



## RELATIVE ATOMIC MASS $A_r$

- **Relative atomic mass of an element** is the average mass of one atom of **an element** compared with one-twelfth ( $1/12$ ) of the mass of a carbon-12 atom
  - No unit
  - $A_r = \frac{\text{average mass of one atom of an element}}{1/12 \times \text{mass of carbon-12 atom}}$
  - $A_r = \text{sum of (\% abundance} \times \text{isotopic mass)}$

**Example question:**

Find the relative atomic mass of Iron ions from 3 isotopes given:

Iron isotopes	Fe-54	Fe-56	Fe-57
% abundance	5.95	91.88	2.17

**Answer:**

$$A_r = \frac{5.95}{100} \times 54 + \frac{91.88}{100} \times 56 + \frac{2.17}{100} \times 57 \approx 55.9$$

## RELATIVE MOLECULAR MASS $M_r$

- **Relative molecular mass of an element** is the average mass of **one molecule** compared with one-twelfth ( $1/12$ ) of the mass of a carbon-12 atom
  - No unit
  - $M_r = \frac{\text{average mass of one molecule of a substance}}{1/12 \times \text{mass of carbon-12 atom}}$
  - $M_r \text{ of compound} = \text{total } A_r \text{ of all atoms}$

**Example:**

Calculate the  $M_r$  of  $\text{CaO}$ :

**Answer:**

$$M_r = 1A_r \text{ of } \text{Mg} + 1A_r \text{ of } \text{O} = 1 \times 40 + 1 \times 14 = 54$$



## CHEMICAL FORMULA

- **Molecular formula** is the **actual ratio** of the number of each type of atom in a substance.
  - Eg 2 Iron(III) atoms combine with 3 oxygen atoms to form  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- **Empirical formula** is the **simplest ratio** of the number of atoms in a substance
  - Eg molecular formula of glucose ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ ) has an empirical formula of  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$
  - Can be obtained by mass or percentage

**Example:** Calculate empirical formula of a compound formed when 16g of oxygen is combined with 103g of lead

**Answer:**

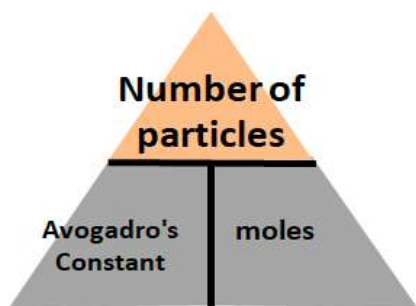
Step 1	Elements involved	Pb	O
Step 2	Mass/% given	103	16
Step 3	Ar of each element	207	16
Step 4	Step 2/Step 3	0.4976	1
Step 5	Use the least value from step 4 to divide	$\frac{0.4976}{0.4976} = 1$	$\frac{1}{0.4976} = 2$
Step 6	Empirical formula	$\text{PbO}_2$	

**Example:** Empirical formula of the substance is  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ . Relative  $M_r$  is 180. Determine molecular formula for the substance

**Answer:**

Step 1	$n = \frac{M_r}{\text{sum of } A_r \text{ in empirical formula}} = \frac{180}{30} = 6$
Step 2	Molecular formula $(\text{X}_a\text{Y}_b)_n = (\text{CH}_2\text{O})_6 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$

## MOLE CONCEPT



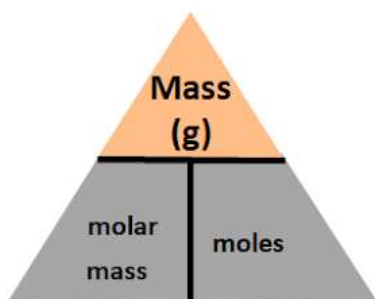
- When the mass of a sample equals to its  $A_r$ , quantity of atoms in sample is  $6 \times 10^{23}$ 
  - $6 \times 10^{23}$  is Avogadro's Constant, a fixed quantity
  - Eg  $A_r$  of O is 16. A sample of 16g of oxygen contains  $6 \times 10^{23}$  oxygen atoms
  - 1 mole represents a quantity of  $6 \times 10^{23}$
  - $$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{no. of particles}}{6 \times 10^{23}}$$

**Example question:** How many moles of water molecules ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) are there in  $2.0 \times 10^{24}$  water molecules?

**Answer:**

Amount = Number of particles / Avogadro's number

$= (2.0 \times 10^{24}) / (6.02 \times 10^{23}) \approx 3.32$  moles



- **Molar mass ( $M_r$ )** is the mass of 1 mole of substance
- Unit is g/mol or  $\text{g mol}^{-1}$

$$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{mass of substance}}{M_r}$$

**Example question:** A sample of a compound has a molar mass of 18.01528 g/mol. How many moles of this compound are present in a 90.0764 g sample?

**Answer:**

Number of moles = Mass (g) / Molar mass (g/mol)

= 90.0764 g / 18.01528 g/mol  $\approx$  5 moles

**Example question:** A sample of a compound contains 0.25 moles. If the mass of the sample is found to be 15.5 grams, what is the molar mass of the compound?

**Answer:**

Molar mass (g/mol) = Mass (g) / Number of moles

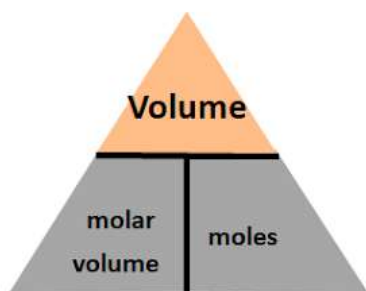
= 15.5 g / 0.25 moles = 62 g/mol

**Example**
**question:**

Calculate the mass of oxygen gas ( $O_2$ ) needed to completely react with 8.0 grams of hydrogen gas ( $H_2$ ) to form water ( $H_2O$ ).

**Answer:**

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Write the balanced equation	$2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$	
2	Calculate the molar mass	Molar mass of $H_2$ = 2.02 g/mol Molar mass of $O_2$ = 32.00 g/mol Molar mass of $H_2O$ = 18.02 g/mol	
3	Calculate moles of $H_2$	Moles of $H_2$ = Mass (g) / Molar mass (g/mol) = 8.0 g / 2.02 g/mol	3.96 moles
4	Use stoichiometry to find moles of $O_2$	Moles of $O_2$ = Moles of $H_2$ = 3.96 moles	
5	Calculate the mass of $O_2$	Mass of $O_2$ = Moles of $O_2$ × Molar mass of $O_2$ = 3.96 moles × 32.00 g/mol	126.72g



- **Molar volume** is 1 mole of **any gas** occupying a volume of  $24\text{dm}^3$  at standard room temperature and pressure (r.t.p)
- Unit is  $\text{dm}^3/\text{mol}$  or  $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$ 
  - $\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{volume of gas}}{24\text{cm}^3/\text{mol}}$
- Remember to convert  $\text{cm}^3$  to  $\text{dm}^3$  by  $\div 1000$

**Example:** Calculate the volume of 2.5 moles of  $\text{N}_2$

**Answer:** Volume = moles  $\times$  Molar volume ( $\text{dm}^3/\text{mol}$ ) =  $2.5 \times 24 = 60 \text{ dm}^3$

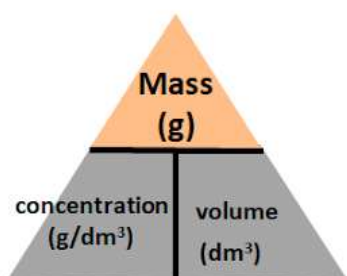
**Example:** Calculate the number of moles of

(a)  $0.12\text{dm}^3$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  and (b)  $200\text{cm}^3$  of  $\text{NH}_3$

**Answer:**

(a) Number of moles = Volume / molar volume =  $0.12/24 = 0.0050\text{mol}$

(b) Number of moles = Volume / molar volume =  $(200/1000)/24 = 0.00833\text{mol}$



