

# Starters and Plenaries

for AS and A Level Edexcel Chemistry Year 1

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# Teacher's Introduction

This resource follows the 2015 AS / A Level Edexcel specification for Chemistry, providing activities for all major topics under the first year of the course. While most activities cover ideas from one topic only, occasionally two or three related topics may be grouped into one activity. Each activity is designed to be used as either a starter or a plenary, but many are suitable for use in either situation. Additional notes and guidance often provide suggestions on how to use the activity differently in a starter or plenary situation, and may also provide extension ideas.

## Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

On the next page you will find an overview table, providing the name and contents of each activity. This table also provides a syllabus reference for each activity and highlights how the activities are distributed across the AS / A Level Year 1 specification.

For each activity, there is a page of teacher's notes and a photocopiable student sheet.\* Teacher's notes provide instructions, suggestions and answers for each activity, as well as additional notes, timings and other information. Many of the activities are not specific to any one topic and therefore can be adapted to other topics. You should also bear in mind that some types of activities will work better with certain student groups than with others, and therefore some experimentation will be needed to find the most effective starter and plenary strategies.

\* There is no student sheet for Activity 22: What did others learn?

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# Overview Table

Activity number	Topic	Activity title	Intended use	Time (minutes)	Edexcel specification reference	
1	Atomic structure	Atomic agreement line	S	5+	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–6	Atomic structure and the periodic table
2	Atomic structure	Word links	S / P	5	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–6	Atomic structure and the periodic table
3	Ionisation energy	True/false flash cards	P	5	Topic 1, subtopics 11–15	Atomic structure and the periodic table
4	Bonding	Microteaching	P	15+	Topic 2	Bonding and structure
5	Ionic bonding	Conception or misconception	P	15	Topic 2A, subtopics 1–7	Bonding
6	Redox	Spot the changes	S	5	Topic 3, subtopics 1–4	Redox I
7	Oxidation number	Questions for answers	P	10	Topic 3	Redox I
8	Redox	Interview with the scientist	P	15	Topic 3, subtopics 1–4	Redox I
9	Periodicity	Tarsia puzzle	P	5	Topic 1 (and possibly Topic 4)	Atomic structure and the periodic table (Inorganic chemistry and the periodic table)
10	Periodicity	Story chain	S/P	10	Topic 1 (and possibly Topic 4)	Atomic structure and the periodic table (Inorganic chemistry and the periodic table)
11	Periodicity, Group 2 and 7	Football	P	15	Topic 1 Topic 4A Topic 4B	Atomic structure and the periodic table The elements of Groups 1 and 2 The element of Group 7 (halogens)
12	Amount of substance	You are the examiner	P	10+	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–4	Atomic structure and the periodic table
13	Amount of substance	Word grid	S	5	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–4	Atomic structure and the periodic table

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Activity number	Topic	Activity title	Intended use	Time (minutes)	Edexcel specification reference	
14	Introduction to organic chemistry	Questions for answers	S	10	Topic 6A Topic 6B	Introduction to organic chemistry Alkanes
15	Structural isomerism	Molecule jigsaw	S	5	Topic 6A, subtopic 6	Introduction to organic chemistry
16	Alkanes	60-second hot seat	P	5	Topic 6B	Alkanes
17	Halogenoalkanes	Comparing bonds	S	10	Topic 6D	Halogenoalkanes
18	Organic chemistry	Making a revision map	P	15	Topics 6A–6E	Organic chemistry I
19	Organic analysis	Advice for next year's class	P	15	Topic 6, subtopics 25 & 38, Practical technique 4	Organic chemistry I
20	Mass spectrometer	A simple visual model	S	15	Topic 7A	Mass spectrometry
21	Infrared spectrometry	A model for molecular resonance	S	15	Topic 7B	Infrared (IR) spectroscopy
22	Energetics	What did others learn?	P	10	Topic 8	Energetics I
23	Energetics	Enthalpy anagrams	P	5	Topic 8	Energetics I
24	Kinetics	Sketch the graph	P	5	Topic 9	Kinetics I
25	Chemical equilibrium	Fill the bowl game	S	5	Topic 6A, subtopic 6	Introduction to organic chemistry
26	Chemical equilibrium	Two truths and a lie	P	10 – 15	Topic 6A, subtopic 6	Introduction to organic chemistry

**Notes:**

S/P = intended for use as either a starter or a plenary

S (P) = intended for use as a starter but possible to adapt for use as a plenary with a suggestion provided

## Activity 1: Atomic structure

<b>Activity name</b>	Atomic agreement line
<b>Aim</b>	To assess existing understanding of atomic structure.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate a space in the room where students can form a line of the room. Explain that one end represents 'strongly agree' 'strongly disagree' and the middle is 'do not know'.</li> <li>Initially, and before each statement, students assemble in the line.</li> <li>Give out copies of the accompanying sheet, which contains some hints.</li> <li>Explain that you will make statements about atomic structure. Students must listen and decide whether they agree, disagree or don't know and position themselves along the line accordingly.</li> <li>Emphasise that staying in the 'do not know' position is perfectly acceptable. You could ask any student to explain why they have chosen that position.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	GCSE or equivalent understanding of the structure of the atom
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–6: Atomic structure and the periodic table
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<p>Statements should be true/false and of varying challenge and interest (marked with *). Suggestions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a sodium atom has 11 electrons</li> <li>a chlorine atom has 18.5 neutrons*</li> <li>electrons are organised into shells or orbitals</li> <li>when an atom forms a positive ion, it gains electrons*</li> <li>two different elements could have the same number of protons</li> <li>two different elements could have the same number of neutrons</li> <li>the electron configuration of fluorine is 2, 9</li> <li>the electron configuration of a <math>\text{Cl}^-</math> ion is 2, 8, 8</li> </ol>
<b>Answers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>True – the number of electrons in a neutral atom is the same as the atomic number (which is the atomic number)</li> <li>False – the number of any particle in an atom or ion must be a whole number. It cannot be made from a mixture of atoms with different numbers of neutrons to give the relative atomic mass of these</li> <li>True</li> <li>False – electrons are negatively charged, so to form a positive ion, an atom must lose electrons</li> <li>False – the number of protons is the atomic number and this is different for different elements</li> <li>True – the number of neutrons has no effect on the chemical properties of an element</li> <li>False – fluorine has nine electrons, so its configuration is 2, 7</li> <li>True – a chlorine atom has the electron configuration 2, 8, 7. When it becomes an ion, so this becomes 2, 8, 8</li> </ol>

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# Activity 1: Atomic structure – Atomic a

## The Periodic Table of Elements (AS and

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relative atomic mass
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atomic (proton) number

relative atomic mass atomic symbol name atomic (proton) number										
(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
6.9 <b>Li</b> lithium 3	9.0 <b>Be</b> beryllium 4									
23.0 <b>Na</b> sodium 11	24.3 <b>Mg</b> magnesium 12									
39.1 <b>K</b> potassium 19	40.1 <b>Ca</b> calcium 20	45.0 <b>Sc</b> scandium 21	47.9 <b>Ti</b> titanium 22	50.9 <b>V</b> vanadium 23	52.0 <b>Cr</b> chromium 24	54.9 <b>Mn</b> manganese 25	55.8 <b>Fe</b> iron 26	58.9 <b>Co</b> cobalt 27	58.7 <b>Ni</b> nickel 28	63.5 <b>Cu</b> copper 29
85.5 <b>Rb</b> rubidium 37	87.6 <b>Sr</b> strontium 38	88.9 <b>Y</b> yttrium 39	91.2 <b>Zr</b> zirconium 40	92.9 <b>Nb</b> niobium 41	96.0 <b>Mo</b> molybdenum 42	[98] <b>Tc</b> technetium 43	101.1 <b>Ru</b> ruthenium 44	102.9 <b>Rh</b> rhodium 45	106.4 <b>Pd</b> palladium 46	107.9 <b>Ag</b> silver 47
132.9 <b>Cs</b> caesium 55	137.3 <b>Ba</b> barium 56	138.9 <b>La**</b> lanthanum 57	178.5 <b>Hf</b> hafnium 72	180.9 <b>Ta</b> tantalum 73	183.8 <b>W</b> tungsten 74	186.2 <b>Re</b> rhenium 75	190.2 <b>Os</b> osmium 76	192.2 <b>Ir</b> iridium 77	195.1 <b>Pt</b> platinum 78	197.0 <b>Au</b> gold 79
[223] <b>Fr</b> francium 87	[226] <b>Ra</b> radium 88	[227] <b>Ac***</b> actinium 89	[267] <b>Rf</b> rutherfordium 104	[268] <b>Db</b> dubnium 105	[271] <b>Sg</b> seaborgium 106	[272] <b>Bh</b> bohrium 107	[270] <b>Hs</b> hassium 108	[276] <b>Mt</b> meitnerium 109	[281] <b>Ds</b> darmstadtium 110	[280] <b>Rg</b> roentgenium 111

## Activity 2: Atomic structure

<b>Activity name</b>	Word links
<b>Aim</b>	To revise the key concepts of atomic structure.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask students to raise their hands to offer words associated with atomic structure. Write these on the board as they are offered. Take 2–3 minutes for the activity.</li><li>• When there are sufficient words, ask students to work in pairs to put together in sentences about atomic structure.</li><li>• Students can record the keywords on the accompanying sheet and then construct their sentences.</li><li>• Students then swap what they have written and compare answers.</li></ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5–10 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	If used as a starter – understanding of atomic structure from GCSE If used as a plenary – coverage of the atomic structure topic.
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter or plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–6: Atomic structure and the periodic table
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	If a student offers a keyword that does not appear to be obvious, then ask for an explanation.
<b>Answers</b>	Responses will vary, but an example could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keywords – nucleus, electrons, shells</li><li>• Sentence – Electrons are arranged in shells around the nucleus.</li></ul>

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## Activity 2: Atomic structure – Word

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Use this space to record the keywords in the order that they are given.

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Now connect the keywords in sentences that describe atomic structure.

If you think of another keyword while constructing your sentences, then ask the teacher with the others.

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### Activity 3: Ionisation energy

<b>Activity name</b>	True/false flash cards
<b>Aim</b>	To assess understanding of ionisation energy, including misconceptions
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work individually.</li> <li>They start by cutting out the three flash cards – T, F and ? – The question mark is used to show that a student isn't sure if this option is better than guessing.</li> <li>Draw a simple 2, 8, 1 electron configuration diagram of a sodium atom and tell students that they can refer to this.</li> <li>Read out the eight statements from the 'answers' section below and ask students to vote true, false or don't know.</li> <li>During the activity, students who voted T or F can be chosen to explain their choice.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10 minutes, to include preparing the cards
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Ionisation energy and periodicity.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1, subtopics 11–15: Atomic structure and the periodic table
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	Students could colour the borders (and possibly the reverse) of the cards: red for false, white for don't know and green for true. Colouring the cards could be done by the teacher or the students seated behind them to see how they have voted.
<b>Answers</b>	<p><b>Statements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy must be supplied to the atom to lose the outer electron (T)</li> <li>Once this electron is removed, it can never return to the atom (F) (once an electron is removed from an atom, it will be attracted back to the atom by leaving)</li> <li>The next electron will be easier to remove because it is closer to the nucleus (F) (closer to the nucleus, the attraction will be stronger, less shielding needed to remove it)</li> <li>Electrons are attracted to the nucleus but the nucleus is not attracted to the electrons (F) (because electrostatic forces act with equal magnitude on both)</li> <li>After the first electron is removed, the second one is harder to remove because of less shielding from the nucleus (T)</li> <li>This atom will spontaneously lose its outer electron to become a sodium ion (F) (energy must be supplied to remove the electron)</li> <li>The second electron to be removed is in a higher energy level than the first (T) (the first is in a 3s level whereas the second is in a 2p level, closer to the nucleus, lower energy level)</li> <li>When the first electron is removed, both it and the ion that remains are attracted to the atom (F, they require energy to be separated and so must be supplied before separation)</li> </ol>

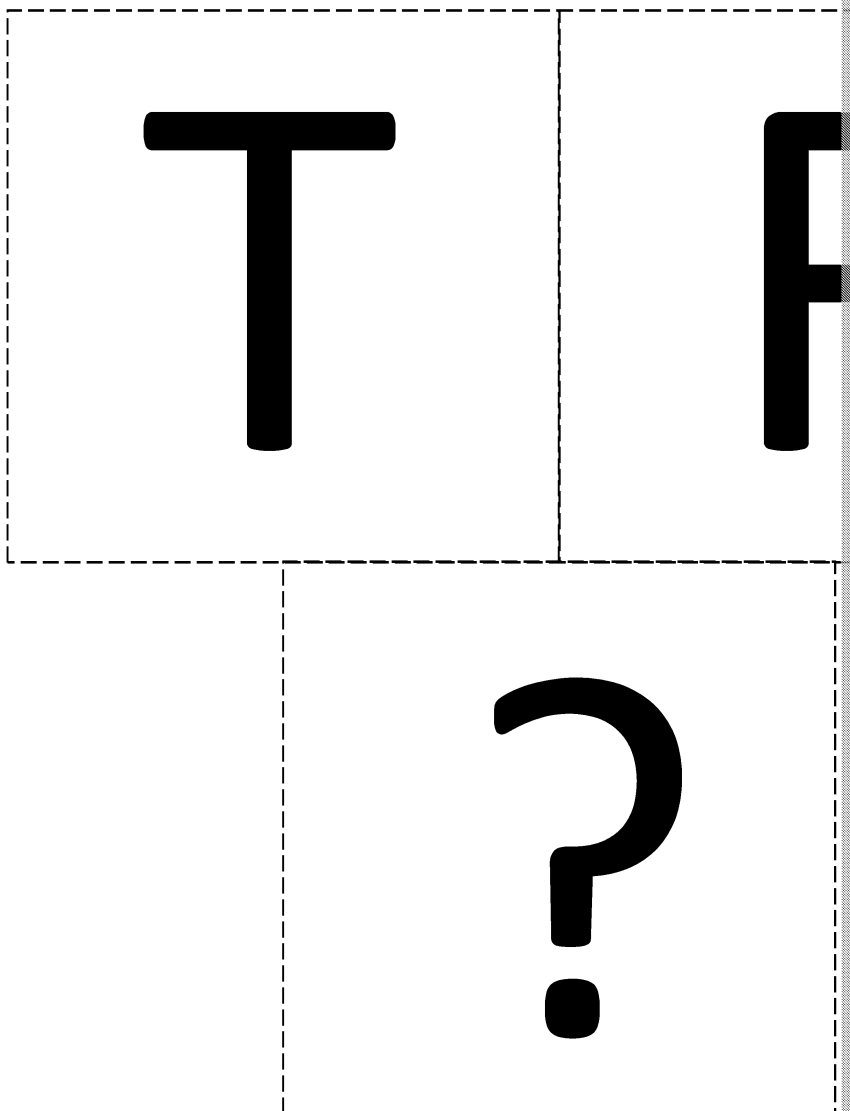
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### Activity 3: Ionisation energy – True/false flash

Cut out the three cards from this sheet and use them to give your responses to the questions from your teacher.

You can colour the border and reverse of the T card green and the F card red to make them easier to see.



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## Activity 4: Bonding

<b>Activity name</b>	Microteaching
<b>Aim</b>	To allow students to plan and deliver part of a lesson on an aspect of bonding
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work in groups of three.</li> <li>To save time during the lesson, students can be asked to plan an aspect of the bonding topic and to prepare any resources for their homework in advance. They must plan individual lessons, which will be delivered to two others in the group of three and not to the whole class.</li> <li>Topics and outline lesson planning outlines are given in the worksheet.</li> <li>For the plenary activity, students are grouped and then each student delivers their lesson to the other two students.</li> <li>The teacher starts the activity and times each teaching slot at 4 minutes. During this time, if there are say five groups, then five students can deliver their lessons simultaneously. You should circulate and observe as many groups as possible.</li> <li>Allow 1 minute for questions and feedback within the group.</li> <li>Then start the next 4-minute slot and the next student in each group.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes for groups of three
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Students should have covered all aspects of the microteaching topic before this activity.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 2: Bonding and structure
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It does not matter if two students in the same group have chosen the same topic, because they will use different methods and approaches.</li> <li>If appropriate and if time permits, you could choose one of the lessons to be delivered again but to the whole class.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<p>Students should be seen to do as many of these as possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encourage their 'class' to participate and interact</li> <li>carry out an appropriate activity</li> <li>ask questions of their students</li> <li>respond to their students' needs</li> <li>provide appropriate resources for their lessons</li> </ul>

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## Activity 4: Bonding – Microteaching

On your own, plan a 3–4-minute lesson on **one** of these topics:

- formation of an ionic bond
- formation of a covalent bond
- formation of ions

Remember to make your lesson as active for your students as possible. Do not just

Use the prompts below to help plan your lesson:

**Topic:** .....

**Main thing I want them to learn:** .....

**Lesson starter activity and timing:** .....

**Main lesson activity and timing:** .....

**Questions I will ask:** .....

**Lesson plenary (summary) and timing:** .....

**How I will assess their learning:** .....

**Resources required:** .....

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## Activity 5: Ionic bonding

Activity name	Conception or misconception
Aim	For students to think about ionic bonding, including some common misconceptions
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide students with the accompanying sheet of statements. Present these as if they are statements that students have made.</li> <li>Allow them to work in pairs (or small groups, if more appropriate). For each statement, decide whether it is a conception or a misconception.</li> <li>After deciding, they should write a short explanation to justify their decision.</li> </ul>
Timings	15 minutes
Required prior learning	The topic of ionic bonding.
Intended use	Plenary
Specification reference	Topic 2A, subtopics 1–7: Bonding
Additional notes and guidance	Some of the statements that are misconceptions will be quite difficult for students who need more support. If necessary, the whole class could discuss them.
Answers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Misconception.</b> An ion can be surrounded by as many other ions as it wants to. Ions pack closely around it.</li> <li><b>Conception.</b> Opposite charges always attract.</li> <li><b>Misconception.</b> Molecules only form in covalent compounds. Carbon dioxide is a molecule. Ionic compounds have giant lattices and no molecules.</li> <li><b>Misconception.</b> While it may look that way in two-dimensional diagrams, the pattern is three-dimensional. Hence, there will be additional ions surrounding any one ion, usually making a total of six ions surrounding any one other ion.</li> <li><b>Conception.</b> It is the attraction between positive and negative ions that holds the ions together, or bonds them.</li> <li><b>Misconception.</b> It could result in the formation of a covalent compound.</li> </ol>

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## Activity 5: Ionic bonding – Conception or mis

Below are some statements made by students about ionic bonding. You have to decide if it is a conception (true statement) or a misconception (the student has the wrong idea). Give a brief explanation of your decision in each case.

