

Predicting redox reactions

- Single replacement reactions we went over a few chapters ago are all redox reactions.
- Here are the same examples, this time write out the net ionic equation
- The change will be the charge!!

Examples

- Zinc is added to a solution of cobalt (II) chloride
- Lithium is added to a solution of nickel (II) chlorate

Examples

- Potassium is added to sulfuric acid
- Chlorine gas is bubbled through a solution of sodium bromide

Common Oxidizing/reducing agents

Oxidizing agent	Product	Reducing Agent	Product
MnO ₄ ⁻ in acid	Mn ²⁺	H ₂ O ₂	O ₂
MnO ₂ in acid	Mn ²⁺	Halogens (dilute basic)	Hypohalite ion (hypochlorite)
MnO ₄ ⁻ in base	MnO ₂	halogens (conc basic)	Halate ion (chlorate)
CrO ₄ ²⁻ in acid	Cr ³⁺	Free metals	Metal ions
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ in acid	Cr ³⁺		
HClO ₄	Cl ⁻		
Na ₂ O ₂	NaOH		
H ₂ O ₂	H ₂ O	C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻	CO ₂
H ₂ SO ₄ conc.	SO ₂	Sulfite or SO ₂	SO ₄ ²⁻
Free halogens	Halide ion	Halide ion	Free halogen
HNO ₃ conc.	NO ₂	NO ₂ ⁻	NO ₃ ⁻
HNO ₃ dilute	NO		
Metal ions	Lower oxidation number	Metal ion	Higher oxidation number

IMPORTANT

- For every redox equation, you have to have both an oxidizing agent and a reducing agent!!
- Otherwise it doesn't work.

Examples

- Bromate reacts with bromide in an acidic solution
- Permanganate reacts with oxalate in an acidic solution
- Calcium metal reacts with permanganate in a sodium hydroxide solution

Example

- Chromate reacts with chloride in an acidic solution
- Chlorine reacts with permanganate in a concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide