# Salt Lake Community College, Chemistry Department

# Chem 1110 Workshop 6 - Part I

## Topic: Chemical Equations

### **Objective:**

- Balancing chemical reactions
- Ways to classify the chemical reactions
- Strong, weak and non-electrolytes

### **Balancing Chemical Reactions:**

- 1. Remember mass balance!
- 2. Use the Periodic Table and a knowledge of polyatomic formulas and charges to select the ratios of ions and how they go together (Empirical Formula)
- 3. There is a difference between the subscripts in molecular formulas and the coefficients of balanced chemical equations

### Ways to classify chemical Reactions:



#### Strong, weak and non-electrolytes:

- 1. Strong electrolytes dissociate (ionize) ~100%. This includes all ionic compounds and strong acids and bases.
- 2. Weak electrolytes dissociate less than 100%, usually 1-10% or less. The most common weak electrolytes are the organic acids

3. Nonelectrolytes - do not dissociate. This includes all covalent compounds except organic acids and bases

	strong electrolytes	weak electrolytes	non-electrolytes
general	all ionic compounds		nearly all organic compounds except organic acids and bases; most binary covalent compounds
acids	strong acids: HCl, HBr, HI, HNO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , HClO <sub>4</sub>	weak acids: H <sub>2</sub> O, HF, H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S, all organic acids, usually any acid not named as a strong acid	
bases	strong bases: all Group I and Group II hydroxides	weak bases: ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> ), NH <sub>4</sub> OH, amines, organic bases (usually contain C, H, N in molecular formula), usually any base not named as a strong base	

#### **Practice Problems:**

- 1. Which statement regarding balanced chemical equations is not true?
  - a) The number of each kind of atom must be the same on each side.
  - b) Coefficients are used in front of formulas to balance the equation.
  - c) Subscripts may be changed to make an equation simpler to balance.
  - d) When no coefficient is written in front of a formula, the number "one" is assumed.
  - e) Reactants are written to the left of the arrow.

#### 2. Balance the following reactions:

- a. N<sub>2</sub> (g) + H<sub>2</sub> (g)  $\rightarrow$  NH<sub>3</sub> (g)
- b. Al (s) +  $O_2(g) \rightarrow Al_2O_3(s)$
- c.  $C_3H_8(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + H_2O(g)$
- d. N<sub>2</sub> (g) + H<sub>2</sub> (g)  $\rightarrow$  NH<sub>3</sub> (g)
- e.  $Fe_2O_3(s) + CO(g) \rightarrow Fe(s) + CO_2(g)$
- 3. Which is the correct equation for the reaction of magnesium with hydrochloric acid to produce hydrogen and magnesium chloride?
  - a) Mg + 2 HCl  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub> + MgCl<sub>2</sub>
  - b) Mg + HCl  $\rightarrow$  H + MgCl

- c) 2 Mg + 6 HCl  $\rightarrow$  3 H<sub>2</sub> + 2 MgCl<sub>2</sub>
- d) Mg + 2 HCl  $\rightarrow$  2 H + MgCl<sub>2</sub>
- e) Mg + 3 HCl  $\rightarrow$  3 H + MgCl<sub>2</sub>
- 4. Which reaction is an example of an acid-base reaction?
  - a)  $H_2CO_3(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$
  - b)  $H_2SO_4(aq) + Ca(OH)_2(aq) \rightarrow CaSO_4(aq) + 2 H_2O(I)$
  - c) 6 HCl(aq) + 2 Al(s)  $\rightarrow$  2 AlCl<sub>3</sub>(aq) + 3 H<sub>2</sub>(g)
  - d)  $FeCl_3(aq) + 3 \text{ KOH}(aq) \rightarrow Fe(OH)_3(s) + 3 \text{ KCI}(aq)$
  - e) 2 Hg(l) +  $O_2(g) \rightarrow 2$  HgO(s)
- 5. The following reaction can be classified as what type(s) of reaction(s)?

2 Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>(aq) + 3 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>(aq)  $\rightarrow$  Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(s) + 6 H<sub>2</sub>O(l)

- a) precipitation
- b) acid-base neutralization
- c) redox reaction
- d) combustion
- e) both A and B
- Classify the following as a precipitation, an acid-base neutralization, or a redox reaction.
  - a)  $Ca(OH)_2(aq) + 2HBr(aq) \rightarrow 2H_2O(l) + CaBr_2(aq)$
  - b)  $Pb(ClO_4)_2(aq) + 2NaCl(aq) \rightarrow 2PbCl_2(s) + 2NaClO_4(aq)$
  - c)  $2AgNO_3(aq) + Cu(s) \rightarrow 2Ag(s) + Cu(NO_3)_2(aq)$