**Statement 1:** A potassium ion has a charge of +1, so it can only form one ionic bond.

**Explanation:**

**Statement 2:** An ion with a negative charge is capable of attracting any ion with a positive charge.

**Explanation:**

**Statement 3:** Sodium chloride has ionic bonds so is a type of molecule.

**Explanation:**

**Statement 4:** In a lattice structure, the maximum number of negative ions that can surround a positive one is four.

**Explanation:**

**Statement 5:** An ionic bond is simply the electrostatic attraction between ions of different charge.

**Explanation:**

**Statement 6:** When one atom donates an electron to another atom, an ionic bond is always formed.

**Explanation:**

*Finished? Devise your own for another student.*

**Statement 7:**

**Explanation:**

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## Activity 6: Redox

<b>Activity name</b>	Spot the changes
<b>Aim</b>	To allow students to compare numbers of electrons in reactant and product of the same element.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work in pairs.</li> <li>Use only ionic substances at this stage because the concept of redox is yet to be familiar for use with covalent substances.</li> <li>Some of the equations appearing later that have compounds that undergo redox reactions.</li> <li>Explain the worked example first and ensure students know how to use it.</li> <li>Ask students to compare the numbers of electrons in each half equation and use this activity to introduce the concept of redox, noting that not all reactions are redox.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	GCSE or equivalent understanding of the atom.
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 3, subtopics 1–4: Redox I
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should have access to a periodic table.</li> <li>Students needing more support may need reminding of the names of ions such as hydroxide, sulfate, etc.</li> <li>Question 8 is challenging.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K has lost 1 electron</li> <li>Mg has lost 2 electrons</li> <li>Al has lost 3 electrons</li> <li>Cu has gained 2 electrons</li> <li>Na has neither gained nor lost electrons</li> <li>Ag has gained 1 electron</li> <li>Cu has lost 2 electrons</li> <li>Mn has gained 5 electrons</li> </ol>

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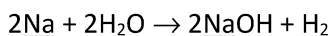




## Activity 6: Redox – Spot the change

### Worked example

Look at the reaction:

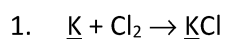


We are going to compare the numbers of electrons in Na before and after the reaction.

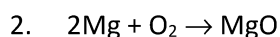
- Here, we can ignore the balancing numbers because they do not apply to the element.
- Na on the left is an element, so has 11 electrons as shown on the periodic table.
- Na on the right has formed an ionic bond, so will have lost an electron to form 10 electrons.

So we say that Na has lost 1 electron in this reaction.

Now write down whether the underlined substance has gained, lost or had no change in electrons. If there has been a change in number of electrons, write the number that it has changed by.

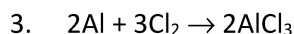


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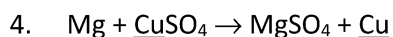


*Remember to ignore the balancing numbers*

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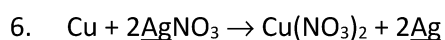
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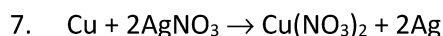
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## Activity 7: Oxidation number

Activity name	Questions for answers
Aim	To allow students to create questions on the topic of oxidation numbers provided with answers.
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students work in pairs.</li><li>• The accompanying sheet contains answers to questions on oxidation numbers.</li><li>• Each pair of students then writes questions that would elicit the answers provided.</li><li>• The questions and answers are then swapped with another pair.</li></ul>
Timings	10 minutes, to include discussion
Required prior learning	Oxidation numbers
Intended use	Plenary
Specification reference	Topic 3: Redox I
Additional notes and guidance	Encourage students to use commands rather than actual questions, e.g. 'What is the oxidation number of...?' rather than 'What is...?'
Answers	<p>Example questions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Give the oxidation number of magnesium in <math>\text{MgCl}_2</math>.</li><li>2. State the rule for oxidation numbers of substances existing as elements.</li><li>3. <math>2\text{Fe}^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{O} + \text{e}^-</math></li><li>4. <math>2\text{CuO} + \text{C} \rightarrow 2\text{Cu} + \text{CO}_2</math></li><li>5. Define disproportionation.</li><li>6. <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}_2</math></li><li>7. <math>\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{HClO}</math></li><li>8. <math>\text{NaOH} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}</math></li></ol>

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## Activity 7: Oxidation number – Questions for

Below are answers to questions on the topic of oxidation states, or oxidation number.

Work with a partner to consider questions that would elicit each of these answers. Write more than one correct question in each case.

Try to use command words rather than question words, as in the style of exam questions.

1. **Answer:** +2

**Question:** .....  
.....

2. **Answer:** It is always zero.

**Question:** .....  
.....

3. **Answer:** In this half-equation, iron increases in oxidation number by 1.

**Question:** .....  
.....

4. **Answer:** In this reaction, copper is reduced.

**Question:** .....  
.....

5. **Answer:** The oxidation number of one element increases and decreases in the reaction.

**Question:** .....  
.....

6. **Answer:** Hydrogen has oxidation number +1 and oxygen has oxidation number -2.

**Question:** .....  
.....

7. **Answer:** In this reaction, chlorine undergoes disproportionation.

**Question:** .....  
.....

8. **Answer:** This is not a redox reaction because no substance changes in oxidation number.

**Question:** .....  
.....

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## Activity 8: Redox

Activity name	Interview with the scientist
Aim	To allow students to research the history of the discovery of redox reactions.
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assign students to three groups and ask each group to research the work of either Joseph Priestly or Antoine Lavoisier on redox reactions. They should be given 10 minutes of homework to save time in the lesson. They should also look at the role of the scientists in this respect.</li> <li>When the activity starts, each student individually should be given a sheet to prepare for the interview, should they be chosen.</li> <li>Then, two students from different groups volunteer to come to the front and play the role of the scientist whom they researched and the other is the interviewer.</li> <li>Some general, non-scientific questions can be asked to set the context. These must be about the relevant science.</li> <li>The interview should last about 3 minutes.</li> <li>This is then repeated twice more until each of the three 'scientists' has been interviewed.</li> </ul>
Timings	15 minutes, excluding research time
Required prior learning	The topic of redox reactions.
Intended use	Plenary
Specification reference	Topic 3, subtopics 1–4: Redox I
Additional notes and guidance	Interviewers can ask one or two general questions to each 'scientist' such as 'What is the first place you were interested in oxidation in the first place?' to which the answer can be 'I was interested in the phlogiston theory'.
Answers	<p><b>Some key facts on the scientists are:</b></p> <p><b>Stahl</b> (1659–1734) was a medic who also worked on chemistry and discovered phlogiston, which was thought to be the principle of fire. Anything that burned was thought to contain phlogiston. When removed by burning, what was left was ash. This helped to explain rusting of iron. We now know that burning and rusting are oxidation reactions.</p> <p><b>Priestly</b> (1733–1804) was a chemist and theologian. He famously discovered oxygen by releasing a colourless gas in which a candle would burn and a mouse would live. We now know this to be oxygen, but he called it 'dephlogisticated air'. Despite being a contemporary of Priestly) discovering oxygen, Priestly did not abandon the phlogiston theory.</p> <p><b>Lavoisier</b> (1743–1794) was a chemist. He showed that both phlogiston and oxygen are lost after burning. Previously people assumed that substances lost mass when they burned of phlogiston. He discovered the 'active' part of air (that we now know is oxygen) in his experiments on combustion. Lavoisier was part of the 'chemical revolution' which helped the abandonment of the phlogiston theory.</p>

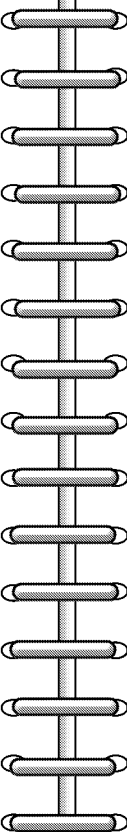
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## Activity 8: Redox – Interview with the scientist

Use this sheet to prepare for the activity.

	Name of scientist whom you are researching:
	.....
	Years when the scientist lived: .....
	Key facts about this scientist's work on oxidation:
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Now think about questions you would like to ask the other scientists, if you were

Name of first scientist whom you might interview: .....

Years when that scientist lived: .....

Questions you would like to ask:.....

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Name of second scientist whom you might interview: .....

Years when that scientist lived: .....

Questions you would like to ask:.....

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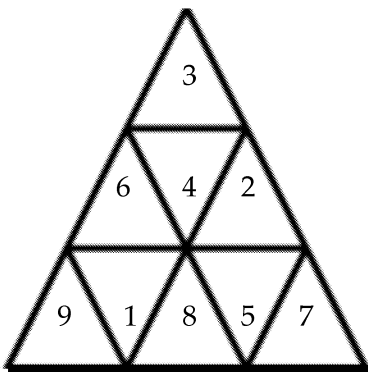
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## Activity 9: Periodicity

<b>Activity name</b>	Tarsia puzzle
<b>Aim</b>	To allow students to create their own Tarsia puzzle based on the
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work in groups of two or three.</li> <li>If necessary, explain what is meant by a Tarsia puzzle. With each small triangle is either a question, an answer or a statement. Not another statement or question, as some of the small triangles will be used to form the large one.</li> <li>The small triangles are to be matched by pairing up correct question/answer triangle, as shown in the accompanying sheet. Set a time limit to complete the puzzle after cutting out.</li> <li>Students can then spend the remaining time looking at the completed, puzzles of other groups. Feedback can be given</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes approximately
<b>Required prior learning</b>	The topics of periodicity and atomic structure.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1: Atomic structure and the periodic table (and possibly Topic 4: Inorganic chemistry and the periodic table)
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should have access to a periodic table.</li> <li>As a stretch and challenge activity, students could work in groups to create their own Tarsia puzzles, possibly with 16 small triangles, and then compare with other groups.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<p>The small triangle numbers fit together as shown:</p> 

