# Oxide Reactions & Net Ionic Reactions

The first type of reactions we will look at today are reactions between an oxide (a compound with oxygen as its anion) and water. There are two such types of reactions. In the first type, a **metal oxide (also known as a base anhydride)** reacts with water and a **base** is formed. All bases, for now, **end in hydroxide (OH)**. In the second type, a **non-metal oxide (also known as an acid anhydride)** reacts with water and an **acid** is formed. All acids, for now, **begin with hydrogen (H)**. These reactions take the form of a **synthesis reaction**, even though their setup is similar to that of a double displacement reaction. The best way to identify these particular reactions is to look for water as a reactant. If water is one of your reactants, check the other reactant. If it is either a metal oxide or a non-metal oxide, your product will be either a base or an acid. Take a look at the examples below.

### Example #1 Metal oxide + water Calcium oxide + water $\rightarrow$

 $CaO + HOH \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2$ 

Note in the above reaction that the product is formed by taking the metal, calcium, and combining it with hydroxide (OH). To form their compound you MUST cross charges. Let's go through one step by step.

Determine the product for the following reactants: sodium oxide + water\_

Description of Action	Action
<b>1.</b> Write the formulas of the reactants. Remember, if it has	<b>1.</b> Na <sub>2</sub> O + HOH $\rightarrow$
more than one word, it is a compound and you MUST cross	(Note: In the above formulas the charges have already been
charges. Also, write water as HOH.	crossed. Sodium's 1+ went to oxygen and oxygen's 2- went
	to sodium. Hydrogen is 1+ and hydroxide is 1-, so their
	charges cancel each other out.)
<b>2.</b> Examine your formulaand if you spot water as a	2. Na <sub>2</sub> O + HOH $\rightarrow$
reactant, a bell should go off in your head. Check out the	Ding, ding, ding!!! Water is a reactant. The other reactant
other formula. If that other formula is an oxide (meaning	is an oxide. Since sodium is a metal, sodium oxide is a
oxygen is the anion) determine which kind.	metal oxide.
<b>3.</b> Write your product. The product will always begin with	3. $Na_2O + HOH \rightarrow Na^{1+} (OH)^{1-}$
the metal and end in hydroxide. Since you are forming a	
compound, you must cross charges.	
4. Write your product with the charges crossed. Do not	<b>4.</b> $Na_2O + HOH \rightarrow NaOH$
write + signs, - signs, ones and if there is no number written	
outside of the parenthesis, eliminate them.	
<b>5.</b> Balance the equation.	5. $Na_2O + HOH \rightarrow 2 NaOH$

#### Now, you try it with: magnesium oxide + water

Description of Action	Action
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Non-metal oxides work in much the same way. The difference between metal oxides and non-metal oxides however is that instead of ending in hydroxide, non-metal oxides begin with hydrogen. Lets look at an example below.

Example #2 Non-metal oxide + water Sulfur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) + water  $\rightarrow$ SO<sub>3</sub> + HOH  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Note above that the product begins with hydrogen and then the other elements are listed in order of appearance (first sulfur and then oxygen). These reactions always work out such that the subscript of each element is equal to the number. The product is formed by adding the oxygen from water to  $SO_3$ , making it  $SO_4$ . The compound is written by crossing the charges of H and  $SO_4$ . See below.

 $SO_3 + HOH \rightarrow$ 

The O from HOH changes  $SO_3$  to  $SO_4$ .

SO<sub>4</sub> is the anion. Look on the back of your periodic table and you will see that SO<sub>4</sub> has a charge of 2-. Hydrogen's charge is 1+, making it the cation. Put the cation first, cross the charges and the product is formed.  $H^{1} \longrightarrow Q_{4}^{2}$  becomes  $H_2SO_4$ 

The complete reaction is:  $SO_3 + HOH \rightarrow H_2SO_4$ 

Go through one step by step. Determine the product of dinitrogen pentoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) and water.

Description of Action	Action
<b>1.</b> Write the formulas of the reactants. Since all non-metal	<b>1.</b> $N_2O_5 + HOH \rightarrow$
oxides are covalent compounds and we have not yet studied	$(NO_2 is a covalent compound. We have not studied them$
them, I will provide you with the formula for these	yet, so I will provide the formula for you.)
compounds. Write water as HOH.	
<b>2.</b> Examine your formulaand if you spot water as a	<b>2.</b> $N_2O_5 + HOH \rightarrow$
reactant, a bell should go off in your head. Check out the	Ding, ding, ding!!! (There is that bell again.) Water is a
other formula. If that other formula is an oxide (meaning	reactant. The other reactant is an oxide. Since nitrogen is
oxygen is the anion) determine which kind.	a non-metal, nitrogen dioxide is a non-metal oxide.
<b>3.</b> Write hydrogen as your cation with its charge. Add the	<b>3.</b> $N_2O_5$ becomes $N_2O_6$ . $N_2O_6$ can be reduced to $NO_3$ .
oxygen from water to the non-metal oxide. Reduce if	$NO_3$ has a 1- charge. H has a 1+ charge. Write H first, $NO_3$
necessary. Look the ion up on the back of your periodic	second, and cross their charges.
table to find its charge. This is your anion.	$N_2O_5 + HOH \rightarrow H^{1+} (NO_5)^{1-}$
<b>4.</b> Write your equation eliminating any + signs, - signs,	4. $N_2O_5 + HOH \rightarrow HNO_3$
ones and parenthesis.	
<b>5.</b> Balance if necessary.	<b>5.</b> $N_2O_5 + HOH \rightarrow 2HNO_3$

Now you do these same with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water.

