

Limiting and Excess Reactants Practice

General Chemistry

Name: **ANSWER KEY**

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Balance the chemical equation showing the combination reaction between solid iron and oxygen gas. Using the information about the reactants, complete the BCA tables. Use the BCA table to identify the limiting reactant and determine how much excess reactant remains. All answers will be in moles on this page.



- 1) 10 moles of Fe and 12 moles of O₂

	Fe	O ₂	Fe ₂ O ₃
B	10 mol	12 mol	0 mol
C	- 10 mol	- 7.5 mol	+ 5 mol
A	0 mol	4.5 mol	5 mol

What is the maximum amount of moles of iron (III) oxide molecules that can be made? **5 mol**

What is the limiting reactant? **Fe Iron** How much excess reactant remains? **4.5 mol**

- 2) 8 moles of Fe and 5 moles of O₂

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	Fe	O ₂	Fe ₂ O ₃
B	8 mol	5 mol	0 mol
C	- 6.67 mol	- 5 mol	+ 3.33 mol
A	1.33 mol	0 mol	3.33 mol

What is the maximum amount of moles of iron (III) oxide molecules that can be made? **3.33 mol**

What is the limiting reactant? **Oxygen** How much excess reactant remains? **1.33 mol Fe**

- 3) 20 grams of Fe and 32 moles of O₂

	Fe	O ₂	Fe ₂ O ₃
B	0.36 mol	32 mol	0 mol
C	-0.36 mol	-0.27 mol	+0.18 mol
A	0 mol	31.73 mol	0.18 mol

What is the maximum amount of moles of iron (III) oxide molecules that can be made? **0.18 mol**

What is the limiting reactant? **Iron** How much excess reactant remains? **31.73 mol Oxygen**



4) 10.6g of Li and 3.83g of N₂ react to form Li₃N. *Need to convert grams to moles.*

$$\left(\frac{10.6 \text{ g Li}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Li}}{6.94 \text{ g Li}}\right) = \underline{1.5273775\dots} \quad 1.5274 \text{ mol Li}$$

$$\left(\frac{3.83 \text{ g N}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol N}_2}{28.014 \text{ g N}_2}\right) = \underline{0.13671735\dots} \quad 0.13672 \text{ mol N}_2$$

	Li	N ₂	Li ₃ N
B	1.5274 mol	0.13672 mol	0 mol
C	- 0.822 mol	- 0.13672 mol	+ 0.274 mol
A	0.708 mol	0 mol	0.274 mol

a) What is the maximum amount of moles of lithium nitride that can be made? **0.274 moles of Li₃N**

b) What is the maximum amount of molecules of lithium nitride that can be made? **1.65x10²³ molecules Li₃N**

$$\left(\frac{0.274 \text{ mol Li}_3\text{N}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules Li}_3\text{N}}{1 \text{ mol Li}_3\text{N}}\right) = \underline{1.64948 \times 10^{23}} \rightarrow 1.65 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules Li}_3\text{N}$$

c) What is the limiting reactant? **Nitrogen (N₂)**

d) How many moles of limiting reactant are used? **0.137 moles N₂**

e) How many particles of limiting reactant are used? **8.25x10²² molecules N₂**

$$\left(\frac{0.137 \text{ mol N}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ particles N}_2}{1 \text{ mol N}_2}\right) = \underline{8.2474 \times 10^{22}} \text{ molecules N}_2$$

f) How many grams of limiting reactant are used? **3.84 grams N₂**

$$\left(\frac{0.137 \text{ mol N}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{28.014 \text{ g N}_2}{1 \text{ mol N}_2}\right) = \underline{3.837918} \text{ grams N}_2$$

g) What is the excess reactant? **Lithium (Li)**

h) How much excess reactant remains in moles? **0.708 moles of Li**

i) How much excess reactant remains in grams? **4.91 grams of Li**

$$\left(\frac{0.708 \text{ mol Li}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{6.94 \text{ g Li}}{1 \text{ mol Li}}\right) = \underline{4.91352} \text{ grams}$$

Read This!

