

Chapter 8 summary notes

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Topic 8.1 (What is an acid?)

Different types of acids:

↳ Ethanoic acid: $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$

↳ Nitric acid: $\text{HNO}_3 \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{NO}_3^-$

↳ Hydrochloric acid: $\text{HCl} \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{Cl}^-$

↳ Sulphuric acid: $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{SO}_4^{2-}$

↳ Phosphoric acid: $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{PO}_4^{3-}$

Definition of acids: An acid is a substance that forms hydrogen ions, H^+ in aqueous solution.

Properties of acids (6):

↳ Acids have a sour taste

↳ Acids produce ions when dissolved in water solution. Acids can conduct electricity in aqueous state.

↳ Acids can react with reactive metals

↳ Acids can react with oxides and hydroxides

↳ Acids can react with carbonates

↳ Acids turn blue litmus paper red and have no effect on a red litmus paper.

Acid related reactions:

Acid + Metal \rightarrow salt + hydrogen

Acid + oxide / hydroxide \rightarrow salt + water

Acid + carbonate \rightarrow salt + water + carbon dioxide

*oxides and hydroxides are bases

*Acids can only react with reactive metals

Unreactive metals = Copper (Cu), Silver (Ag), Gold (Au), Platinum (Pt) } no reaction can take place

↳ GPSC (Acronym)

Test for hydrogen

• Use a burning splinter

• Place it at the mouth of the test tube

• If hydrogen is present, the burning splinter should extinguish and produce a 'pop' sound

Topic 8.2 (Strong and weak acids)

Definition of strength of an acid:

The strength of the acid refers to the extent of ionisation of acid when it dissolves in water.

Definition of strong acids:

A strong acid is an acid that completely ionises in an aqueous solution.

Definition of weak acids:

A weak acid is an acid that only partially ionises in an aqueous solution.

Examples of strong acids:

↳ Hydrochloric acid (HCl)

↳ Sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4)

↳ Nitric acid (HNO_3)

Examples of weak acids:

↳ Ethanoic acid (CH_3COOH)

↳ Citric acid

↳ Carbonic acid

Lesson 1 and 2:

- Definition of acids
- Chemical formulae of different acids
- Test for hydrogen and oxygen (Explanation)
- Strong acids and weak acids
- Explaining strong and weak acids
- Acid reactions (with metal, alkaline and carbonate)
- Acid basicity (monobase, tribase, dibase)
- Soluble and insoluble salts