- **Concentration** is the amount of a solute in a given volume of solvent
- Depends on amount of solute (in mols or grams) or volume of solvent (in  $\text{dm}^3$ )
  - $\text{conc. (mol/dm}^3\text{)} = \frac{\text{no. moles of solute (mol)}}{\text{volume of solvent (dm}^3\text{)}}$
  - $\text{conc. (g/dm}^3\text{)} = \frac{\text{mass of solute (g)}}{\text{volume of solvent (dm}^3\text{)}}$

**Example:** A solution contains 0.5 moles of sodium chloride (NaCl) dissolved in 250 cm<sup>3</sup> of water. Calculate the concentration of NaCl in the solution in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

**Answer:**

Volume of solvent = 250 cm<sup>3</sup> = 250/1000 dm<sup>3</sup> = 0.25 dm<sup>3</sup>

Concentration (mol/dm<sup>3</sup>) = Number of moles of solute / Volume of solvent = 0.5 moles / 0.25 dm<sup>3</sup> = 2 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

**Example:** You have 20 grams of glucose (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) dissolved in 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of water. Calculate the concentration of glucose in the solution in g/dm<sup>3</sup>

**Answer:**

Volume of solvent = 500 cm<sup>3</sup> = 500/1000 dm<sup>3</sup> = 0.5 dm<sup>3</sup>

Concentration (g/dm<sup>3</sup>) = Mass of solute (g) / Volume of solvent (dm<sup>3</sup>)

Concentration = 20 g / 0.5 dm<sup>3</sup> = 40 g/dm<sup>3</sup>

## STOICHIOMETRY

- Stoichiometry demonstrates the relationship between quantities of substances in a chemical reaction

**Example:**

The decomposition of sodium hydrogen carbonate by heating is:



If 42g of sodium hydrogen carbonate were decomposed, determine the mass of residue left after the reaction.

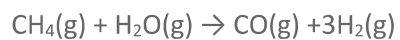
**Answer:**

To find residue: find mass of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  then find the difference between the initial mass of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and the produced  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  mass.

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Calculate the molar mass of $\text{NaHCO}_3$	Molar mass of $\text{NaHCO}_3 = 23 + 1 + 12 + (3 \times 16)$	84
2	Calculate moles of $\text{NaHCO}_3$	Moles of $\text{NaHCO}_3 = \text{Mass (g)} / \text{Molar mass (g/mol)}$	0.5 moles
3	Use stoichiometry to find moles of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	Moles of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = (1/2) \times \text{Moles of NaHCO}_3$	0.25 moles
4	Calculate mass of residue ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ )	Mass of residue (g) = Moles of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \times \text{Molar mass (g/mol)}$	15.5 g



**Example:** Methane is used to produce hydrogen by reacting with steam:



Calculate the volume of hydrogen obtained from  $100\text{cm}^3$  of methane at r.t.p

**Answer:**

If related substances involving are gases, ratio deduced from balanced chemical equation can be used directly to determine ratio of their volumes

$100\text{cm}^3$  of methane given and to determine hydrogen gas

	Methane	Hydrogen
Mole ratio	1	3
Volume ratio	$100\text{cm}^3$	$300\text{cm}^3$

A volume of  $300\text{cm}^3$  of hydrogen gas is obtained from  $100\text{cm}^3$  of methane

- **Limiting reagent** is the reagent that limits the amount of product formed
  - Will react completely in a chemical reaction
  - Act as reference for mole ratio during chemical calculations
- **Excess reagent** is the reagent which is left unreacted after the reaction

**Example:** When 4.0 moles of hydrogen gas ( $\text{H}_2$ ) react with 6.0 moles of oxygen gas ( $\text{O}_2$ ), what is the limiting reagent and the mass of water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) produced?