When chemical reactions take place in a laboratory, we do not always make the amount of product we intend to. Mistakes happen! There are so many ways in which an error can occur and affect a scientist's data. Here are some vocabulary words we use to help explain how successful our lab was:

- “If everything goes perfectly in our lab, **theoretically**, we should be able to make this much product...” This is known as **theoretical yield** - the maximum amount of **product** that could be formed from given amounts of **reactants**. **The BCA table tells us the theoretical yield of our products.**
- **Actual yield** - the amount of product that **actually** forms when a chemical reaction occurs.
- **Percent yield** - the **ratio** of the actual yield to the theoretical yield expressed as a percent. Percent yield can be calculated using this formula:
$$\text{percent yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100$$

We will practice calculating percent yield in the following reactions...



5) 2.54 grams of tricarbon octahydride gas combusts with 20.02 grams of oxygen

$$\left(\frac{2.54 \text{ g C}_3\text{H}_8}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8}{44.11 \text{ g C}_3\text{H}_8}\right) = 0.0575833144... \quad 0.057583 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8$$
$$\left(\frac{20.02 \text{ g O}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol O}_2}{32.00 \text{ g O}_2}\right) = 0.625664104... \quad 0.62566 \text{ mol O}_2$$

	C ₃ H ₈	O ₂	CO ₂	H ₂ O
B	0.057583 mol	0.62566 mol	0 mol	0 mol
C	- 0.057583 mol	- 0.285 mol	+ 0.171 mol	+ 0.228 mol
A	0 mol	0.3407 mol	0.171 mol	0.228 mol

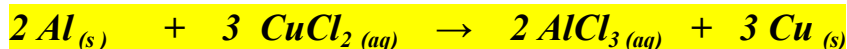
- a) What is the theoretical yield of CO₂? (from your BCA table) **0.171 moles CO₂**
b) How many grams of CO₂ can be made?

$$\left(\frac{0.171 \text{ mol CO}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{44.11 \text{ g CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol CO}_2}\right) = 7.525539... \quad 7.53 \text{ grams CO}_2$$

- c) If 2.00 g of CO₂ are *actually* made in this reaction, what is the percent yield?

$$\left(\frac{2.00 \text{ g CO}_2}{7.53 \text{ g CO}_2}\right) \times 100 = 26.5604... \quad 26.6 \% \text{ Yield}$$

VIDEO (21 minutes long, but it goes over everything!)



6) 412.3 g of solid aluminum reacts with 422.6 g of copper (II) chloride

$$\left(\frac{412.3 \text{ g Al}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Al}}{26.98 \text{ g Al}}\right) = \underline{15.28169014....} \quad 15.28 \text{ mol Al}$$

$$\left(\frac{422.6 \text{ g CuCl}_2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol CuCl}_2}{134.452 \text{ g CuCl}_2}\right) = \underline{3.143129146....} \quad 3.143 \text{ mol CuCl}_2$$

	Al	CuCl ₂	AlCl ₃	Cu
B	15.28 mol	3.143 mol	0 mol	0 mol
C	- 2.095 mol	- 3.143 mol	+ 2.095 mol	+ 3.143 mol
A	13.185 mol	0 mol	2.095 mol	3.143 mol

d) What is the limiting reactant? **CuCl₂ Copper (II) Chloride**

e) How much excess reactant remains? **13.185 moles Al**

f) What is the theoretical yield of Cu metal? (from your BCA table) **3.143 moles Cu**

g) How many atoms of Cu can be made? **1.892×10^{24} atoms Cu**

$$\left(\frac{3.143 \text{ mol Cu}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms Cu}}{1 \text{ mol Cu}}\right) = \underline{1.892086 \times 10^{24} \text{ atoms Cu}}$$

h) How many grams of Cu metal can be made? **199.7 grams Cu**

$$\left(\frac{3.143 \text{ mol Cu}}{1}\right) \left(\frac{63.546 \text{ grams Cu}}{1 \text{ mol Cu}}\right) = \underline{199.725078 \text{ g Cu}}$$

i) If 200.0 g of Cu are *actually* made in this reaction, what is the percent yield? _____
Show your work.

$$\left(\frac{200.0 \text{ g Cu}}{199.7 \text{ g Cu}}\right) \times 100 = \underline{100.15022....} \quad 100.2 \% \text{ Yield}$$

j) If a scientist determines their percent yield was 76.4%, how many grams of Cu metal was *actually* produced? Show your work. **152.6 grams Cu**

$$\left(\frac{x \text{ g Cu}}{199.7 \text{ g Cu}}\right) \times 100 = 76.4 \% \quad \underline{152.5708 \text{ g Cu}}$$