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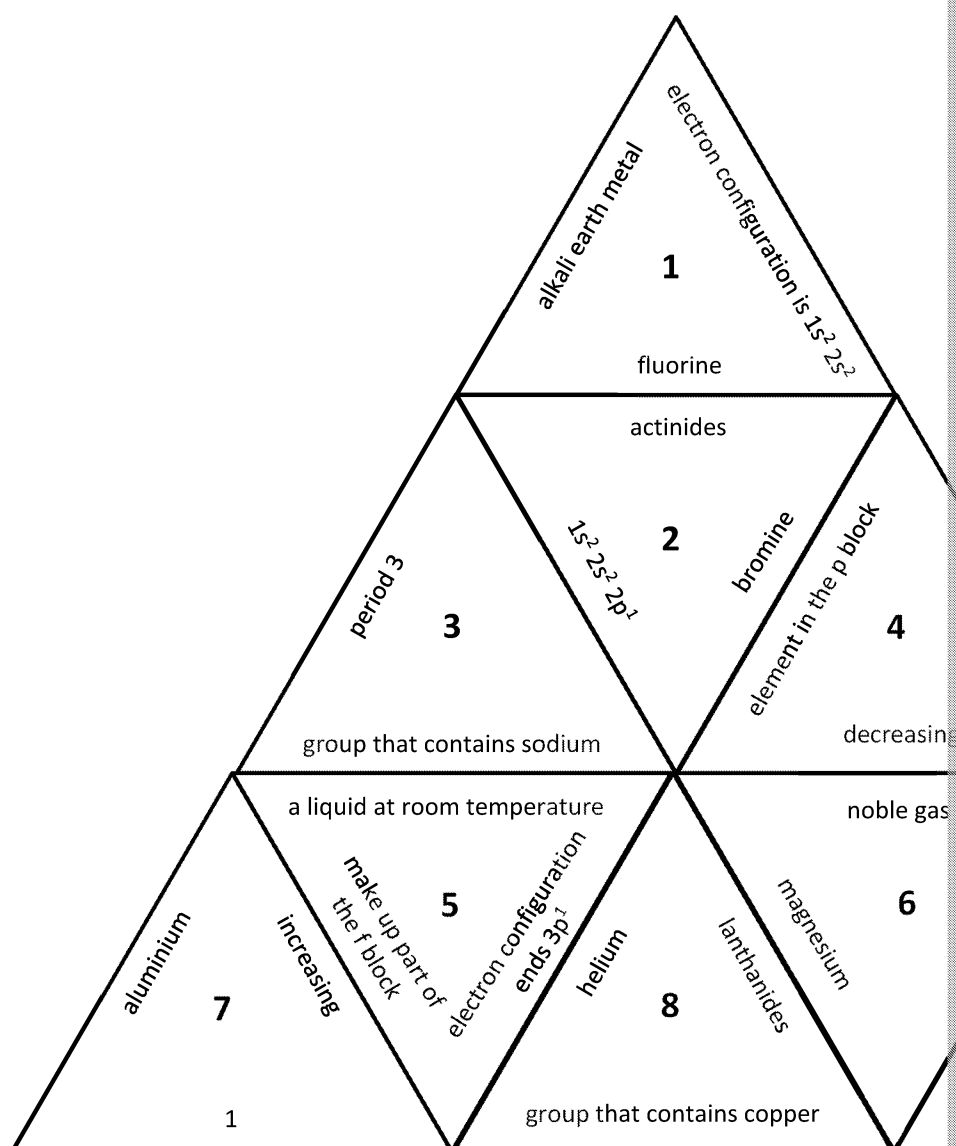


## Activity 9: Periodicity – Tarsia puzzle

Cut out each of the nine small triangles below and assemble them to make one large triangle.

Where the side of a small triangle borders with another, then the statements must be the same.

The small triangles should be assembled like this:



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## Activity 10: Periodicity

<b>Activity name</b>	Story chain
<b>Aim</b>	To recall information about the periodic table and what it shows
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell students that they will take it in turns to add sentences to the periodic table and the information within it. They can include trends, groups, periods, and list element names.</li> <li>You start the story with a sentence, such as 'Our present-day periodic table was devised by Dimitri Mendeleev in the 19th century.'</li> <li>Then go around the class asking each student to volunteer a sentence to add to the story.</li> <li>Leave sufficient time between sentences for:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students to write down the sentence so they have a copy</li> <li>time for them to compose the next sentence</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	The periodic table from previous courses, such as GCSE.
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter/Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1: Atomic structure and the periodic table (and possibly Topic 4: Inorganic chemistry and the periodic table)
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should have access to a periodic table.</li> <li>You can set rules; for example, a maximum of one element per sentence, or limits on the number of non-scientific sentences.</li> <li>The name Mendeleev is often wrongly pronounced as Men-dee-lee-ay. The correct pronunciation is Men-del-ay-eff.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Answers will vary, but the next two sentences could be: 'The periodic table is organised into groups and periods.' and 'The groups are the columns and the periods are the rows.'

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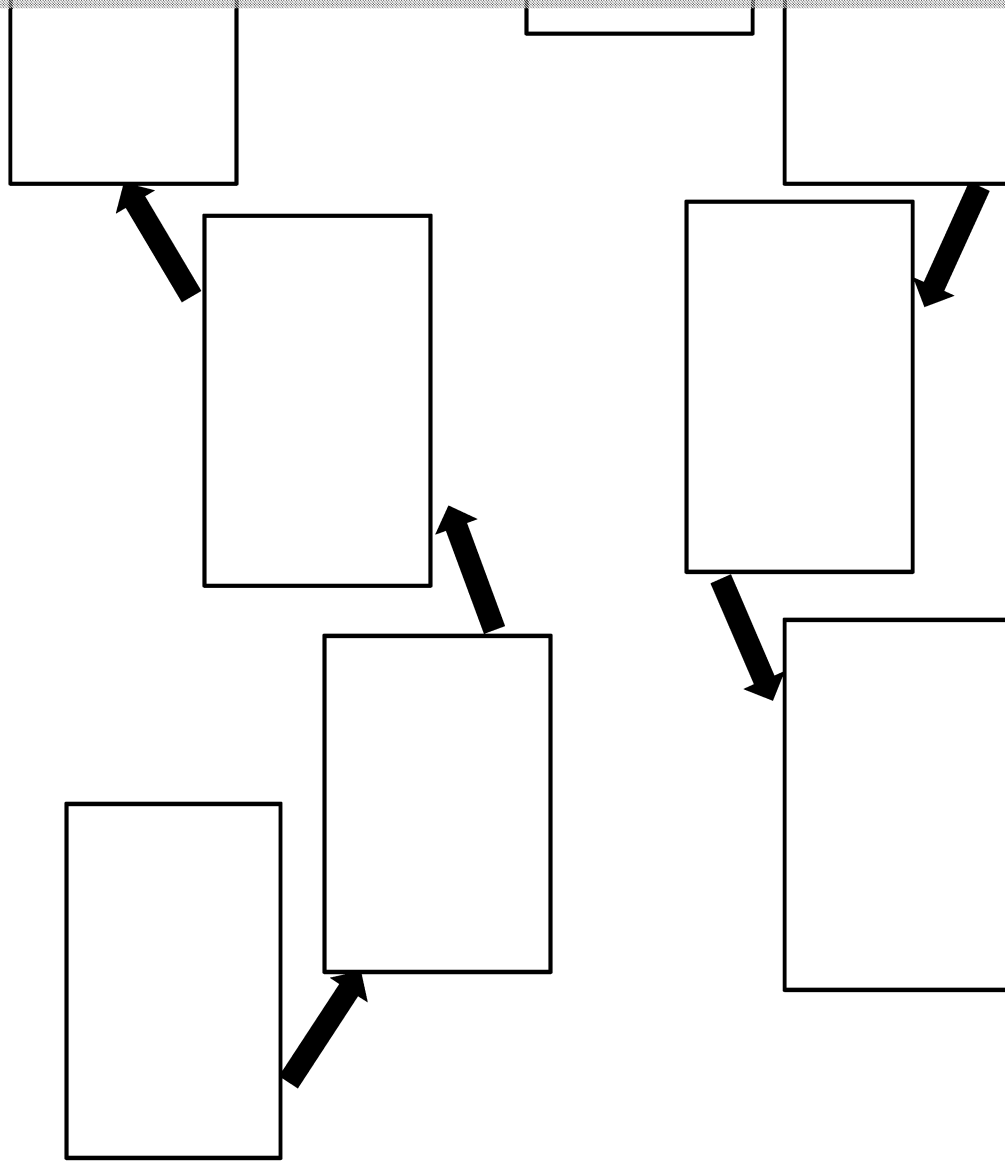




## Activity 10: Periodicity — Story

Make a copy of the story as it goes along.

This will help you compose your sentence when it is your turn.



