

IDENTIFYING REACTIONS

You may see one or more of these signs when a chemical reaction occurs

- (1) - A change in temperature that can't be explained in another way.
- (2) - Emission of light that can't be explained in another way
- (3) - The formation of a solid - or PRECIPITATION - in a previously liquid solution. (Not a simple phase change!)
- (4) - Color change (not simply lightening of color caused by diluting a solution!)

CLASSIFYING REACTIONS

- It's simpler to talk about different reactions if we can classify them into a small number of classes.
- We will discuss five classes of chemical reaction. (You may learn additional ways to classify reactions in more advanced chemistry courses!)

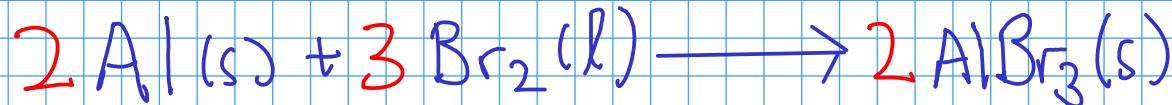
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COMBINATION REACTIONS

- Reactions that involve two or more simple substances COMBINING to form a SINGLE product
- Often involve large energy changes. Sometimes violent!



Example:



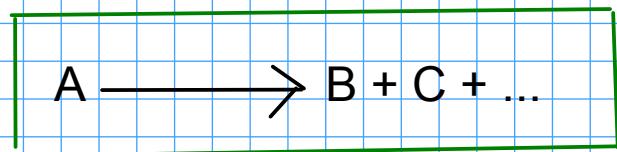
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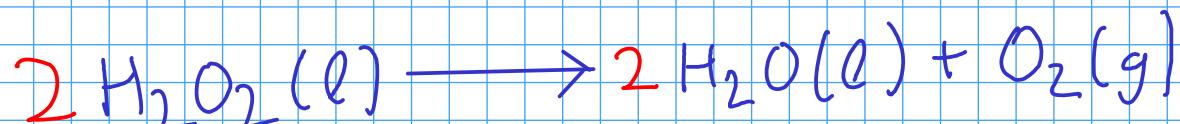
DECOMPOSITION REACTIONS

- Reactions where a **SINGLE REACTANT** breaks apart into several products

- Form:



Example:



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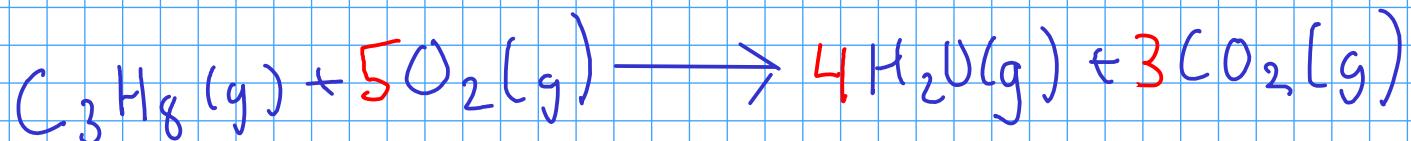
COMBUSTION REACTIONS

- Reactions of substances with MOLECULAR OXYGEN (O_2) to form OXIDES.
- Combustion forms an OXIDE of EACH ELEMENT in the burned substance!

- Form: $AB + O_2 \longrightarrow AO + BO$

Oxide: a compound containing OXYGEN and one other element!

Examples:



✓ Oxides!



This reaction can also be called a combination!
Two reactants form a single product.

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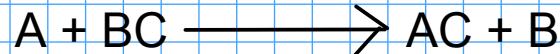
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SINGLE REPLACEMENT REACTIONS

- Reactions where one element REPLACES another element in a compound.

- Can be predicted via an ACTIVITY SERIES (more on that later!)

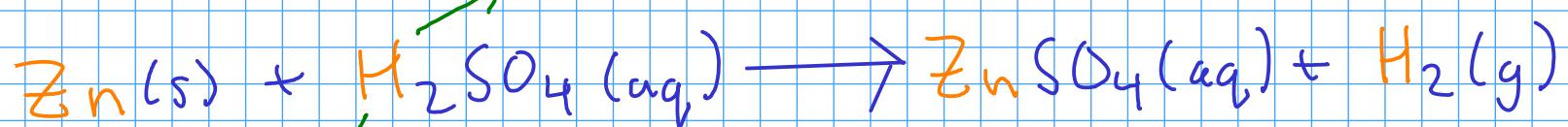
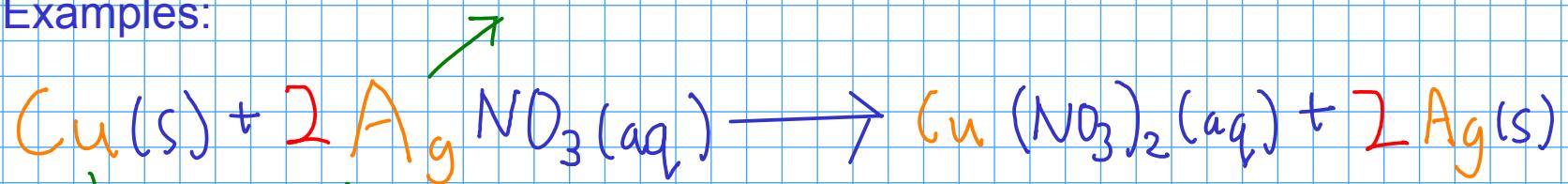
- Form:



"A" and "B" are elements., often metals.

- Easy to spot, since there is an element "by itself" on each side of the equation.

Examples:

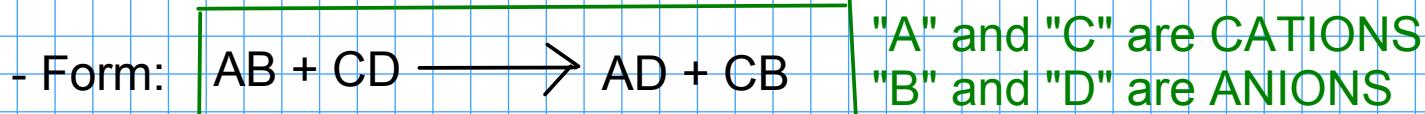


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DOUBLE REPLACEMENT REACTIONS

- Also called "exchange" reactions
- The ions in two ionic compounds (one compound may also be an acid) EXCHANGE PARTNERS, forming two new compounds.



- Can be predicted based on the characteristics of the potential products (More on that later!)
- Occur in AQUEOUS SOLUTION

Examples:

