

Salts

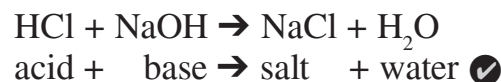
Textbook pages 234–243

Before You Read

How many different uses for salts can you name? Write your answers on the lines below.

What are salts?

In chemistry, **salts** are a class of ionic compounds that can be formed during the reaction of an acid and a base. A salt is made up of a positive ion from a base and a negative ion from an acid. An acid and a base react to form a salt and water in a chemical reaction called a **neutralization (acid-base)** reaction. For example:



Which other compounds react with acids to produce salts?

Acids can also react with metals and carbonates to produce salts

1. Metals: When metals react with acids to produce a salt, they usually release hydrogen gas, as shown below.



The most reactive metals are the **alkali metals** and alkaline **earth metals**, which appear on the extreme left of the periodic table. Within these groups, the elements at the bottom of the columns react the most vigorously.

2. Carbonates: Carbonates can also react with acids to produce salts. Much of the carbon dioxide on the surface of Earth is trapped in rocks, such as limestone, dolomite, and calcite, which contain carbonate ions. When carbonate rocks react with acids, such as those in acid precipitation, the carbonates help to neutralize the acid. Sulphuric acid is one component of acid precipitation.

Mark the Text

Identify Concepts

Highlight each question head in this section. Then use a different colour to highlight the answers to the questions.

Reading Check

What is a salt?

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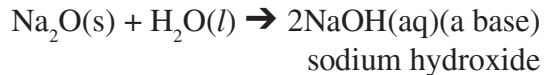
The chemical reaction between this acid and carbonate releases carbon dioxide gas, as shown below.



What are oxides?

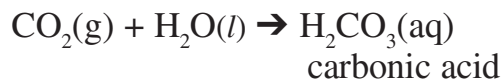
An **oxide** is a chemical compound that includes at least one oxygen atom or ion along with one or more other elements. Both metals and non-metals can form oxides. ✓

1. **Metal oxides:** A **metal oxide** is a chemical compound that contains a metal chemically combined with oxygen. A metal oxide, such as sodium oxide, combines with water to form a base (see below).



The base can then react chemically with an acid to form a salt.

2. **Non-metal oxides:** A **non-metal oxide** is a chemical compound that contains a non-metal chemically combined with oxygen. A non-metal oxide, such as carbon dioxide, combines with water to form an acid.



This acid can react chemically with a base to form a salt.

✓ Reading Check

Which type of oxide combines with water to form a base?

Use with textbook pages 234–239.

Recognizing acids, bases, and salts

1. State whether each of the following is an acid, a base, or a salt.

(a) HI _____

(l) $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ _____

(b) HBr _____

(m) CH_3COOH _____

(c) KOH _____

(n) $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$ _____

(d) HNO_3 _____

(o) calcium nitrate _____

(e) NaOH _____

(p) sodium chloride _____

(f) H_2SO_4 _____

(q) hydrocyanic acid _____

(g) H_2CO_3 _____

(r) hydrogen fluoride _____

(h) H_3PO_4 _____

(s) barium hydroxide _____

(i) Na_3PO_4 _____

(t) hypochlorous acid _____

(j) $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$ _____

(u) aluminum hydroxide _____

(k) $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ _____

(v) magnesium carbonate _____

2. What acid is present in vinegar? _____

3. What is the chemical name for table salt? _____

4. What acid is used in automobile batteries? _____

5. What base is found in drain and oven cleaners? _____

6. What base is the active ingredient in some antacids? _____

7. What acid is produced in the stomach to help digest food? _____

Name _____

Date _____

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Match the Term on the left with the best Chemical Formula on the right. Each Chemical Formula may be used only once.

Term	Chemical Formula
1. _____ water	A. H_2O
2. _____ a salt	B. NO_2
3. _____ a base	C. $MgCl$
4. _____ an acid	D. Na_2O
5. _____ a metal oxide	E. H_2CO_3
6. _____ a non-metal oxide	F. NH_4OH

7. Which of the following metals is most reactive?
- copper
 - sodium
 - francium
 - magnesium
8. When non-metal oxides dissolve in water, the solution becomes
- basic
 - acidic
 - neutral
9. Carbon dioxide forms which of the following in water?
- CO
 - CO_3^{2-}
 - HCO_3^-
 - H_2CO_3
10. What coefficient is needed for sodium hydroxide in order to balance the following equation?
- $$H_2SO_4 + NaOH \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$$
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4

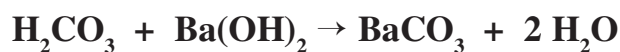
11. Hydrochloric acid can be used to neutralize potassium hydroxide. What is the formula for the salt produced by this neutralization?

- H_2O
- KCl
- $KClO_2$
- $KClO_3$

12. Which reactants form the salt $FePO_4$ in a neutralization reaction?

- PO_4 and Fe_2O_3
- H_3P and $Fe(OH)_3$
- H_2O and $Fe(OH)_3$
- H_3PO_4 and $Fe(OH)_3$

Use the following acid-base neutralization reaction to answer question 13.



13. Which of the following statements is true?

I.	H_2CO_3 is an acid.
II.	$BaCO_3$ is a base.
III.	The products of this reaction are a salt and water.

- I and II only
- I and III only
- II and III only
- I, II, and III