**Answer:**

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Write the balanced chemical equation	$2 \text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	
2	Calculate the moles of $\text{H}_2$ and $\text{O}_2$ available	Moles of $\text{H}_2$ = 4.0 moles Moles of $\text{O}_2$ = 6.0 moles	
3	Use stoichiometry to find moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{H}_2$ and $\text{O}_2$	Moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{H}_2$ = 4.0 moles $\times$ (2 moles $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / 2 moles $\text{H}_2$ ) = 4.0 moles  Moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{O}_2$ = 6.0 moles $\times$ (2 moles $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / 1 mole $\text{O}_2$ ) = 12.0 moles	
4	Determine the limiting reagent	The limiting reagent is the one that produces fewer moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{H}_2$ is limiting
5	Calculate the mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ produced from the limiting reagent	Mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{H}_2$ = 4.0 moles $\times$ (18.02 g/mol)	72.08 g ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

**Example:** In the reaction:  $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , if you have 10.0 grams of hydrogen gas ( $\text{H}_2$ ) and 16.0 grams of oxygen gas ( $\text{O}_2$ ), determine the limiting reactant and the mass of water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) formed.

**Answer:**

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Write the balanced chemical equation	$2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	
2	Calculate the molar mass	Molar mass of $\text{H}_2$ = 2.02 g/mol Molar mass of $\text{O}_2$ = 32.00 g/mol Molar mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ = 18.02 g/mol	
3	Calculate moles of $\text{H}_2$ and $\text{O}_2$	Moles of $\text{H}_2$ = Mass (g) / Molar mass (g/mol) = 10.0 g / 2.02 g/mol Moles of $\text{O}_2$ = 16.0 g / 32.00 g/mol	4.95 moles 0.5 moles
4	Determine the limiting reagent	Calculate moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ produced from each reactant. Moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{H}_2$ = 4.95 moles $\times$ (2 moles $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / 2 moles $\text{H}_2$ )  Moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{O}_2$ = 0.5 moles $\times$ (2 moles $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / 1 mole $\text{O}_2$ )	4.95 moles 1 mole
5	Identify the limiting reactant	The limiting reactant is the one that produces fewer moles of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .	$\text{O}_2$ is the limiting reagent
6	Calculate the mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ produced from the limiting reagent	Mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from $\text{O}_2$ = Moles $\times$ Molar mass of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ = 1 mole $\times$ 18g/mol	18g

## PERCENTAGE YIELD

- Percentage yield is how much product is actually formed out of a theoretical maximum
- Many reactions usually do not reach completion due to factors such as impurities
- $$\text{percentage yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%$$
  - Actual yield** is the amount of product obtained from experiment
  - Theoretical yield** is the amount of product from stoichiometric calculation

### Example:

In a chemical reaction, 20.0 g of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) is reacted with excess hydrochloric acid (HCl) to produce sodium chloride (NaCl) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O). If the actual yield of NaCl obtained is 17.5 g, calculate the percentage yield.

### Answer:

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Calculate the molar mass of NaOH	Molar mass of NaOH = 23.00 g/mol + 16.00 g/mol + 1.01 g/mol = 40.01 g/mol	40.01 g/mol
2	Calculate moles of NaOH	Moles of NaOH = Mass (g) / Molar mass (g/mol)	20.0 g / 40.01 g/mol ≈ 0.499 moles
3	Use stoichiometry to find moles of NaCl and H <sub>2</sub> O	Balanced equation: NaOH + HCl → NaCl + H <sub>2</sub> O Moles of NaCl = Moles of NaOH	1 mole of NaOH produces 1 mole of NaCl 0.499 moles
4	Calculate the theoretical yield of NaCl	Theoretical yield (g) = Moles of NaCl × Molar mass (g/mol)	0.499 moles × (58.44 g/mol) = 29.20 g (NaCl)
5	Calculate the percentage yield	Percentage yield = (Actual yield / Theoretical yield) × 100%	(17.5 g / 29.20 g) × 100% ≈ 60.05%

		$\times 100\%$	
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## PERCENTAGE PURITY

- Percentage purity is a measure used to express the purity of a substance within a sample or compound
- $\text{percentage purity} = \text{percentage yield} \times 100\%$

**Example:** When zinc granules are added to copper (II) chloride solution, copper metal and zinc chloride are formed. 200 g of impure zinc granules were added to an excess of copper (II) chloride solution. 171 g of copper metal was obtained. Find the percentage purity of the zinc granules.

