## Reactivity 1.1

## IB CHEMISTRY SL



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## Understandings:

- Chemical reactions involve a transfer of energy between the system and the surroundings, while total energy is conserved.


## Learning outcomes:

- Understand the difference between heat and temperature.

Linking questions:

- Structure 1.1 What is the relationship between temperature and kinetic energy of particles?


## Heat and temperature

- Heat is the transfer of energy from a higher temperature object to a lower temperature object (measured in joules, J).
- The direction of heat flow is from hot (higher temperature) to cold (lower temperature).

- Absolute temperature is the measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles in a substance.
- Absolute temperature in kelvin $(\mathrm{K})$ is directly proportional to the average kinetic energy of the particles in a substance.



## Converting between kelvin (K) and ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

- To convert between ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and K, add or subtract 273 (273.15).
- The kelvin scale does not have a negative value.


## Examples:

- $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=373 \mathrm{~K}$
- $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=273 \mathrm{~K}$
- $0 \mathrm{~K}=-273^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (absolute zero)


## Exercises:

1. Distinguish between the terms heat and absolute temperature.
2. Convert the following temperatures from ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $\mathrm{K}\left(0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=273 \mathrm{~K}\right)$
a) $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
b) $78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
c) $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
d) $-273^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
e) $-13^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
3. Two samples of chlorine gas (both containing the same number of molecules) are at 350 K and 550 K respectively. Which sample has the higher average kinetic energy?
4. Two beakers of water, one containing $250 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ and the other $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of water, are at the same temperature ( 298 K ). Compare the average kinetic energy and the heat content of the two beakers of water.
5. A hot piece of iron with a temperature of 500 K is put into a beaker of water at 298 K. Describe the direction of heat flow and what will happen to the temperature of the iron and the water after one hour.

## Reactivity 1.1.2 and 1.1.3

## Understandings:

- Reactions are described as endothermic or exothermic, depending on the direction of energy transfer between the system and the surroundings (1.1.2).
- The relative stability of reactants and products determines whether reactions are endothermic or exothermic (1.1.3).


## Learning outcomes:

- Understand the temperature change (decrease or increase) that accompanies endothermic and exothermic reactions, respectively (1.1.2).
- Sketch and interpret potential energy profiles for endothermic and exothermic reactions (1.1.3).


## Additional notes:

- Axes for energy profiles should be labelled as reaction coordinate ( $x$ ), potential energy ( $y$ ).


## Exothermic and endothermic reactions

- Chemical reactions can be classified as exothermic or endothermic depending on whether heat is absorbed or released by the system or surroundings.

Exothermic reaction


Heat flows from the system to the surroundings

Endothermic reaction


Heat flows from surroundings into the system

- The system is the reactants and products (the chemical reaction).
- The surroundings consist of everything else outside of the system (including the reaction mixture).


## Exothermic reactions

- In an exothermic reaction, heat flows from the system to the surroundings.
- The temperature of the reaction mixture and the surroundings increases as heat is released by the system.
- Examples of exothermic reactions include combustion and neutralisation.


## Endothermic reactions

- In an endothermic reaction, heat flows from the surroundings to the system.
- The temperature of the reaction mixture and the surroundings decreases as heat is absorbed by the system.
- Examples of endothermic reactions include photosynthesis and thermal decomposition reactions.


## Energy level profiles

Energy level profile for an exothermic reaction (note that the $y$-axis can be labelled as potential energy and the $x$-axis as reaction coordinate).


- $\Delta H=$ negative $(<0)$.
- Products have lower enthalpy than reactants.
- Products are more energetically stable than reactants.

Energy level profile for an endothermic reaction.


- $\Delta H=$ positive ( $>0$ ).
- Products have higher enthalpy than reactants.
- Products are less energetically stable than reactants.


## Exercises:

1. Sketch energy level profiles for an exothermic reaction and an endothermic reaction.
2. Complete the table summarising exothermic and endothermic reactions.

|  | Exothermic <br> reaction | Endothermic <br> reaction |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Sign of enthalpy change $(\Delta H)$ |  |  |
| Which has lower energy, <br> reactants or products? |  |  |
| Which is more energetically <br> stable? |  |  |
| Is heat absorbed or released <br> by the system? |  |  |

3. Classify the following reactions as endothermic or exothermic:
a. Propane burns in excess oxygen releasing heat.
b. The reading on the thermometer increases when sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid are mixed together in a beaker.
c. When ammonium nitrate and water are mixed together in a cold pack, the temperature decreases.

## Reactivity 1.1.4

## Understandings:

- The standard enthalpy change for a chemical reaction, $\Delta H^{\ominus}$, refers to the heat transferred at constant pressure under standard conditions and states. It can be determined from the change in temperature of a pure substance.


