

# CAIE Chemistry A-level

## Topic 2 - Atoms, Molecules and Stoichiometry

### Flashcards

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The weighted mean mass of an atom of an element relative to an atom of carbon-12 having a mass of exactly 12 units.



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The weighted average of the mass of a molecule relative to an atom of carbon-12 having a mass of exactly 12 units.



What is meant by the term relative isotopic mass?



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The mass of an atom of an isotope on a scale relative to an atom of carbon-12 having a mass of exactly 12 units.



What is meant by the term relative formula mass?





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The weighted average of the masses of the formula units relative to an atom of carbon-12 having a mass of exactly 12 units.



What is meant by the term amount of substance?



## What is meant by the term amount of substance?

- Measured in moles.
- Based upon the standard count of atoms called the Avogadro constant.
- Measures the number of atoms in a substance.



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The number of atoms per mole of substance.

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$



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The amount of any substance containing as many particles as there are carbon atoms in exactly 12g of carbon-12.



# What is meant by the term empirical formula?





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The simplest whole number ratio of atoms of each element present in a compound.



What is meant by the term molecular formula?



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The actual number of atoms of each element present in a compound.



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	<u>C</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>O</u>
Number of moles	$40/12$ $= 3.33$	$6.67/1$ $= 6.67$	$53.33/16$ $= 3.33$
Ratio	$3.33/3.33$	$6.67/3.33$ $1 : 2 : 1$	$3.33/3.33$

1. Divide the percentage by the atomic mass.
2. Divide this by the smallest number.
3. This gives you the ratio of atoms in the molecule (or empirical formula):  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ .



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Moles of carbon in the sample =  $(0.069/44) = 0.00157$

Moles of hydrogen in the sample =  $(0.0113/18) \times 2 = 0.00126$

Ratio of carbon to hydrogen = 1.25 : 1

Empirical formula ratio = 5 : 4 so the empirical formula is  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4$



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Concentration is the amount of solute (usually in moles) dissolved per  $\text{dm}^3$  of solution.

$$c = \frac{n}{v}$$



How do you calculate the amount of a given substance (in moles) using mass and molecular mass?



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Number of moles = mass  $\div$  molecular mass

$$n = \frac{m}{M_r}$$



What equation links volume and number of gaseous moles at room temperature and pressure?



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Number of moles = volume (dm<sup>3</sup>) ÷ 24

$$n = V/24$$



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Unless otherwise stated, calculated results should be given to the same number of significant figures as the value with the minimum number of significant figures used in the calculation.

3 significant figures are typically used.



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Stoichiometry is the proportions of reactants and products.

A balanced chemical equation can be used to find the stoichiometry of a reaction.



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Nitrate:  $\text{NO}_3^-$

Carbonate:  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$

Sulfate:  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

Hydroxide:  $\text{OH}^-$

Ammonium:  $\text{NH}_4^+$

Bicarbonate:  $\text{HCO}_3^-$

Phosphate:  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$

Zinc:  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

Silver:  $\text{Ag}^+$