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## Activity 11: Periodicity, group 2 and group 7

<b>Activity name</b>	Football		
<b>Aim</b>	To assess understanding of these topics when they have all been covered		
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divide the class into two teams; each team nominates a captain. You, or a student, can be the referee. Tell students the duration of play is 10 minutes.</li> <li>Draw the 'pitch' on the board. This consists of a rectangle with a centre line (0) and three additional numbered lines each side, between the centre line and the goal line, as shown.</li> <li>Use an X for the ball and draw this on the centre line. Each team has 3 points.</li> <li>The ball moves according to correct answers from a team. 3 points according to level of challenge. A team can confer but only one answer can be given through the captain.</li> <li>For example, if team A wins the kick-off, they can elect to take the ball to the left or right. This is chosen by the team and communicated to you via the point question and answer this correctly, then the ball moves towards the opponent's goal line. If they get the question wrong, the ball returns to the other team. If the other team gets it correct, then the ball moves towards team A's goal line. After a goal is scored, the ball returns to the centre line.</li> <li>Tell the students when full time has been reached.</li> <li>Some questions are given on the accompanying sheet, which you can read out to the students until after the game.</li> <li>You should use one copy of the sheet to read the questions.</li> </ul>		
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes in total for 10 minutes of play.		
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Coverage of periodicity, group 2 and group 7.		
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary		
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1: Atomic structure and the periodic table Topic 4A: The elements of Groups 1 and 2 Topic 4B: The element of Group 7 (halogens)		
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	The game could be played as hockey, netball, basketball, etc. if preferred. Additional aspects such as penalties, yellow cards, etc. could be added.		
<b>Answers</b>	1.1 2, 8, 8, 2	2.1 two from: mercury, bromine, francium, rubidium, gallium	3.1 OCl <sub>2</sub>
	1.2 increases	2.2 decreases	3.2 +1
	1.3 increases	2.3 decreases	3.3 add silver for chlorine, bromine, chlorine, ammonia, bromine, ammonia
	1.4 increases	2.4 increases from Na to Mg then decreases to Al and increases again to Ar (with a slight decrease at S)	3.4 less than an element from is passed is up

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<b>Answers continued</b>	1.5 +2	2.5 reaction with water / reaction with alkali	3.5 ad of s chl
	1.6 -1	2.6 where one species undergoes simultaneous oxidation and reduction	3.6 phe
	1.7 ionic	2.7 $\text{MgSO}_4$ is soluble whereas $\text{BaSO}_4$ is not	3.7 rad has thi she and
	1.8 p block	2.8 decreases because metallic bonding becomes weaker – atomic radius increases but number of delocalised electrons remains the same	3.8 the
	1.9 d block	2.9 decreases because electron affinity decreases – outer shell gets further from pull of positive nucleus	3.9 bot pro BaC dis fro

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## Activity 11: Periodicity, group 2 and group 7

You should receive this sheet of questions **after** the game for your reference.

### Level 1 questions

- 1.1 Give the electron configuration in 2, 8, 8 format of calcium.
- 1.2 What is the trend in atomic radius going down a group?
- 1.3 What is the trend in reactivity going down group 2?
- 1.4 What is the trend in boiling point going down group 7?
- 1.5 What charge of ions do group 2 atoms most likely form?
- 1.6 What charge of ions do group 7 atoms most likely form?
- 1.7 What type of bonding will occur between a group 2 element and a group 7 element?
- 1.8 Name the block of the periodic table that contains selenium.
- 1.9 Name the block of the periodic table that contains zinc.

### Level 2 questions

- 2.1 Name two elements that are liquids at room temperature.
- 2.2 What is the trend in first ionisation energy going down group 2?
- 2.3 What is the trend in electron affinity going down group 7?
- 2.4 Describe the trend in first ionisation energy going across period 3.
- 2.5 Chlorine undergoes disproportionation in some reactions – give an example of when this happens.
- 2.6 What does *disproportionation* mean?
- 2.7 Compare the solubility of  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and  $\text{BaSO}_4$  in water.
- 2.8 Explain the trend in melting point going down group 2.
- 2.9 Explain the trend in oxidising ability of the halogens going down the group.

### Level 3 questions

- 3.1 What is the formula for the hypochlorite ion?
- 3.2 What is the oxidation number of chlorine in hypochlorite?
- 3.3 Explain how to show whether a solution contains chloride or bromide ions.
- 3.4 Why does first ionisation energy decrease between Mg and Al?
- 3.5 Describe how to compare the solubility of group 2 hydroxides, starting with group 2. (no results are needed).
- 3.6 Name the elements in period 3 that exist as molecules.
- 3.7 Explain how the ionic radius of  $\text{Na}^+$  compares with that of  $\text{Cl}^-$ .
- 3.8 How is CaO produced from  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in industry?
- 3.9 When testing for sulfates, why must  $\text{BaCl}_2$  be acidified?

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## Activity 12: Amount of substance

<b>Activity name</b>	You are the examiner
<b>Aim</b>	To assess understanding gained in the amount of substance topic
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work in pairs. Provide students with the exemplar mark schemes on the accompanying sheet. Students should also have access to the periodic table and values of the Avogadro constant, molar gas volume and the molar mass of common substances.</li> <li>Students then devise their own question part and write a mark scheme on a separate piece of paper. Students should be encouraged to create questions that are not too easy and not to just copy the examples and change the numbers.</li> <li>Questions are then swapped between students and they attempt to answer each other's questions.</li> <li>Answers are then given back to the setter for marking and feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Students must only set questions for each other based on the lessons on the same topic.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–4: Atomic structure and the periodic table
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students could also be given, or asked to select, real past exam questions from your centre's specification.</li> <li>Students should not set multiple-choice questions for this activity as it involves understanding mark allocations in a calculation.</li> <li>As an alternative to numerical scores based on marking points, consider comment-only marking. For example, 'You have gained a mark for this question' or 'You would have been awarded an additional mark if you had included the units'.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Students' questions and mark schemes will vary, but they should be based on the exemplars shown here or actual past papers and mark schemes. The questions should be material that is on the specification and be at an appropriate level of difficulty.

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## Activity 12: Amount of substance – You are the

Study these exam-style question parts and mark schemes.

Use these to set your own questions and develop your own mark schemes. Mark on a separate sheet.

Try not to just copy the questions from here and change the numbers or substances.

### Exam-style question 1

Pencil 'lead' is not actually lead but is graphite, which is a form of carbon. A student uses a pencil 'lead' and records the mass as 0.325 g.

Assuming the 'lead' is pure carbon, calculate the number of carbon atoms in the 'lead'.

#### Mark scheme for exam-style question 1

number of moles of carbon seen as  $\frac{0.325}{12} = 0.02708 / 0.027 / 0.0271$  [1]

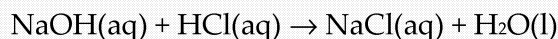
'0.02708'  $\times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  answer in range  $1.625 \times 10^{22}$  to  $1.632 \times 10^{22}$  depending on moles [1]

### Exam-style question 2

A student makes two solutions:

- solution A which is 1.5 g of NaOH dissolved in water and made up to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>
- solution B which is 1.4 g of HCl dissolved in water and made up to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>

The student then mixes the two solutions for the reaction



to occur.

Show by calculation which reactant is in excess.

#### Mark scheme for exam-style question 2

relative formula masses 40 for NaOH and 36.5 for HCl [1]

number of moles of each 0.0375 for NaOH and 0.0384 for HCl [1] *accept correct values*

HCl is in excess [1] *accept solution B*

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## Activity 13: Amount of substance

<b>Activity name</b>	Word grid
<b>Aim</b>	To allow students to recall keywords related to amount of substance
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A student volunteers to come to the board and write a keyword of substance.</li> <li>They write this across the centre of the board in capital letters.</li> <li>Another student then volunteers to come to the board and write a keyword vertically across the first word, intersecting at a common letter.</li> <li>This continues for the duration of the activity or until students are out of keywords.</li> <li>All students, whether they get up to write a word or not, should write their meanings on the accompanying sheet.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Amount of substance from GCSE or equivalent.
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 1, sub-topics 1–4: Atomic structure and the periodic table
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should do the task from memory and not look up keywords.</li> <li>If necessary, they can work in groups of two or three to develop keywords.</li> <li>To add significant challenge, a squared grid can be drawn on the board. The grid should be equally spaced in all rows and columns. This means that the grid cannot be compressed to avoid crossing another if there are no common letters in existing words. This means that the grid cannot be made to bend to seek out common letters in existing words.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<p>Students will choose different words, but some common ones include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>moles</li> <li>concentration</li> <li>mass</li> <li>grams</li> <li>volume</li> <li>relative atomic mass</li> <li>relative formula mass</li> <li>moles per decimetre cubed</li> </ul>

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## Activity 13: Amount of substance – Work

For each of the keywords written in the word grid:

- write the word on this sheet
- write your own understanding of the meaning of this word (do not look up a

Keyword: .....

Meaning:.....

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Keyword: .....

Meaning:.....

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Keyword: .....

Meaning:.....

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Keyword: .....

Meaning:.....

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Keyword: .....

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Keyword: .....

Meaning:.....

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## Activity 14: Introduction to organic chemistry

<b>Activity name</b>	Questions for answers
<b>Aim</b>	To assess students' understanding of organic chemistry from prior learning
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accompanying sheet contains a series of answers.</li> <li>Students work in pairs to write questions that would elicit the answers.</li> <li>Once complete, then students swap their questions and answers for discussion.</li> <li>The point here is that there could be more than one question to elicit an answer correctly.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10 minutes, to include discussion
<b>Required prior learning</b>	An understanding of organic chemistry from GCSE or equivalent
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter. The activity should assess prior understanding and pose questions for discussion.
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6A: Introduction to organic chemistry Topic 6B: Alkanes
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	Students should be encouraged to use appropriate command words in their questions. For example, if the answer was a displayed formula the question could be 'Draw the displayed formula of methane?' or 'What is the displayed formula of methane?'
<b>Answers</b>	<p>There are different questions that can elicit many of these answers. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name the elements contained in a hydrocarbon.</li> <li>State the general formula for an alkane.</li> <li>Give the process that produces only carbon dioxide and water.</li> <li>Name the compound with molecular formula <math>C_3H_8</math>.</li> <li>Name the compound that can be produced by fermentation.</li> <li>Name the method used to separate the substances in crude oil.</li> <li>Write the molecular formula of propene.</li> <li>Describe what makes carboxylic acids different from other organic compounds.</li> </ol>

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## Activity 14: Introduction to organic chemistry – Questions

Each of these is an answer to a question.

