

# What is Acid-Base Neutralization?

## Worksheet

In neutralization, acid donates  $H^+$  ions and base donates  $OH^-$  ions. They react:  $H^+ + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O$ . The resulting salt solution can be neutral, slightly acidic, or slightly basic depending on the relative strength of the acid and base.

## Questions

1.  $H^+ + OH^-$  ?

- A)  $HO^-$
- B)  $H_2O$
- C)  $H_2O_2$
- D)  $H_3O^+$

2. Neutralization always results in pH =

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 9
- D) depends on acid/base strength

3. Balanced:  $HCl + Ca(OH)_2$

- A)  $CaCl + H_2O$
- B)  $CaCl_2 + H_2O$
- C)  $Ca + Cl + H_2O$
- D)  $CaCl + H_2O_2$

4. Molar ratio in  $H_2SO_4 + KOH$  neutralization?

- A) 1:1
- B) 1:2
- C) 2:1
- D) 1:3

5. 50 mL of 0.1 M  $HCl$  is neutralized by  $NaOH$ . How much  $NaOH$  is needed?

6. Sulfuric acid ( $H_2SO_4$ ) neutralized by potassium hydroxide ( $KOH$ ). Balanced equation?

7. 0.02 mol of  $HNO_3$  reacts with 0.04 mol  $NaOH$ . Which is in excess?

8. Define: What happens when an acid meets a base?

9. Define: What is the pH of a neutralized solution?

10. Define: Write the neutralization of  $HCl$  and  $NaOH$ .

## Answer Key

1. B) H<sub>2</sub>O - The products of acid-base neutralization combine to form water.
2. D) depends on acid/base strength - Though typically near 7, salts of weak acids/bases can shift pH slightly.
3. B) CaCl<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O - 1 Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> has 2 OH groups, so 2 HCl needed: 2HCl + Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> → CaCl<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O
4. C) 2:1 - H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is diprotic (2 H<sup>+</sup>), KOH is monoprotic: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 2KOH → K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O
5. HCl + NaOH → NaCl + H<sub>2</sub>O Moles of HCl = 0.050 L × 0.1 M = 0.005 mol 1:1 molar ratio NaOH needed = 0.005 mol If NaOH is 0.1 M: V = 0.005/0.1 = 0.050 L = 50 mL
6. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> has 2 H<sup>+</sup> ions, KOH has 1 OH Equation: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 2KOH → K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O 2:1 molar ratio for acid:base
7. HNO<sub>3</sub> + NaOH → NaNO<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1 ratio) 0.02 mol HNO<sub>3</sub> needs 0.02 mol NaOH 0.04 mol NaOH is supplied 0.02 mol NaOH in excess
8. H<sup>+</sup> ions from acid combine with OH<sup>-</sup> ions from base to form H<sub>2</sub>O and a salt.
9. Approximately 7 (neutral). It can vary slightly if the acid and base have different strengths.
10. HCl + NaOH → NaCl + H<sub>2</sub>O

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