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1. Oxidation

Oxidation is defined as

- (a) the **addition** of oxygen to a substance.
- (b) the **removal** of hydrogen from a substance.
- (c) the process of **electron loss** from a substance.
- (d) an **increase** in the **oxidation** state of a substance.

A substance is **oxidised** if it gains oxygen, loses hydrogen, or loses electrons after a reaction.

2. Reduction

Reduction is defined as

- (a) the **removal** of oxygen from a substance.
- (b) the **addition** of hydrogen to a substance.
- (c) the process of **electron gain** in a substance.
- (d) a **decrease** in the **oxidation** state of a substance.

A substance is **reduced** if it loses oxygen, gains hydrogen, or gains electrons after a reaction.

3. Oxidising Agent

A substance that **gives oxygen** to another substance is called an **oxidising** agent.

A substance that **takes hydrogen** from another substance is called an oxidising agent.

A substance that **takes electrons** from another substance is called an oxidising agent.

4. Reducing Agent

A substance that **takes oxygen** from another substance is called a **reducing** agent.

A substance that **gives hydrogen** to another substance is called a reducing agent.

A substance that **gives electrons** to another substance is called a reducing agent.

5. Magnesium is a **stronger** reducing agent than zinc because it is **higher** than zinc in the **reactivity** series. It is able to **lose electrons more easily** than zinc, and it is able to act as a **reducing agent**.

6. Reactivity Series : Potassium, sodium, calcium, **magnesium**, aluminium, **zinc**, **iron**, lead, hydrogen, **copper**, silver, gold.

7. To test for Reducing agent, use an **oxidising** agent.

In the presence of a reducing agent,

- (a) **potassium manganate (VII)** turns from **purple** to **colourless**
- (b) **potassium dichromate (VI)** turns from **orange** to **green**
- (c) **yellowish brown iron (III) chloride** turn to **green** iron (II) chloride

8. To test for Oxidising agent, use a **reducing** agent.

In the presence of an oxidising agent,

- (a) **colourless potassium iodide** to **brown** iodine. If added with starch solution, a **dark blue** colour will be produced (**starch is used to test for iodine**)
- (b) the colour of moist **starch iodide paper** turns from **white** to **blue**. This is because the iodine produced reacts with the starch to give a blue colour.
- (c) **green iron (II) chloride** turn to **yellowish brown** iron (III) chloride

9. A redox reaction is a reaction **where there is simultaneous oxidation & reduction**.

In a redox reaction, the oxidising agent is itself **reduced** and the reducing agent is itself **oxidised**.

In a redox reaction, there is a transfer of **oxygen**, **hydrogen** or **electron**.