Your job is to write the question that would correctly give the answer in each case

1. **Answer:** carbon and hydrogen only

**Question:** .....  
.....

2. **Answer:**  $C_n H_{2n+2}$

**Question:** .....  
.....

3. **Answer:** complete combustion

**Question:** .....  
.....

4. **Answer:** propane

**Question:** .....  
.....

5. **Answer:** ethanol

**Question:** .....  
.....

6. **Answer:** fractional distillation

**Question:** .....  
.....

7. **Answer:**  $C_3H_6$

**Question:** .....  
.....

8. **Answer:** they contain the  $-COOH$  group

**Question:** .....  
.....

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## Activity 15: Introduction to organic chemistry

<b>Activity name</b>	Molecule jigsaw
<b>Aim</b>	To introduce structural isomerism in alkanes.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind students that a carbon atom forms four covalent bonds by sharing four electrons in its outer shell.</li> <li>In a hydrocarbon, the bonds can be either to hydrogen atoms or to other carbon atoms.</li> <li>The accompanying sheet contains drawings of six carbon atoms, each with four bonds representing these covalent bonds.</li> <li>Explain to students that sometimes the H symbol is omitted in the structural formula of a hydrocarbon, and that will be the case in this activity.</li> <li>Students work in pairs. They cut out the six 'jigsaw pieces' and use them to make an alkane containing 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 carbon atoms. The structures they make will be different. They do this by moving the pieces around.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	An understanding of organic chemistry from GCSE or equivalent
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter. The activity should introduce branch isomers in alkanes
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6A, subtopic 6: Introduction to organic chemistry
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may need reminding that they are representing space, so a methyl group on the second or fourth carbon of a chain is a different molecule to the same molecule.</li> <li>If students have already covered nomenclature, then they could be asked to name the molecules they make.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<p>The number of branch isomers for each total number of carbon atoms is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 carbon – 1 isomer (methane)</li> <li>2 carbons – 1 isomer (ethane)</li> <li>3 carbons – 1 isomer (propane)</li> <li>4 carbons – 2 isomers (butane and methyl propane)</li> <li>5 carbons – 3 isomers (pentane, methyl butane and dimethyl ethane)</li> <li>6 carbons – 5 isomers (hexane, 2-methyl pentane, 3-methyl pentane, 2,2-dimethyl butane and 2,3-dimethyl butane)</li> </ul>

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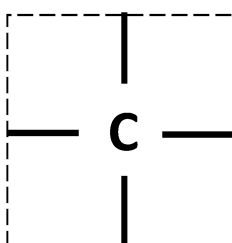
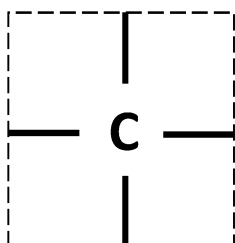
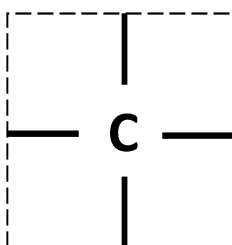
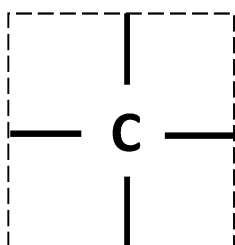
## Activity 15: Introduction to organic chemistry – 1

Cut out each of the jigsaw pieces along, or just inside, the dashed lines.

Each carbon atom can connect to one other if the two bonds (straight lines) join e

Move the pieces around to work out the number of ways of connecting them toge

- 1 carbon atom alone
- 2 carbon atoms
- 3 carbon atoms
- 4 carbon atoms
- 5 carbon atoms
- 6 carbon atoms



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## Activity 16: Alkanes

<b>Activity name</b>	60-second hot seat
<b>Aim</b>	To assess students' understanding of alkanes.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This game is a variation of 'hot seat' and the rules are based on <i>Just a Minute</i>.</li> <li>Students should be given 2–3 minutes to make some notes on the accompanying sheet.</li> <li>One student volunteers to come to the front and sit in the 'hot seat' for 60 seconds on the topic of alkanes, without repeating any words.</li> <li>no repetition (except for words like 'the', 'a', 'an', etc.)</li> <li>no deviation from the topic</li> <li>no hesitation or pauses</li> <li>no scientific errors</li> <li>The clock starts as soon as the student starts to speak.</li> <li>Any other member of the class can challenge by clapping or shouting 'stop' if any of the above things have happened. The clock then stops.</li> <li>If the challenge is incorrect (judged by you) then the student continues to speak for 60 seconds to continue speaking.</li> <li>If the challenge is correct (judged by you), then the challenger takes the 'hot seat' and continues to speak. In this case, the repetition rule can repeat any of the words the previous student has used.</li> <li>The winner is the student speaking in the hot seat when the time is up.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10 minutes, including explaining the rules
<b>Required prior learning</b>	The alkanes topic.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6B: Alkanes
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	Students can be allowed to discuss or decide whether a challenge is correct rather than the teacher making a ruling.
<b>Answers</b>	Students will obviously speak about different aspects of the alkanes topic. Any given should be correct.

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## Activity 16: Alkanes – 60-second hot seat

Use this sheet to make some preparation notes on alkanes.

List things that you would speak about if you were in the 'hot seat'. Remember, you are now sitting in the 'hot seat'.

Possibly include information about:

- the general formula

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- the class of organic molecules to which alkanes belong

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- the trend in boiling points

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- uses of alkanes

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- where alkanes come from

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- reactions of alkanes

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- anything else you consider relevant

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## Activity 17: Halogenoalkanes

<b>Activity name</b>	Comparing bonds
<b>Aim</b>	To introduce the properties of halogenoalkanes compared to alkanes
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a think–pair–share activity.</li> <li>Provide each student with the questions on the accompanying worksheet. They should <i>think</i> about these but <b>not</b> write any answers yet.</li> <li>Students then <i>pair</i> up and <i>share</i> ideas with each other.</li> <li>They can then write the collaborated answers.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Coverage of bond polarity from a previous AS topic (Topic 2A)
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter. The activity should get students thinking about why the properties of halogenoalkanes differ from alkanes.
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6D: Halogenoalkanes
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an example of collaborative learning where the students share their ideas of others on the same question.</li> <li>As part of your formative assessment, you should listen to students' ideas.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sharing of a pair of electrons</li> <li>the tendency of an element to attract shared electrons in a covalent bond</li> <li>fluorine</li> <li>carbon, hydrogen</li> <li>polar</li> <li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oxygen is more electronegative than hydrogen so the bond is polar, with oxygen attracting the shared electrons closer to it</li> <li>chlorine is more electronegative than carbon so the bond is polar, with chlorine attracting the shared electrons closer to it</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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## Activity 17: Halogenoalkanes – Comparin

This is a **think–pair–share** activity.

- **Think** about each of these questions, but don't write any answers just yet.
- **Pair** up with one of your classmates.
- **Share** your ideas on each of the questions.

You can then write the answers that you have both agreed.

1. Describe **one** thing that is common to all covalent bonds.

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2. Write a definition of *electronegativity* in your own words.

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3. What is the most electronegative element?

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4. Name **two** of the least electronegative elements that occur in organic compo

1. ....

2. ....

5. In one word, what is the property that describes a covalent bond between, fo

- chlorine and hydrogen?
- oxygen and carbon?

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6. Describe how each of the elements in these bonds affects the bond between

a) O–H

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b) C–Cl

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## Activity 18: Organic chemistry

<b>Activity name</b>	Making a revision map.
<b>Aim</b>	For students to link all the concepts in organic chemistry, or a subset of it.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow students to work in groups of three or four.</li> <li>• Provide them with the accompanying sheet which has the structure of a mind map.</li> <li>• Students work in their groups to complete the mind map.</li> <li>• Every line on the map should have a number; the first one given is 1. The next number should be 2, and so on.</li> <li>• After the mind map is complete, students write brief descriptions to connect the concepts. This can be just a few words in each section below.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Organic chemistry or any subtopics of it.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topics 6A – 6E: Organic chemistry I
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students could easily forget to include any aspect of organic chemistry. They can look at a textbook or get a reminder from the teacher to complete the map.</li> <li>• Some students find the process of constructing a map like this more of a learning than looking at it afterwards. If that is the case, the teacher could apply this activity to other topics.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Students will construct their maps in different ways, but a concept could be 'alkanes' and the line given a number 2. This could be described as 'hydrocarbons'. If the general formula for alkanes is not given it could be included in the description of the number 2. Otherwise, $C_n H_{2n+2}$ alkanes and the line given the number 3. This could be described as 'general formula'.

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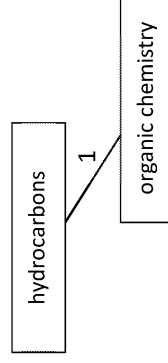


## Activity 18: Organic chemistry – Making

Use this space to make a mind map of organic chemistry. Turn this into a revision map by:

- putting a number on each line connecting two concepts
- writing a short description of each number

The first one has been done for you.



1. This branch of organic chemistry deals with compounds that contain hydrogen and carbon only. 8. ....
2. .... 9. ....
3. .... 10. ....
4. .... 11. ....
5. .... 12. ....
6. .... *continue on the next page*
7. ....

