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## Student Exploration: Stoichiometry

**Vocabulary:** Avogadro's number, balanced equation, cancel, coefficient, conversion factor, dimensional analysis, molar mass, mole, molecular mass, stoichiometry

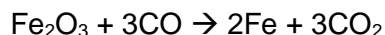
**Prior Knowledge Questions** (Do these BEFORE using the Gizmo.)

1. A 250 mL glass of orange juice contains 22 grams of sugar. How much sugar is in a two-liter (2,000 mL) bottle of orange juice? \_\_\_\_\_
2. It requires two sticks of butter to make a batch of 20 cookies. How much butter will it take to make 150 cookies? \_\_\_\_\_

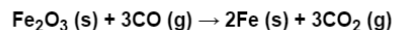
### Gizmo Warm-up

Just as a cook follows a recipe to decide how much of each ingredient to add, a chemist uses **stoichiometry** to determine the amounts of substances involved in chemical reactions. The *Stoichiometry* Gizmo allows you to try your hand at figuring out the amounts of reactants and products that take part in a chemical reaction.

To begin, check that this equation is shown:



#### New equation



#### New question

How many moles of carbon monoxide (CO) are required to react completely with 1.75 moles of iron (III) oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)?

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1. Look at the **coefficients** (such as the “3” in 3CO) in front of each substance in the equation. The coefficients tell you how many molecules or atoms take part in a chemical reaction. In the spaces below, list the number of each molecule or atom in the equation:

Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> \_\_\_\_\_

CO \_\_\_\_\_

Fe \_\_\_\_\_

CO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_


2. In a **balanced equation**, the same number of each kind of atom is shown on each side of the equation. Calculate the number of iron (Fe), oxygen (O), and carbon atoms (C).

**Reactants**      Iron: \_\_\_\_\_      Oxygen: \_\_\_\_\_      Carbon: \_\_\_\_\_

**Products**      Iron: \_\_\_\_\_      Oxygen: \_\_\_\_\_      Carbon: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on these values, is the equation balanced? \_\_\_\_\_



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| <b>Activity A:</b><br><b>Moles</b> | <u>Get the Gizmo ready:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the equation is still:<br/> <math display="block">\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{CO} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}_2</math> </li> <li>• If not, click <b>New equation</b> until it reappears.</li> </ul> |  |
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**Introduction:** A **mole** is:

- A) A mammal known for digging up gardens.
- B) A small, dark spot on the skin.
- C) A spy embedded within an enemy government.
- D)  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles of a substance.
- E) All of the above.

The correct answer, of course, is E. In chemistry, the mole (mol) is defined as an amount of a substance that contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles of that substance. This number, called **Avogadro's number**, is special because this number of particles has a mass in grams that is equal to the mass in universal mass units of a single particle of the substance.

**Question: How do scientists find the molecular mass and molar mass of a substance?**

1. Calculate: The **molecular mass** of a molecule is the sum of the masses of each atom in the molecule. The unit of molecular mass is the universal mass unit (u).

Iron's atomic mass is 55.85 u, carbon's mass is 12.01 u, and oxygen's mass is 16.00 u.

- A. Calculate the molecular mass of carbon monoxide (CO) by adding the atomic mass of carbon and the atomic mass of oxygen: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Calculate the molecular mass of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>): \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Calculate the molecular mass of iron (III) oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Infer: A mole of a substance has a mass in grams that is equal to the molecular mass. For example, a carbon atom has a mass of 12.01 u. A mole of carbon has a mass of 12.01 g. Based on their molecular masses, list the **molar mass** of each substance:

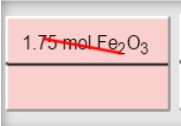
Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ CO \_\_\_\_\_ Fe \_\_\_\_\_ CO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_

Check your answers on the Gizmo by inspecting the middle row of tiles on the right side of the Gizmo. These tiles show the units "1 mol" on top and "g" below.