## Learning outcomes:

- Apply the equations $Q=m c \Delta T$ and $\Delta H=-Q / n$ in the calculation of the enthalpy change of a reaction.


## Additional notes:

- The units of $\Delta H \ominus$ are $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$.
- The equation $Q=m c \Delta T$ and the value of $c$, the specific heat capacity of water, are given in the data booklet.


## Enthalpy change ( $\Delta H$ )

- Enthalpy, $H$, is the heat content of a substance.
- Enthalpy is the sum of the internal energy $(\mathrm{U})$ and the product of pressure and volume (PV):

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H=U+P V
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- Enthalpy change $(\Delta H)$ is the amount of heat absorbed or released in a chemical reaction.
- If a process occurs at constant pressure, the heat released or absorbed is equal to the change in enthalpy $(q=\Delta H)$.
- The standard enthalpy change of reaction $\left(\Delta H^{\rho}\right)$ is the enthalpy change measured under standard conditions ( 100 kPa and usually 298 K ).


## Calculating enthalpy changes from experimental data



Enthalpy changes can be measured using a simple calorimeter (shown opposite). The heat absorbed or released in the reaction increases or decreases the temperature of a known mass of water (or solution).
The amount of heat absorbed or released can be calculated using the equation $q=m c \Delta T$

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q=m c \Delta T
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$q$ - heat (J)
$m$ - mass of water (or solution)
$c$ - specific heat capacity $\left(\mathrm{J} \mathrm{g}^{-1} \mathrm{O}^{-1}\right)$
$\Delta \mathrm{T}$ - change in temperature

## Specific heat capacity

- Specific heat capacity, $c$, is defined as the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance by $1 \mathrm{~K}\left(\right.$ or $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.
- The units are $\mathrm{Jkg}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ or $\mathrm{Jg}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ (or ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ).

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c=\frac{q}{m \Delta T}
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- Substances with higher specific heat capacity values require more heat to change their temperature than substances with lower specific heat capacity values.
- The specific heat capacity of water is $4.18 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~g}^{-1}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}^{-1}$

Exercise: The same amount of heat is added to equal masses of each of the substances in the table below. List the substances in order of the smallest temperature change to the largest temperature change when the heat is added.

| Substance | Specific heat <br> capacity $/ \mathbf{J ~ g}^{\mathbf{- 1}}{ }^{\mathbf{~}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{- 1}}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Aluminium | 0.903 |
| Ethanol | 2.42 |
| Copper | 0.385 |
| Silver | 0.235 |
| Iron | 0.449 |


| Smallest <br> temperature <br> change | Largest <br> temperature <br> change |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Exercises:

1. Outline what is meant by standard enthalpy change of reaction $\left(\Delta H^{\rho}\right)$.
2. Calculate the enthalpy change for the following reactions.

For examples (a) and (b) the enthalpy change is known as the standard enthalpy change of neutralisation $\left(\Delta H^{\circ} \mathrm{n}\right)$, which is the enthalpy change when an acid and base are reacted together to form one mole of water under standard conditions.
a. $200.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of $0.400 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{HCl}$ is added to the same volume and concentration of NaOH solution inside a coffee-cup calorimeter. The initial temperature was 25.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and the maximum temperature was $27.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calculate the enthalpy change of the reaction.
b. $400.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of $0.500 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ hydrochloric acid was reacted with $400.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of 1.00 $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ potassium hydroxide and the temperature increased by $3.20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calculate the enthalpy change of the reaction.
c. The literature value for the standard enthalpy change of neutralisation is -57.0 kJ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. For each of the above examples, calculate the percentage error and suggest possible sources of error.

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\% \text { error }=\frac{\text { experimental value }- \text { theoretical value }}{\text { theoretical value }} \times 100
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d. A 1.00 g sample of octane $\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{18}\right)$ is burned in a calorimeter containing 1200.0 $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ of water at an initial temperature of $25.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction, the final temperature of the water is $33.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calculate the enthalpy change, in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$.
e. In an experiment to measure the enthalpy change of combustion of ethanol $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{OH}\right)$, a student heated a copper calorimeter containing $100.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of water with a spirit lamp and collected the following data.

| Initial temperature of water: | $20.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Final temperature of water: | $55.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Mass of ethanol burned: | 1.78 g |

Calculate the enthalpy change of combustion of ethanol in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$.
f. Use the values in the table below to calculate the percentage error for each example and suggest possible sources of error.

| Compound | $\Delta H_{c}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{18}$ | -5483 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$ | -1058 |