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## Activity 19: Organic analysis

<b>Activity name</b>	Advice for next year's class
<b>Aim</b>	For students to consolidate understanding and produce notes for
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students work in pairs or in groups of three to produce guidance on the topic of testing for organic functional groups.</li><li>• The guidance should include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ a list of the tests that are required</li><li>◦ the method for each test with the positive result described</li><li>◦ labelled diagrams where appropriate</li><li>◦ equations for reactions where appropriate</li><li>◦ any other advice they think would be useful</li></ul></li><li>• Plans should be outlined on the accompanying sheet.</li><li>• If time permits, some groups could show their finished product to the class.</li></ul>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Theory and practical on the qualitative tests for functional groups: acids, alkenes and aldehydes.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6, subtopics 25 & 38: Organic chemistry I Practical technique 4
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage groups to be as creative as possible. The guidance can be in any form. For example, students could make a video of themselves acting out the tests, a podcast or produce a rap, or make a series of posts or social media posts or a storyboard in cartoon form.</li><li>• Ensure that students do not violate copyright (for example, using someone else's image or website and using it as if it were their own).</li><li>• If students are going to make a video of themselves actually performing the tests, then this can be planned in written form only.</li></ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Students will choose different methods to present the information. They will use information from all five bullet points in the instructions above.

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## Activity 19: Organic analysis – Advice for next

Use this sheet to plan your advice for next year's class.

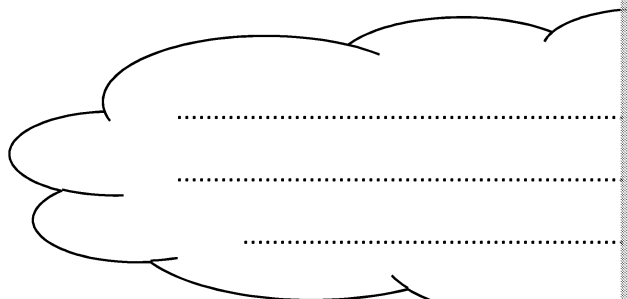
### Step 1

Complete this table to help you plan what advice you need to give.

Functional group	Method for the test	

### Step 2:

Describe what extra advice you would like to give. Think about your own experience of this topic and anything you found challenging.



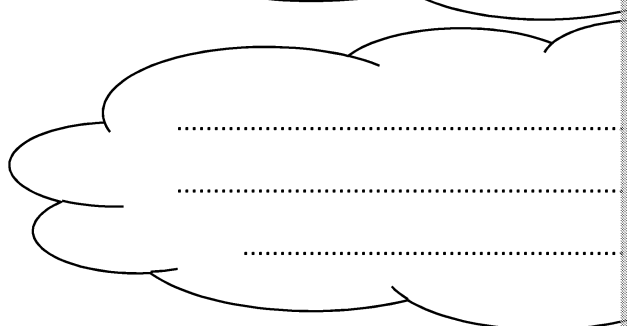
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### Step 3

Describe what form and style your guide will take. Be as creative as you can and make something that will appeal to next year's class.



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### Step 4

Outline your plan here. Remember to include how the class will access your guide

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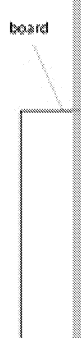
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## Activity 20: Mass spectrometer

<b>Activity name</b>	A simple visual model
<b>Aim</b>	To demonstrate how a mass spectrometer separator works.
<b>Instructions</b>	<p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>large rigid board, such as 4 mm thick plywood – should be</li> <li>magnet, which should be as strong as possible</li> <li>thin wood blocks, ideally the same height as the magnet</li> <li>small wood or plastic ramp</li> <li>selection of steel ball bearings of different sizes</li> <li>sandbox or something to catch the ball bearings and record</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set the board so it rests horizontally on the thin wood blocks. Place the magnet under the board and the ramp on top of the board as shown in this top-down diagram.</li> <li>Before showing students, release the ball bearings, one at a time, from the ramp. Do this from the same height to ensure their speeds are approximately the same.</li> <li>Use these trials to position the sandboxes. Their role is to record the position at which each ball bearing leaves the board.</li> <li>Explain that the magnetic field from the magnet sorts the ball bearings according to their mass.</li> <li>Use this as a starter for the mass spectrometer.</li> <li>After the main lesson activity, return to the model and ask what part of the model represents. This can be done on the accom</li> </ol> 
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	None
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 7A: Mass spectrometry
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	As an additional challenge, students could describe the strengths in representing mass spectrometry.
<b>Answers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See diagram above</li> <li>Ball bearings with a larger mass take a larger force to make</li> <li>In this model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the ball bearings represent ion fragments of varying m</li> <li>the ramp represents the ion accelerator</li> <li>the magnet represents the magnetic field that is used to</li> <li>the sandbox represents the detector</li> </ul> </li> <li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengths of the model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is highly visual</li> <li>movement is slow enough to see</li> <li>the different motion of the different mass ball bear</li> </ul> </li> <li>Limitations of the model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>does not show how the fragments are produced</li> <li>the magnet bends the path of the ball bearings bec</li> <li>not because they have charges that interact with it</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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## Activity 20: Mass spectrometer – A simple vi

1. Draw a labelled diagram of the *model* of the mass spectrometer.

2. Explain what makes the path of the ball bearings different in this model.

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3. List each part of the model and describe what it represents in a real mass spectrometer.

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4. Explain

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- b) the limitations (weaknesses) of this model

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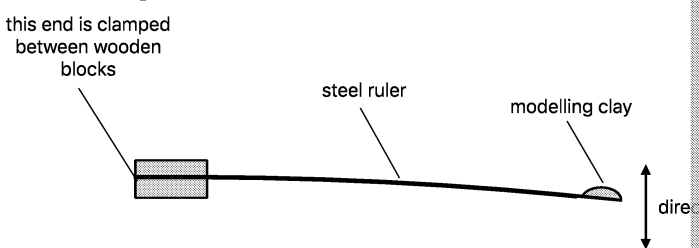
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## Activity 21: Infrared spectroscopy

<b>Activity name</b>	A model of molecular resonance.
<b>Aim</b>	To demonstrate what affects the differences in resonance in different molecules.
<b>Instructions</b>	<p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a 30 cm steel ruler</li> <li>• 2 small wood blocks</li> <li>• a clamp stand</li> <li>• modelling clay</li> <li>• stopwatches</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the wood blocks to clamp the steel ruler close to one end, so that the ruler is horizontal and with the measuring side top or bottom.</li> <li>2. Attach the modelling clay to the end of the ruler, furthest from the clamp.</li> <li>3. Displace this end vertically a little so that the end of the ruler oscillates up and down.</li> </ol>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Students time how many oscillations occur in 10 seconds.</li> <li>5. Repeat this so that students can see the rate of oscillation is affected by the variables listed above.</li> <li>6. Then ask what affects the rate of this oscillation: how could it be varied?</li> <li>7. Modify the set-up according to students' suggestions and test them.</li> <li>8. Students can answer the questions on the accompanying sheet on the model of molecular resonance. This activity can be revisited later in this lesson or in a subsequent lesson.</li> </ol>
<b>Timings</b>	15 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	None
<b>Intended use</b>	Starter
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 7B: Infrared (IR) spectroscopy
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	The activity can be revisited as a plenary after students have learnt about the structure of molecules.
<b>Answers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See diagram in instructions</li> <li>2. Variables affecting the rate of oscillation are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mass of modelling clay used</li> <li>• length of the ruler extending beyond the clamp</li> <li>• distance from the clamp to the modelling clay</li> <li>• stiffness of the ruler</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. The parts represented are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ruler represents a covalent bond</li> <li>• the modelling clay represents a bonded atom or chemical group</li> <li>• the displacement to start the oscillation represents the energy input</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. a) Strengths of the model are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• its simplicity</li> <li>• the ability to vary the key variables (listed above)</li> </ul> b) Limitations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it is not possible to vary the frequency of the driving force</li> <li>• the frequency of infrared would vary in a real infrared spectrum</li> <li>• a covalent bond will behave in a different manner to a mass on a spring</li> <li>• a covalent bond will stretch as well as bend</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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## Activity 21: Infrared spectroscopy – A model of mo

1. Draw a labelled diagram of the *model* that you saw earlier in the lesson.

2. Describe the variables that affect the rate of oscillation in the model and what

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3. List each part of the model and describe what it represents in a real molecule

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4. Explain

- a) the strengths of this model

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- b) the limitations (weaknesses) of this model

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## Activity 22: Energetics

<b>Activity name</b>	What did others learn?
<b>Aim</b>	To allow students to share learning and assess each other.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask students to move randomly around the room in different pairs. They could possibly do this as getting them to model particle movement.</li> <li>At some point say 'Stop' and the students stop moving. The student closest to them. If there is an odd number, then allow the student to choose.</li> <li>The next part of the activity is timed by the teacher: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>give 30 seconds for one of the pair to tell their partner what they learned about energetics</li> <li>give a further 30 seconds for the partner to tell the first student what they learned about energetics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Then, still in their positions, ask for volunteers to share what they learned. Before responding, confirm with that partner that the information is correct.</li> <li>You can then either take more volunteers and allow class discussion or take each one, for a show of hands for whose partners also told them something they hadn't remembered themselves.</li> <li>As this activity is an entirely spoken one, there is no accommodation for students with physical disabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	Approximately 10 minutes to allow instructions to be given and for the activity to take place.
<b>Required prior learning</b>	Students must be asked to relate the learning in that lesson or previous lesson to the same topic.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 8: Energetics
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no student sheet for this activity.</li> <li>It does not matter if one pair of students tell each other the same thing as this will further consolidate learning.</li> <li>The number of learning outcomes to be stated and the timing can be adjusted as needed.</li> <li>Students could also be asked whether they learned anything new from their partner or whether their partner told them something that they hadn't remembered themselves.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Each student will respond differently, based upon the information they received from their partner. There will be some common themes and the main learning points will be identified in their answers.

