C_2H_5O
- B) $C_4H_{10}O_2$
- C) $C_3H_6O_3$
- D) $C_6H_{15}O_3$

Evaluate the following statements and identify which are true about the importance of empirical formulas in chemistry.

Hint: Consider the roles of empirical formulas in chemical analysis.

- A) They help in identifying unknown compounds.
- B) They are crucial for determining molecular structures.
- C) They are used in balancing chemical equations.
- D) They are irrelevant for organic compounds.

Propose a method to experimentally determine the empirical formula of a new compound, including the steps and equipment you would use.

Hint: Think about the experimental process and necessary tools.