

Displacement of Metals

Chemical Equations 16

General Rule

Metal X + Metal Y Salt → Metal X Salt + Metal Y

A metal will be displaced from a salt by a **more reactive** metal.

e.g. 1. Magnesium + Lead Oxide → Magnesium Oxide + Lead

A metal will not be displaced from a salt by a **less reactive** metal.

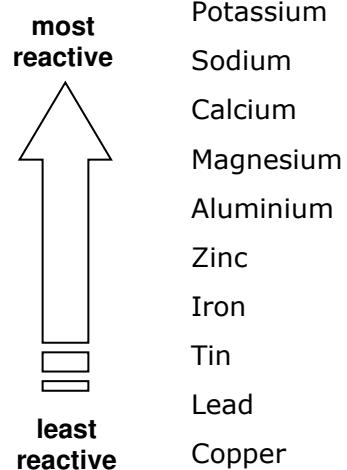
e.g. 2. Lead + Magnesium Oxide → No Reaction

Task 1

In your exercise book, write word equations for the following reactions. If you have been taught how to, then write a balanced symbol equation under each word equation (assume a valency of 3 for iron, 2 for lead and 1 for copper).

	Reactants
a.	Aluminium and lead chloride
b.	Potassium and calcium chloride
c.	Sodium and iron chloride
d.	Zinc and aluminium chloride
e.	Lead and copper chloride
f.	Iron and copper oxide
g.	Calcium and lead iodide
h.	Tin and zinc sulfate
i.	Calcium and copper sulfate
j.	Sodium and potassium fluoride
k.	Magnesium and lead nitrate
l.	Iron and zinc sulfate
m.	Copper and aluminium carbonate
n.	Potassium and magnesium chloride
o.	Zinc and lead sulfate
p.	Magnesium and calcium iodide
q.	Aluminium and lead bromide
r.	Potassium and sodium carbonate
s.	Calcium and copper nitrate
t.	Zinc and copper sulfate

Reactivity Series



Displacement of Metals - Answers

a.	Aluminium $2\text{Al}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Lead Chloride $3\text{PbCl}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Aluminium Chloride $2\text{AlCl}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Lead $3\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$
b.	Potassium $2\text{K}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Calcium Chloride $\text{CaCl}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Potassium Chloride $2\text{KCl}_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Calcium $\text{Ca}_{(\text{s})}$
c.	Sodium $3\text{Na}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Iron Chloride $\text{FeCl}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Sodium Chloride $3\text{NaCl}_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Iron $\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$
d.	Zinc $\text{Zn}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Aluminium chloride $\text{AlCl}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
e.	Lead $\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Copper Chloride $2\text{CuCl}_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	Lead Chloride $\text{PbCl}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Copper $2\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$
f.	Iron $2\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Copper Oxide $3\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	Iron Oxide $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Copper $3\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$
g.	Calcium $\text{Ca}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Lead Iodide $\text{PbI}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Calcium Iodide $\text{CaI}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Lead $\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$
h.	Tin $\text{Sn}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Zinc Sulfate $\text{ZnSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
i.	Calcium $\text{Ca}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Copper Sulfate $\text{Cu}_2\text{SO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Calcium Sulfate $\text{CaSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Copper $2\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$
j.	Sodium $\text{Na}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Potassium Fluoride $\text{KF}_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
k.	Magnesium $\text{Mg}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Lead Nitrate $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	Magnesium Nitrate $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Lead $\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$
l.	Iron $\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Zinc Sulfate $\text{ZnSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
m.	Copper $\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Aluminium Carbonate $\text{Al}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
n.	Potassium $2\text{K}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Magnesium Chloride $\text{MgCl}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Potassium Chloride $2\text{KCl}_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Magnesium $\text{Mg}_{(\text{s})}$
o.	Zinc $\text{Zn}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Lead Sulfate $\text{PbSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Zinc Sulfate $\text{ZnSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Lead $\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$
p.	Magnesium $\text{Mg}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Calcium Iodide $\text{CaI}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	No Reaction		
q.	Aluminium $2\text{Al}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Lead Bromide $3\text{PbBr}_{2\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Aluminium Bromide $2\text{AlBr}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Lead $3\text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$
r.	Potassium $2\text{K}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Sodium Carbonate $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	\rightarrow	Potassium Carbonate $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_{3\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Sodium $2\text{Na}_{(\text{s})}$
s.	Calcium $\text{Ca}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Copper Nitrate $2\text{CuNO}_3_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	Calcium Nitrate $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2_{(\text{aq})}$	+	Copper $2\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$
t.	Zinc $\text{Zn}_{(\text{s})}$	+	Copper Sulfate $\text{Cu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_{(\text{aq})}$	\rightarrow	Zinc Sulfate $\text{ZnSO}_{4\text{ (aq)}}$	+	Copper $2\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$