

# C4: Quantitative Chemistry 1

## Relative formula mass ( $M_r$ ):

12 ← Add together the  $A_r$  of each atom in a substance to give the  $M_r$ .  
C  
6

Carbon monoxide, CO, would be:

$$12 + 16 = 28$$

CO<sub>2</sub> would be:

$$12 + (16 \times 2) = 44$$

There are two oxygen atoms.

16  
O  
8

## % mass of an element in a compound

Percentage mass of an element in a compound =  $\frac{A_r \times \text{number of atoms of that element}}{M_r \text{ of the compound}} \times 100$

eg. the % mass of iron in iron chloride, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is:  $\frac{56 \times 2}{(56 \times 2) + (16 \times 3)} \times 100 = 70\%$

## Moles in equation: 2H<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>2</sub> → 2H<sub>2</sub>O

2 moles of hydrogen react with one mole of oxygen to produce two moles of water.

## Learn the moles formula:

$$\text{Number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{M_r}$$

## Working out balanced equations:

8.1g of zinc oxide reacts with 0.6g of carbon to form 2.2g of carbon dioxide and 6.5g of zinc

1. Work out the  $M_r$  for each substance

ZnO = 81      CO<sub>2</sub> = 44      C = 12      Zn = 65

2. Calculate the number of moles

$$\text{ZnO} = \frac{8.1}{81} = 0.1 \text{ mol} \qquad \text{CO}_2 = \frac{2.2}{44} = 0.05 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{C} = \frac{0.6}{12} = 0.05 \text{ mol} \qquad \text{Zn} = \frac{6.5}{65} = 0.1 \text{ mol}$$

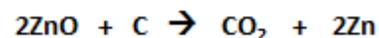
3. Divide each one by the smallest number of moles

0.05 is the smallest, so divide all of them by this. The answers are all whole numbers.

$$\text{ZnO} = \frac{0.1}{0.05} = 2 \qquad \text{CO}_2 = \frac{0.05}{0.05} = 1$$

$$\text{C} = \frac{0.05}{0.05} = 1 \qquad \text{Zn} = \frac{0.1}{0.05} = 2$$

4. Use these numbers to write the balanced equation



Eg. ZnO was 2 (from step 3) so put this number in front of ZnO  
C was 1 but you don't write a 1 in front of a substance, just leave it blank.

## Moles:

A mole is an amount of a substance. **One mole** of a substance contains **6.02x10<sup>23</sup>** particles (**Avogadro constant**). The mass of that number of particles is equal to the relative atomic mass and therefore its mass in grams.

For example, one mole of carbon ( $A_r = 12$ ) contains 6.02x10<sup>23</sup> atoms and weighs 12g.

One mole of CO<sub>2</sub> ( $M_r = 44$ ) contains 3.02x10<sup>23</sup> particles and weighs 44g.

## Conservation of mass:

Mass is always conserved in a reaction meaning no atoms are destroyed or created. Sometimes it appears that mass does change:

Reason 1: one of the **reactants was a gas** in the air and the products are all solids or liquids. This means you did not weigh the gas at the start but you are weighing the products. **It will appear as though the mass goes up.**

Reason 2: one of the **products is a gas** but the reactants are solids and liquids. The gas may be given off so it does not get weighed. **It will appear that the mass goes down.**