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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What does a molecular formula represent?

Hint: Think about what information a molecular formula conveys.

- A) The simplest ratio of elements in a compound
- B) The actual number of atoms of each element in a molecule
- C) The structure of a compound
- D) The physical state of a compound

Which of the following are true about empirical formulas? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definitions and properties of empirical formulas.

- A) They show the actual number of atoms in a molecule.
- B) They provide the simplest whole-number ratio of elements.
- C) They are always identical to molecular formulas.
- D) They are used to determine molecular formulas.

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

Hint: Consider the definitions and what each formula represents.

List two pieces of information needed to calculate a molecular formula.

Hint: Think about what data is required for the calculation.

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Which of the following best describes the purpose of a molecular formula?

Hint: Consider what information is conveyed by a molecular formula.

- A) To identify the physical properties of a compound
- B) To show the exact number of each type of atom in a molecule
- C) To illustrate the chemical reactions a compound can undergo
- D) To provide a visual representation of a molecule

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

If the empirical formula of a compound is CH_2 and its molar mass is 56 g/mol , what is the molecular formula?

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

- A) CH_2
- B) C_2H_4
- C) C_4H_8
- D) C_3H_6

Which steps are involved in determining a molecular formula? (Select all that apply)

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

- A) Determine the empirical formula.
- B) Calculate the empirical formula mass.
- C) Measure the compound's boiling point.
- D) Divide the molar mass by the empirical formula mass.

Describe how the molar mass of a compound is used in finding its molecular formula.

Hint: Consider the relationship between molar mass and empirical formulas.

A compound has an empirical formula of NO_2 and a molar mass of 92 g/mol. What is its molecular formula?

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

- A) NO_2
- B) N_2O_4
- C) N_3O_6
- D) N_4O_8

A compound with an empirical formula of CH and a molar mass of 78 g/mol is likely to be which of the following? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the possible molecular formulas that correspond to the given empirical formula.

- A) C_2H_2
- B) C_6H_6
- C) C_3H_3
- D) C_4H_4

Given a compound with an empirical formula of C_2H_5 and a molar mass of 58 g/mol, calculate its molecular formula.

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

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which statement best explains why the molecular formula is sometimes a multiple of the empirical formula?

Hint: Consider the definitions of empirical and molecular formulas.

- A) Because the empirical formula is always incorrect
- B) Because the molecular formula accounts for the actual number of atoms
- C) Because the empirical formula only considers ionic compounds
- D) Because the molecular formula is used for gaseous compounds only

Analyze the following scenarios and identify which could lead to different empirical and molecular formulas. (Select all that apply)

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

- A) A compound with a molar mass that is a multiple of its empirical formula mass
- B) A compound with a molar mass equal to its empirical formula mass
- C) A compound with an empirical formula of H₂O
- D) A compound with a molar mass of 180 g/mol and an empirical formula mass of 60 g/mol

Explain why it is necessary to know the molar mass of a compound when determining its molecular formula.

Hint: Consider the role of molar mass in the calculation process.

If a new compound is discovered with an empirical formula of C₃H₄O₃ and a molar mass of 176 g/mol, what would be the most likely molecular formula?

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

- A) C₃H₄O₃
- B) C₆H₈O₆
- C) C₉H₁₂O₉
- D) C₁₂H₁₆O₁₂

Evaluate the following statements and identify which are true regarding the relationship between empirical and molecular formulas. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definitions and properties of empirical and molecular formulas.

- A) The molecular formula is always larger than the empirical formula.
- B) The empirical formula is the simplest form of the molecular formula.
- C) The molecular formula can be the same as the empirical formula.
- D) The empirical formula is used to calculate the molecular formula.

Design a real-world scenario where determining the molecular formula of a compound is crucial. Explain the steps and reasoning involved in solving this scenario.

Hint: Think about practical applications of molecular formulas in chemistry.