

<b>REACTION CATEGORY</b>	<b>DOUBLE REPLACEMENT</b>
<b>REACTION DESCRIPTION</b>	During double replacement, the cations and anions of two different compounds switch places.
<b>REACTION FORMAT</b>	<b>AB + CD -----&gt; AD + CB</b>
<b>REACTION GUIDELINES</b>	<p>1. It is important that the formulas of the products be written correctly. If they are correct, balancing the equation is a simple task; if not, the equation will probably never balance.</p> <p>2. In these reactions, there is never a change in oxidation state.</p> <p>3. Sometimes you must determine if a reaction actually takes place? For example :</p> <p>Does a mixture of NaCl and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> react to give Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HCl, or rather, does a mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HCl react to give NaCl and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Obviously we cannot test every reaction before we write the equation, but fortunately, there are certain conditions under which a reaction goes to completion (i.e goes in one direction only). These are summarized below.</p> <p>A reaction takes place or tends to go to completion if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the products is a gas and is allowed to escape.</li> <li>An unionized substance such as H<sub>2</sub>O or NH<sub>3</sub> is formed.</li> <li>An insoluble substance is formed.</li> </ol> <p>The first two of these are obvious if we are able to recognize which substances are gases. The most common inorganic gases are H<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, HF, HCl, HBr, HI, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, NO, N<sub>2</sub>O, NO<sub>2</sub> and HCN.</p> <p>The most difficult aspect of reactions of this type is the ability to recognize insoluble substances. Here are some solubility guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All nitrates and acetates are soluble.</li> <li>All chlorides, bromides, and iodides are soluble except those of Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, and Hg<sup>2+</sup>.</li> <li>All sulfates are soluble except those of Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, and Pb<sup>2+</sup>. CaSO<sub>4</sub>, Ag<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and Hg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> are slightly soluble.</li> <li>All hydroxides are insoluble except those of group I in the periodic table, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, and Ba<sup>2+</sup>. Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> and Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub> are slightly soluble.</li> <li>All carbonates and phosphates are insoluble except those of group I and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>. Many hydrogen phosphates are soluble.</li> <li>All sulfides are insoluble except those of Group I and Group II in the periodic table and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>.</li> </ol> <p>In addition, keep in mind the following when H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, and NH<sub>4</sub>OH are formed as products:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> decomposes into CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O</li> <li>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> decomposes into SO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O</li> <li>NH<sub>4</sub>OH decomposes into NH<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O</li> </ol>
<b>REACTION GUIDELINE EXAMPLES</b>	<p>AgNO<sub>3</sub> + NaCl ----&gt; AgCl + NaNO<sub>3</sub></p> <p>CaCO<sub>3</sub> + HCl ----&gt; CaCl<sub>2</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O (#7)</p> <p>Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + CuSO<sub>4</sub> ----&gt; PbSO<sub>4</sub> + Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></p>

## PRACTICE REACTIONS