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## Activity 23: Energetics

<b>Activity name</b>	Enthalpy anagrams
<b>Aim</b>	To revise the key terms in the topic of energetics.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students work in pairs. Each student chooses a keyword (from the topic of energetics) and scrambles the letters, using only capitals.</li> <li>They can use the accompanying sheet, which can be folded and any planning that they have done.</li> <li>Where there is more than one keyword, then each one should be used.</li> <li>For example, Hess's law could become SEHSS AWL</li> <li>The anagrams are swapped for their partner to solve.</li> <li>This is done one anagram from each student at a time.</li> <li>If a partner is struggling, then a clue can be given by the other student.</li> <li>Once both partners have solved their anagrams, they each choose a new keyword and the process repeats.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	The topic of chemical energetics.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 8: Energetics
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasise to students the importance of having the correct keyword, otherwise it will be impossible to solve. They should check the keyword before scrambling it if unsure.</li> <li>There are free-to-use websites that will create (and solve) anagrams. Students should have access to these during the activity.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	Students who are struggling could be given clues. For example, for Hess's law could have a clue such as 'The second word is LAW.' or 'This means that the enthalpy for a reaction is independent of the route taken provided the initial and final states are the same.'

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## Activity 23: Energetics – Enthalpy anagrams

Use this sheet to write your anagrams, *one at a time*. Then pass it to your partner to solve each one. They pass the sheet back to you, and you set another one.

Use keywords from the topic of energetics.

Anagram 1: .....

Solution:

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Anagram 2: .....

Solution:

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Anagram 3: .....

Solution:

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Anagram 4: .....

Solution:

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Anagram 5: .....

Solution:

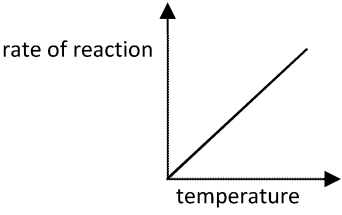
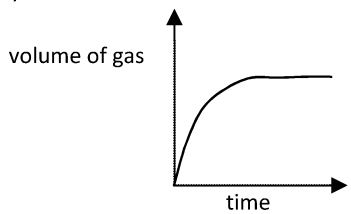
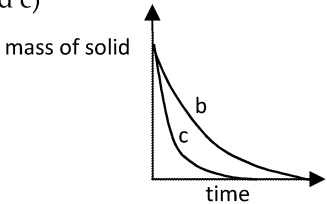
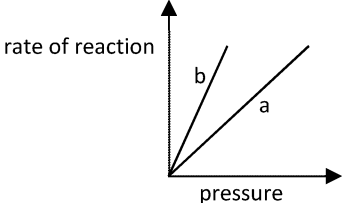
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## Activity 24: Kinetics

<b>Activity name</b>	Sketch the graph
<b>Aim</b>	To assess students' understanding of rates of reaction through sketching
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accompanying sheet has a series of questions and blank axes for students to answer these. Depending on the class, students can do this in pairs.</li> <li>Each answer should be a line, or lines, drawn on the axes to match the question. Where there are two lines, these should be added.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	5 minutes
<b>Required prior learning</b>	An understanding of the kinetics topic at a qualitative level only
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 9: Kinetics I
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should be reminded that sketch graphs should have no numbers or units need to be added.</li> <li>Students can find sketching and interpreting graphs to be challenging. Support with this. One way to do this is to provide the answers (incorrect) sketch graphs and allow the students to match them to the questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Answers</b>	<p>1.</p>  <p>rate of reaction</p> <p>temperature</p> <p><i>accept a line that curves up slightly</i>  <i>accept a line that starts above the origin, as the temperature could be above room temperature</i></p> <p>2.</p> <p>a)</p>  <p>volume of gas</p> <p>time</p> <p>b) and c)</p>  <p>mass of solid</p> <p>time</p> <p><i>both lines should start at the same position</i>  <i>line c should reach the time axis before line b</i></p> <p>3.</p> <p>a) and b)</p> <p><i>accept lines levelling off or decreasing in gradient</i></p>  <p>rate of reaction</p> <p>pressure</p>

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## Activity 24: Kinetics – Sketch the gra

You may have heard the expression 'A picture is worth a thousand words.' In science, a graph can tell the same story in the same way.

For each of these questions, sketch a graph on the axes provided.

Remember:

- label the axes with quantities, but you do **not** have to add numbers or units
- where there is more than one line, label the lines or add a key

1. Show how the rate of reaction between two gases depends on temperature.
2. A reaction between a solid and a solution produces a gas.
  - a) Show how the volume of gas produced varies with reaction time until the reaction is complete.
  - b) Show how the mass of the solid varies with reaction time until completion.  
Assume the solid is in excess.
  - c) Add another line to the graph in part b) to show how the mass of the same solid varies when its surface area is greater.
3. Show how the rate of reaction between two gases varies with pressure
  - a) in the absence of a catalyst
  - b) in the presence of a catalyst

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## Activity 25: Chemical equilibrium

Activity name	Fill the bowl game
Aim	To introduce the concept of dynamic equilibrium.
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place an equal volume of water in two large plastic bowls in a large outdoor space. Bowls should be at least 4 m apart.</li> <li>Give two student volunteers one identical plastic beaker each beside one bowl of water.</li> <li>The aim is for each student to fill their opponent's bowl using simple rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the students cannot touch the bowls</li> <li>neither the students nor their clothing should become wet</li> <li>the students cannot throw water</li> <li>only the beakers provided can be used, and water must be transferred from one beaker to another</li> </ul> </li> <li>Stop the activity before the level of water in the bowls becomes too high.</li> <li>After the activity, pose the questions from the accompanying worksheet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Risk assessment</b> – ensure that students are wearing suitable footwear for going to become slippery when wet; there should be no tripping hazards. Plastic beakers and bowls should be used.</p>
Timings	5 minutes
Required prior learning	Coverage of equilibrium or reversible reaction from GCSE or equivalent
Intended use	Starter. The activity should introduce branch isomers in alkanes.
Specification reference	Topic 6A, subtopic 6: Introduction to organic chemistry
Additional notes and guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This activity is designed to overcome the misconception that reactions stop.</li> <li>Students can write their answers on the sheet or discuss the activity with a partner.</li> <li>Modelling concepts in science can help concrete thinkers to understand abstract concepts, however, all models have limitations as well as strengths. Discuss this model after studying equilibrium and Le Chatelier's principle.</li> </ul>
Answers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the movement of the water is the chemical reaction</li> <li>the water in the bowls is the reactants and products</li> <li>the transfer of water in each direction is the forward and reverse reactions</li> <li>the fact that the level doesn't change much shows the system is at equilibrium</li> <li>the fact that water keeps moving shows it is a dynamic equilibrium</li> </ul> </li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transfer water faster than the other person (with the same beaker)</li> <li>transfer water with another beaker</li> <li>use a larger beaker than the other person</li> </ul> </li> <li>increase the rate of one of the reactions</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the substance in both bowls is the same, whereas the products are different and can be in different states</li> <li>substances are not transferred from one place to another</li> <li>there would be no way to model changes in pressure / concentration / a catalyst</li> <li>the model works on a macro (large) scale whereas reactions occur on a (small) scale</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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## Activity 25: Chemical equilibrium – Fill the bowl

After doing the activity with the water in the bowls, think about these questions

1. How does this activity model chemical equilibrium?

*Hint – describe what each part of the model represents.*

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2. Give **two** ways that you could fill your opponent's bowl faster than they fill yours, without breaking any of the rules.

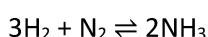
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2. ....

3. Explain how the methods that you describe in question 2 are related to chemical equilibrium. Your suggestions may have only one equivalent in chemistry.

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4. You may recall the Haber process, which is an example of an equilibrium reaction.



Use this example to list the limitations of the water bowl model.

*Hint – explain the ways in which the model does not properly represent a reaction.*

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## Activity 26: Chemical equilibrium

<b>Activity name</b>	Two truths and a lie
<b>Aim</b>	To revise the key concepts of chemical equilibrium.
<b>Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give students 2–3 minutes to write three statements about chemical equilibrium, two of which must be true. They can do this on the accompanying worksheet, which is folded over so that others cannot see what they are writing.</li> <li>After this, students can volunteer, one at a time, to come to the front and read out their statements. These should be read as 'Statement 1', 'Statement 2', 'Statement 3'. The teacher copies these down.</li> <li>After the three statements are read out, the student asks the class to hold up hands for whether each statement in turn is true. The student then explains why they voted that way.</li> <li>The process is repeated as time permits.</li> </ul>
<b>Timings</b>	10–15 minutes depending on class size
<b>Required prior learning</b>	The topic of chemical equilibrium.
<b>Intended use</b>	Plenary
<b>Specification reference</b>	Topic 6A, subtopic 6: Introduction to organic chemistry
<b>Additional notes and guidance</b>	Students should be reminded that, just as in multiple-choice questions, only one statement is always true.
<b>Answers</b>	<p>Statements will vary, but an example of one set could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement 1 – Le Chatelier's principle only applies to reactions in aqueous solution, such as ester formation. (False, it also applies to reactions in the gas phase, such as the Haber process.)</li> <li>Statement 2 – Increasing the pressure in a gas equilibrium will shift the equilibrium to the side that produces the smaller number of moles. (True)</li> <li>Statement 3 – Adding a catalyst to an equilibrium reaction will speed up the reaction but will not be formed. (True)</li> </ul>

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## Activity 26: Chemical equilibrium – Two truths and a lie

Write three statements about the chemical equilibrium topic.  
Two of them must be true and one of them should be false (in any order).  
You can then volunteer to read these to the class.

### Statement 1

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### Statement 2

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### Statement 3

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You can use the space below to make notes on other students' statements.

Clue giver:	Statements	Truth or lie?



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