

AQA GCSE Chemistry

Topic 8: Chemical analysis

Identification of common gases

Notes

(Content in bold is for Higher Tier only)









Test for hydrogen

- Use a burning splint held at the open end of a test tube of the gas
 - o Creates a 'squeaky pop' sound (hydrogen burns rapidly)

Test for oxygen

- Uses a glowing splint inserted into a test tube of the gas
 - o Splint relights in oxygen

Test for carbon dioxide

- Bubble the gas through the limewater (calcium hydroxide (aq))
 - o it will turn milky (cloudy)

Test for chlorine

- Use damp litmus paper
 - o When damp litmus paper is put into chlorine gas the litmus paper is bleached and turns white



