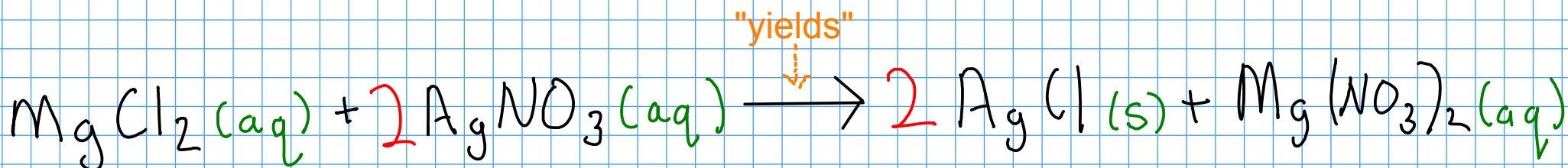


CHEMICAL EQUATIONS

- are the "recipes" in chemistry
- show the substances going into a reaction, substances coming out of the reaction, and give other information about the process



REACTANTS - materials that are needed for a reaction

PRODUCTS - materials that are formed in a reaction

COEFFICIENTS - give the ratio of molecules/atoms of one substance to the others

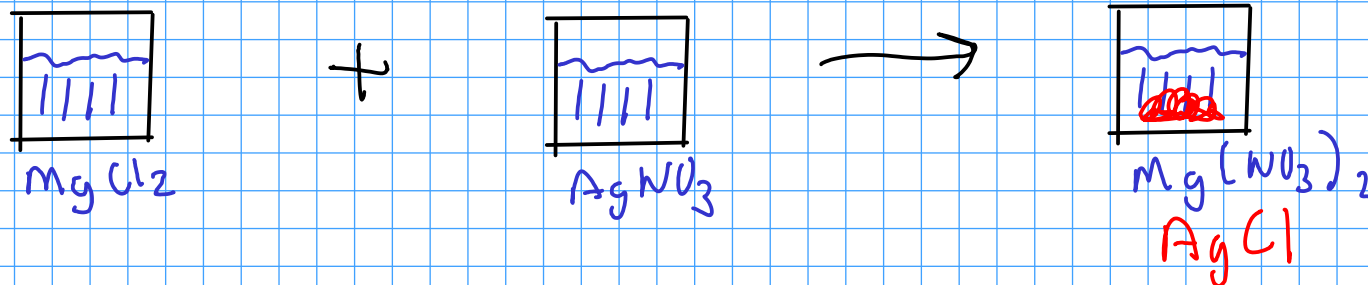
PHASE LABELS - give the physical state of a substance:

(s) - solid

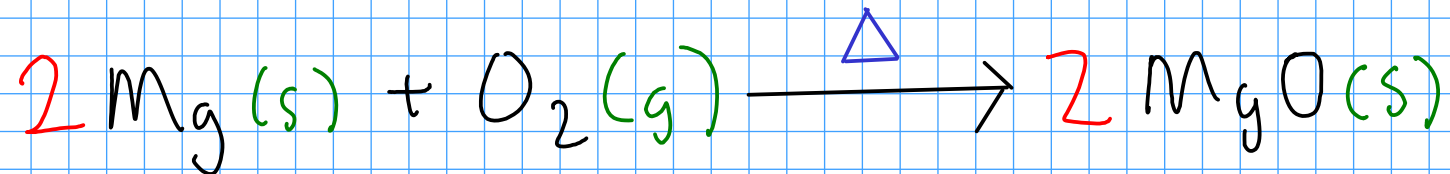
(l) - liquid

(g) - gas

(aq) - aqueous. In other words, dissolved in water



CHEMICAL EQUATIONS



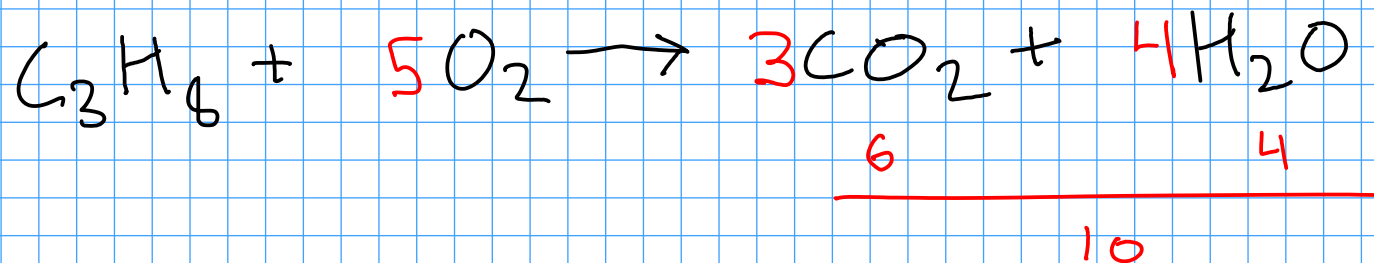
REACTION CONDITIONS - give conditions necessary for chemical reaction to occur. May be:

- Δ apply heat
 - catalysts - substances that will help reaction proceed faster
 - other conditions, such as required temperatures
- Reaction conditions are usually written above the arrow, but may also be written below if the reaction requires several steps or several different conditions

COEFFICIENTS

- Experimentally, we can usually determine the reactants and products of a reaction
- We can determine the proper ratios of reactants and products WITHOUT further experiments, using a process called BALANCING
- BALANCING a chemical equation is making sure the same number of atoms of each element go into a reaction as come out of it.
- A properly balanced chemical equation has the smallest whole number ratio of reactants and products.
- There are several ways to do this, but we will use a modified trial-and-error procedure.