**Answer:**

Step	Description	Calculation	Result
1	Calculate the theoretical mass of copper	Molar mass of copper (Cu) = 63.55 g/mol  Moles of copper = Mass (g) / Molar mass (g/mol) = 171 g / 63.55 g/mol	2.691 moles
2	Calculate the moles of zinc that reacted.	Balanced equation: $\text{Zn} + \text{CuCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{ZnCl}_2$ Moles of copper = Moles of zinc	2.691 moles
3	Calculate the theoretical mass of pure zinc.	Molar mass of zinc (Zn) = 65.38 g/mol  Theoretical mass of pure zinc = Moles of zinc $\times$ Molar mass of zinc = (2.691 moles $\times$ 65.38 g/mol)	175.938 g

4	Calculate the percentage purity of the zinc granules.	Percentage purity = (Actual mass of pure zinc / Theoretical mass of pure zinc) × 100	88.0%
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## Summary

Key Points	Definition	Example
Relative Atomic Mass (Ar)	Ar is the average mass of one atom of an element compared to 1/12 of the mass of a carbon-12 atom.	Ar = Sum of (% abundance × isotopic mass)
Relative Molecular Mass (Mr)	Mr is the average mass of one molecule compared to 1/12 of the mass of a carbon-12 atom.	Mr of compound = Total Ar of all atoms
Empirical and Molecular Formulae	Empirical formula is the simplest ratio of atoms in a compound; Molecular formula shows the actual number of atoms in a molecule.	
The Mole	A mole represents a quantity of $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ particles (Avogadro's number).	1 mole = $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ particles
Mole Formulas	$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{no. of particles}}{6 \times 10^{23}}$ $\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{volume of gas (dm}^3\text{)}}{24\text{cm}^3/\text{mol}}$	

	$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{mass of substance (g)}}{M_r}$ $\text{conc. (mol/dm}^3\text{)} = \frac{\text{no. moles of solute (mol)}}{\text{volume of solvent (dm}^3\text{)}}$ $\text{conc. (g/dm}^3\text{)} = \frac{\text{mass of solute (g)}}{\text{volume of solvent (dm}^3\text{)}}$ <p>1dm<sup>3</sup>=1000cm<sup>3</sup></p>	
Limiting reagent	Limiting reagent is the reagent that limits the amount of product formed	
Percentage Yield and Purity	Percentage yield measures how much product is actually obtained, while percentage purity measures the purity of a substance.	% Yield = (Actual yield / Theoretical yield) × 100%

What are some common pitfalls?

#### 1. Molar Mass Calculation:

Pitfall: Incorrectly calculating molar mass by summing atomic masses without considering subscripts.

Elaboration: Ensure that you understand how to calculate molar mass by multiplying the atomic mass of each element by its subscript in the chemical formula.

Example: Calculate the molar mass of calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>).

Incorrect Calculation: Molar Mass = Ca (40.08 g/mol) + C (12.01 g/mol) + O (16.00 g/mol) = 68.09 g/mol

Correct Calculation: Molar Mass = Ca (1 × 40.08 g/mol) + C (1 × 12.01 g/mol) + O (3 × 16.00 g/mol) = 100.09 g/mol



## 2. Balanced Equations:

Pitfall: Using unbalanced chemical equations for stoichiometric calculations.

Elaboration: Remember to balance chemical equations before performing any stoichiometric calculations. Make it a regular practice

Example: Consider the reaction:  $\text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$

Unbalanced Equation:  $\text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$

Correct Balanced Equation:  $\text{N}_2 + \underline{3}\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \underline{2}\text{NH}_3$

## 3. Stoichiometric Calculations:

Pitfall: Misinterpreting coefficients as mole ratios.

