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**Characterise oxidation-reduction reactions**  
**Level 2 Credits 3**

Identify oxidation-reduction processes, and write balanced equations for oxidation-reduction reactions.



- Definitions of oxidation and reduction
  - In terms of oxygen & hydrogen
  - In terms of electrons lost/gained
  - In terms of changes to oxidation number
- Oxidising agents (appearance, and what they are reduced to)
  - $O_2$
  - $Cl_2$
  - dilute acid (with metals)
  - $Fe^{3+}$
  - $H_2O_2$
  - $MnO_4^-/H^+$
  - $Cr_2O_7^{2-}/H^+$
- Reducing agents (appearance, and what they are oxidised to)
  - Zn
  - Mg
  - Fe
  - C
  - $H_2$
  - $SO_2$
  - $Fe^{2+}$
  - $Br^-$
  - $I^-$
- Products of oxidation-reduction reactions are identified from experimental observations.
- Oxidation and reduction processes are identified from given reactants and products.
- Write balanced equations for oxidation-reduction reactions.
  - Writing half equations for *given* reactants and products
  - Combining half equations to achieve balanced oxidation-reduction equations using the ion-electron or equivalent method.
- Be able to assign oxidation numbers
  - Oxidation and reduction processes are identified by changes in oxidation numbers of reactants and products.



Notes