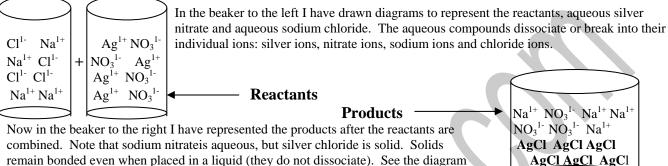
	Description of Action	Action
1.		1.
2.		2.
3.		3.
4.		4.
5.		5.

# **Complete Ionic Equations & Net Ionic Equations**

The last of chemical equations we will study are variations on double and single displacement reactions in solution. Below I have written a regular double displacement reaction.

 $AgNO_3(aq) + NaCl(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + NaNO_3(aq)$ 

In the above reaction **aqueous** silver nitrate reacts with **aqueous** sodium chloride to yield **solid** silver chloride and **aqueous** sodium nitrate. The term aqueous means dissolved in water. When most ionic compounds are dissolved in water they dissociate or break into ions. So, when we say aqueous silver nitrate, what we have is silver ions and nitrate ions dissolved in water. Perhaps the diagram below will show you what I mean.



combined. Note that sodium nitrateis aqueous, but silver chloride is solid. Solids remain bonded even when placed in a liquid (they do not dissociate). See the diagram to the right. Note: silver chloride remains bonded because it is a solid. A solid that forms in a solution is called a **precipitate**.

Anyway, let's get to the point at hand. When you are asked to write a **complete ionic equation** you must write aqueous compounds as if they are dissociated ions. Remember solids stay bonded, so they can be written as compounds. I took our original double displacement equation and rewrote it as a complete ionic equation. See below.  $Ag^{1+}(aq) + NO_3^{-1}(aq) + Na^{1+}(aq) + Cl^{1-}(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + Na^{1+}(aq) + NO_3^{-1}(aq)$ 

Aqueous compounds are written as individual ions. Since solids do not dissociate they can be written as compounds.

A **net ionic equation** is a simplified version of a complete ionic equation. In a net ionic compound particles that do not take part in the reaction are not written. These ions that are not directly involved in a reaction are called **spectator ions**. When writing net ionic equations any ion that does not combine to form a solid, liquid (water only) or gas is not written. Basically we eliminate unnecessary aqueous ions. The net ionic compound for the above reaction would be:  $Ag^{1+}(aq) + Cl^{1-}(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s)$ 

The spectator ions that were not included in the net ionic equation are:  $Na^{1+} \& NO_3^{1-}$ The precipitate that formed in the above reaction is AgCl.

Solubility Rules for Salts	
Usually Soluble	Insoluble
Alkali Metal Salts	Hydroxides (except alkali metals and ammonium)
Ammonium Salts	Phosphates (except alkali metals and ammonium)
• Nitrates	Carbonates (except alkali metals and ammonium)
• Chlorates	Oxalates (except alkali metals and ammonium)
Perchlorates	• Sulfites (except alkali metals and ammonium)
Acetates	Sulfides (except alkali metals and ammonium)
• I, Br, Cl (except $Ag^+$ , $Hg_2^{2+}$ , $Pb^{2+}$ , $Cu^+$ )	
• Sulfates (except $Ba^{2+}$ , $Sr^{2+}$ , $Ca^{2+}$ , $Pb^{2+}$ , $Ag^+$ )	

The solubility rules you need to know: All alkali, ammonium, acetate and nitrate salts are soluble in water.

### Homework

**Part I:** Oxides + Water: For each of the following, write the complete balanced equation. 1. cesium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$ 

- 2. dinitrogen pentoxide  $(N_2O_5)$  + water  $\rightarrow$
- 3. potassium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 4. barium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 5. sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) + water  $\rightarrow$
- 6. sodium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 7. rubidium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 8. sulfur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) + water  $\rightarrow$
- 9. magnesium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 10. carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) + water  $\rightarrow$

Part II: Complete Ionic & Net Ionic Equations. For each of the following, write both the double displacement, complete and net ionic equations and indicate the spectator ions.

1. ammonium carbonate + lead(II) nitrate  $\rightarrow$ 

Double Displacement:

Complete Ionic:

Net Ionic:

Spectator ions:

2. barium oxide + potassium phosphate  $\rightarrow$ Double Displacement: Complete Ionic: Net Ionic: Spectator ions: 3. silver acetate + iron(III) bromide  $\rightarrow$ Double Displacement: Complete Ionic: Net Ionic: Spectator ions: 4. silver chlorate + barium oxide  $\rightarrow$ Double Displacement: Complete Ionic: Net Ionic: Spectator ions: 5. zinc acetate + sodium hydroxide  $\rightarrow$ Double Displacement:

Complete Ionic:

Net Ionic:

Spectator ions:

6. potassium hydroxide + cadmium sulfate  $\rightarrow$  Double Displacement:

Complete Ionic:

Net Ionic:

Spectator ions:

**Part III: Random Equations**. Write balanced equations for each of the following. 1. calcium + iodine  $\rightarrow$ 

2. dinitrogen pentoxide  $(N_2O_5)$  + water  $\rightarrow$ 

3. copper(II) sulfate + sodium sulfide  $\rightarrow$  (Write this equation as both a complete ionic and a net ionic equation.)

Double Displacement:

Complete Ionic:

Net Ionic:

Spectator ions:

- 4. chlorine + barium iodide  $\rightarrow$
- 5. hydrogen chloride  $\rightarrow$
- 6. pentane (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>) + oxygen  $\rightarrow$
- 7. cesium oxide + water  $\rightarrow$
- 8. aluminum + water  $\rightarrow$

9. potassium chlorate  $\rightarrow$ 

10. sodium carbonate  $\rightarrow$ 

- 11. fluorine + lithium  $\rightarrow$
- 12. copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate  $\rightarrow$
- 13. bromine + tin(II) chloride  $\rightarrow$