BALANCING



① Pick an element. Avoid (if possible) elements that appear in more than one substance on each side of the equation.

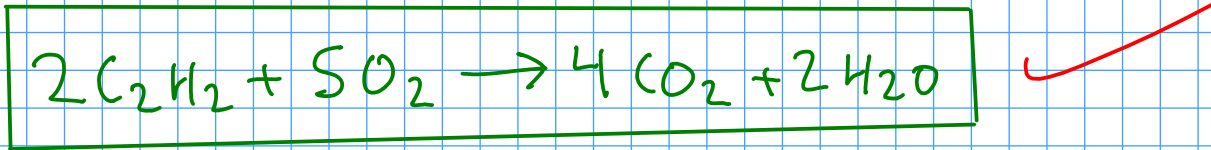
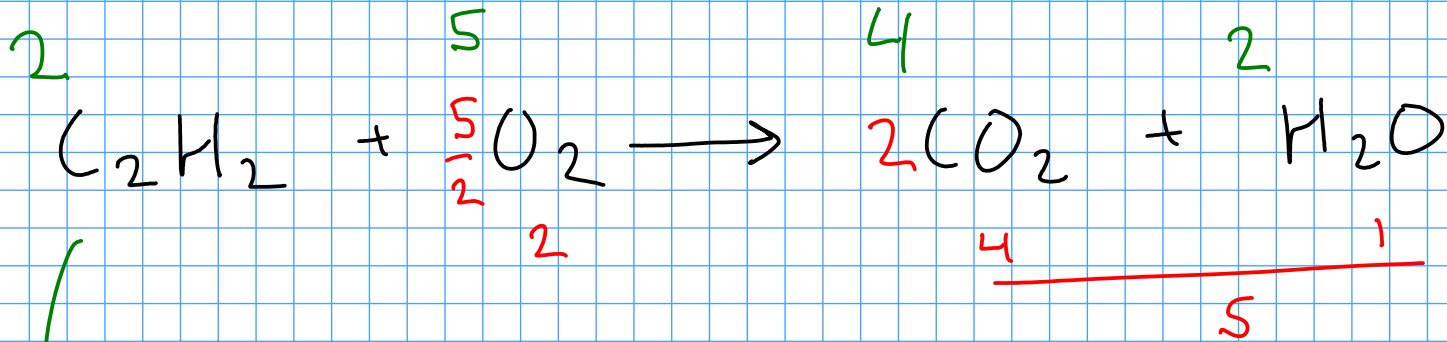
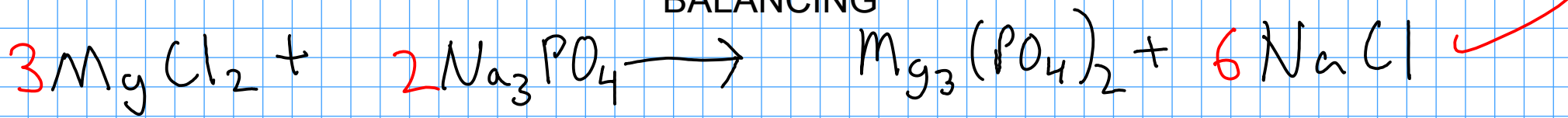
② Change the coefficients on substances containing this element so that the same number of atoms of the element are present on each side. **CHANGE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE!**

③ Repeat 1-2 until all elements are done.

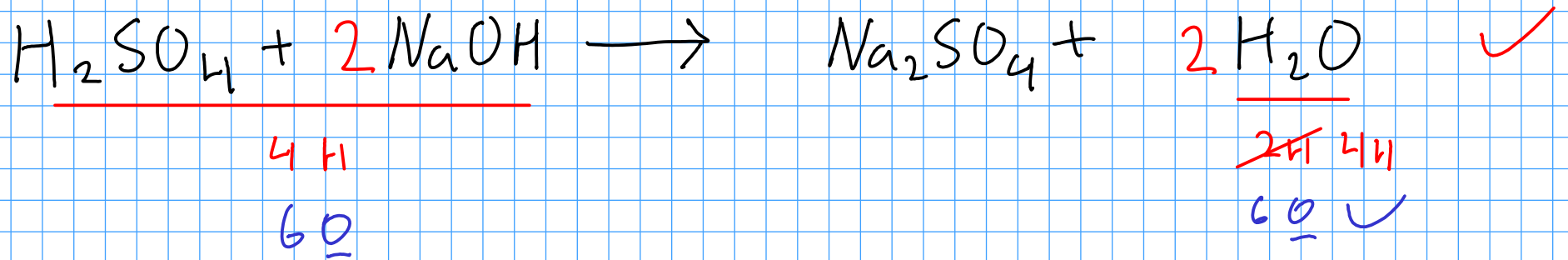
④ Go back and quickly VERIFY that you have the same number of atoms of each element on each side. If you used any fractional coefficients, multiply each coefficient by the **DENOMINATOR** of your fraction.

Use SMALLEST WHOLE NUMBER RATIOS!

BALANCING



To get one oxygen atom from O₂, you need HALF (1/2) of an O₂. So to get FIVE oxygen atoms, you need 5/2 O₂. To get rid of the 5/2, multiply EVERY coefficient by 2. That will give us the smallest whole number ratio!



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!) *or gas formation!*
- ④ - Color change (not simply lightening of color caused by diluting a solution!)