Chemical Reactions



Learning Objectives

 Define the following terms: chemical reaction, reactant, product, and activation energy

 Explain how chemical reactions affect chemical bonds in compounds

Chemical Reaction

A chemical reaction is a process that changes or transforms one set of chemicals into another.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} CO_2 + H_2O & \longrightarrow & H_2CO_3 \\ Carbon & Water & Carbonic acid \\ Dioxide & \end{array}$

Reactants

Product

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Reactants - elements or compounds that enter into a chemical reaction.

Products



Products - elements or compounds produced by a chemical reaction.



Equilibrium - the reaction takes place at an equal rate in both directions and the reactant and product concentration stays the same.



Chemical reactions always involve changes in the chemical bonds that join atoms in compounds. These reactions require energy.

Activation Energy



Course of Reaction ———

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Types of Metabolism: Synthesis



Carbon Water Dioxide Carbonic acid

Synthesis – "building up" reactions.

Types of Metabolism: Decomposition



Decomposition – "breaking down" reactions.

Chemical Reactions



Disintegration



Mercury reacting to aluminum

Pharaoh's Serpent



Mercury reacting with oxygen

Decomposition



Potassium chlorate reacting with a gummy bear

Single Displacement



Iron reacting with copper sulfate

Fire Bottle



Alcohol reacting with oxygen

Instant Snow



Sodium Polyacrylate reacting with water

Elephant Toothpaste



lodine reacting with hydrogen peroxide

STOP HERE!



Metabolism



Metabolism – all chemical reactions and changes that occur in a cell or organism.