3. Practice: Hydrogen has an atomic mass of 1.01 u. What is the molar mass of these substances?

H<sub>2</sub>O \_\_\_\_\_ CH<sub>4</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub> \_\_\_\_\_



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| <b>Activity B:</b><br><b>Canceling units</b> | <u>Get the Gizmo ready:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check that the equation is still:<br/> <math display="block">\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{CO} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}_2</math> </li> </ul> |  |
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**Introduction:** While solving problems in stoichiometry, it is useful to pay attention to the units of the answer. The process of comparing units is called **dimensional analysis**. A common technique involves using **conversion factors** to convert from one unit to another. Units that appear in the numerator and denominator of a fraction can be **canceled** out. For example, converting 2 moles of carbon monoxide to grams involves multiplying by a conversion factor:

$$2 \cancel{\text{ mol CO}} \cdot \frac{28.01 \text{ g CO}}{1 \cancel{\text{ mol CO}}} = 56.02 \text{ g CO}$$

All conversion factors are equivalent to one. For example, the conversion factor given above is equivalent to one because the numerator (28.01 g CO) and denominator (1 mol CO) represent the same amount of CO. The “mol CO” unit is canceled, leaving an answer unit of grams.

**Question: How do we solve problems in stoichiometry?**

- Observe:** The first question is: “How many moles of carbon monoxide (CO) are required to react completely with 1.75 moles of iron (III) oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)?” (If this is not the question you see, click **New question** until it appears.)
  - What unit is given in the question? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What quantity is asked for? \_\_\_\_\_
- Find:** Look for the conversion factor that contains the units “mol Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>” on top and “mol CO” on the bottom. Drag the tile containing this factor down to the green strip at the bottom.  
 According to the tile, how many moles of CO react with one mole of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>? \_\_\_\_\_
- Analyze:** To get an answer in moles of CO, you need to cancel the moles of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Turn on **Show units**.
  - What units are given to the right of the equals sign? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If these aren’t the units you want, click **Flip tile**. What unit is given now? \_\_\_\_\_
- Calculate:** If the units are correct, multiply or divide the numbers to solve the problem.
  - How many moles of CO will react with 1.75 moles of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Turn on **Show numerical result**. Were you correct? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Activity B continued on next page)**



## Activity B (continued from previous page)

5. **Practice:** Turn off **Show units** and **Show numerical result**. Click **New question**, and use what you've learned to solve another stoichiometry problem. For each problem, list the units given, the units asked for, and the solution.

The problems in the Gizmo are given in random order, so you may have to click **Next question** several times to see a new problem. (Note: Each term in the equation is either a solid (s), liquid (l), gas (g), or an aqueous solution (aq).)

If you are stuck, try one of the following hints:

- If the given unit is grams (or liters or particles), convert from that unit to moles first. Then convert to moles of the answer substance.
- If the answer unit is grams, liters, or particles, find the number of moles of the answer substance first. Then convert the moles of answer substance to the desired unit.
- If you have a calculator, try to calculate the solution to each problem yourself before turning on the **Show numerical solution** checkbox.

### Problems:

- A. What volume of carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) will be produced if 2.90 moles of iron (Fe) is produced? [Note: In the Gizmo, it is assumed that all gases are at standard temperature and pressure, or STP.]

Given unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. What mass of iron (Fe) can be obtained from 3.80 g iron (III) oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) reacting with excess carbon monoxide (CO)?

Given unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

- C. How many moles of iron (Fe) will be produced from 6.20 moles of carbon monoxide (CO) reacting with excess iron (III) oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ )?

Given unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

- D. How many molecules of carbon monoxide (CO) are needed to react with excess iron (III) oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) to produce 11.6 g of iron (Fe)?

Given unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **On your own:** Click **New equation** to try solving problems with a new chemical equation. There are five equations in all, and five problems per equation. The Gizmo will keep track of how many problems you solve. Good luck!