Elaboration: Remember that the coefficients in a balanced equation represent the mole ratios of reactants and products. Use these ratios correctly in stoichiometric calculations.

Example: In the balanced equation  $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , find the number of moles of  $\text{O}_2$  needed to react with 4 moles of  $\text{H}_2$ .

Incorrect Calculation: 4 moles of  $\text{H}_2 = 4$  moles of  $\text{O}_2$  (misinterpreting coefficients)

Correct Calculation: 4 moles of  $\text{H}_2 \times (\underline{1 \text{ mole of O}_2 / 2 \text{ moles of H}_2}) = 2$  moles of  $\text{O}_2$

## 4. Limiting Reactants:

Pitfall: Failing to identify the limiting reactant, leading to incorrect yield calculations.

Elaboration: Determine the limiting reactant by comparing the stoichiometric coefficients and the initial amounts of reactants. Limiting reactants determine the maximum amount of product.

Example: Consider the reaction of 3 moles of hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ ) and 2 moles of oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ). Determine the limiting reactant and the moles of water formed.

Incorrect Calculation: 3 moles of  $\text{H}_2$  react with 2 moles of  $\text{O}_2$ , so  $\text{O}_2$  is limiting, and 2 moles of water are formed.

Correct Calculation: To find the limiting reactant, calculate the moles of water formed by each reactant.





**Moles of  $H_2$  produce 3 moles of water, and moles of  $O_2$  produce 1 mole of water.** Since only 1 mole of water can be formed from  $O_2$ ,  $O_2$  is the limiting reactant.

#### 5. Concentration Units:

Pitfall: Mixing up units when working with different concentration units ( $\text{mol/dm}^3$ ,  $\text{g/dm}^3$ ).

Elaboration: Clearly define the units and provide examples of converting between them. Use consistent units in calculations.

Example: Calculate the concentration of glucose ( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ) in a solution containing 20 g of glucose in 500  $\text{cm}^3$  of water.

Incorrect Calculation: Concentration =  $20 \text{ g} / 500 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.04 \text{ g/dm}^3$

Correct Calculation: First, convert the volume to  $\text{dm}^3$  ( $500 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.5 \text{ dm}^3$ ), then calculate the concentration in  $\text{g/dm}^3$ : Concentration =  $20 \text{ g} / 0.5 \text{ dm}^3 = 40 \text{ g/dm}^3$

## Study tips

Studying mole concepts and stoichiometry can be challenging, but with the right strategies, students can master these topics effectively. Here are some specific studying tips:

#### 1. Understand the Mole Concept Thoroughly:

Begin by grasping the concept of a mole as a unit of measurement for the quantity of substances. Understand how it relates to Avogadro's number and the number of particles in one mole.

#### 2. Stoichiometry Practice Sets:

Build your stoichiometry skills through practice sets that include various types of stoichiometry problems, including mole-to-mole, mass-to-mole, and volume-to-mole conversions.

#### 3. Work on Balancing Chemical Equations:

Master the skill of balancing chemical equations. This is crucial for stoichiometric calculations. Practice balancing equations until it becomes second nature.



4. Identify the Limiting Reactant:

Focus on recognizing the limiting reactant in a reaction. Practice problems that involve identifying the reactant that limits the amount of product formed.

5. Understand Units and Conversions:

Pay close attention to units in stoichiometry problems. Ensure consistency in units and practice converting between different units (e.g., grams to moles, moles to liters,  $\text{dm}^3$  to  $\text{cm}^3$ ).

6. Work on Stoichiometry Story Problems:

Practice solving stoichiometry "story problems" where you are given a scenario and asked to calculate reactant quantities, product yields, or other related quantities.

Remember that mastering mole concept and stoichiometry may take time and practice. Be patient with yourself and keep working on these topics regularly to build your confidence and proficiency.

Study hard and you can do it! 😊