

ChemActivity 15

The Mole Concept

(What is a mole?)

Exercises

Unless otherwise stated, calculate all mass values in grams.

1. Consider CTQ 1. A unit plan for this problem would be dozens → elephants → trunks. Since you know there are 12 elephants in 1 dozen elephants and 1 trunk per elephant, you could set up the problem using conversion factors as follows:

$$1 \text{ dozen elephants} \times \frac{12 \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ dozen elephants}} \times \frac{1 \text{ trunk}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 12 \text{ trunks}$$

Complete similar unit conversions, showing all work, for CTQs 2-13.

CTQ 2: dozens → elephants → legs

$$1 \text{ dozen elephants} \times \frac{12 \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ dozen elephants}} \times \frac{4 \text{ legs}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 48 \text{ legs}$$

CTQ 3: score → elephants → trunks

$$1 \text{ score elephants} \times \frac{20 \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ score elephants}} \times \frac{1 \text{ trunk}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 20 \text{ trunks}$$

CTQ 4: myriad → elephants → leg

$$1 \text{ myriad elephants} \times \frac{10,000 \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ myriad elephants}} \times \frac{4 \text{ legs}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 40,000 \text{ legs}$$

CTQ 5: moles → elephants → trunks

$$1 \text{ mole elephants} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ mole elephants}} \times \frac{1 \text{ trunk}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ trunks}$$

CTQ 6: dozens → molecules → C atoms

$$1 \text{ dozen methane molecules} \times \frac{12 \text{ methane molecules}}{1 \text{ dozen}} \times \frac{1 \text{ carbon atom}}{1 \text{ methane molecule}} = 12 \text{ carbon atoms}$$

CTQ 7: myriad → molecules → H atoms

$$1 \text{ myriad methane molecules} \times \frac{10,000 \text{ methane molecules}}{1 \text{ myriad}} \times \frac{4 \text{ hydrogen atoms}}{1 \text{ methane molecule}} = 40,000 \text{ hydrogen atoms}$$

CTQ 8: moles → elephants

$$1 \text{ mole elephants} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ mole elephants}} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ elephants}$$

CTQ 9: moles → elephants → trunks

$$0.5 \text{ mole elephants} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ mole elephants}} \times \frac{1 \text{ trunk}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 3.011 \times 10^{23} \text{ trunks}$$

CTQ 10: moles → elephants → legs

$$1 \text{ mole elephants} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ elephants}}{1 \text{ mole elephants}} \times \frac{4 \text{ legs}}{1 \text{ elephant}} = 2.409 \times 10^{24} \text{ trunks}$$

CTQ 11: moles → molecules → C atoms

$$1 \text{ mole methane} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ methane molecules}}{1 \text{ mole methane}} \times \frac{1 \text{ carbon atom}}{1 \text{ methane molecule}} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ carbon atoms}$$

CTQ 12: moles → molecules → H atoms

$$0.5 \text{ mole methane} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ methane molecules}}{1 \text{ mole methane}} \times \frac{4 \text{ hydrogen atoms}}{1 \text{ methane molecule}} = 1.204 \times 10^{24} \text{ hydrogen atoms}$$

CTQ 13: moles → molecules

$$1 \text{ mole methane} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ methane molecules}}{1 \text{ mole methane}} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ methane molecules}$$

2. If you measure out 69.236 g of lead, how many atoms of lead do you have? Make a unit plan first. Show work.

g lead → mol lead → atoms lead

$$69.236 \text{ g lead} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole lead}}{207.2 \text{ g lead}} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms lead}}{1 \text{ mole lead}} = 2.012 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms lead}$$

3. Consider 1.00 mole of dihydrogen gas, H₂. How many dihydrogen molecules are present? How many hydrogen atoms are present? What is the mass of this sample?

6.022 × 10²³ dihydrogen molecules are present. Twice that many, or 1.204 × 10²⁴ atoms of hydrogen are present. The mass of the sample is calculated as follows:

$$1 \text{ mole H}_2 \times \frac{2.016 \text{ g H}_2}{1 \text{ mole H}_2} = 2.016 \text{ g hydrogen molecules}$$

4. Ethanol has a molecular formula of CH₃CH₂OH.

- a. What is the average mass of one molecule of ethanol?

$$2(12.01) + 6(1.008) + 1(16.00) = 46.068 = 46.07 \text{ amu}$$

- b. What is the mass of 1.000 moles of ethanol?

$$46.07 \text{ g}$$

- c. What is the mass of 0.5623 moles of ethanol, CH₃CH₂OH?

$$0.5623 \text{ mole ethanol} \times \frac{46.068 \text{ g ethanol}}{1 \text{ mole ethanol}} = 25.90 \text{ g ethanol}$$

- d. How many moles of ethanol are present in a 100.0 g sample of ethanol?

$$100.0 \text{ g ethanol} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole ethanol}}{46.068 \text{ g ethanol}} = 2.171 \text{ mol ethanol}$$

- e. How many moles of each element (C, H, O) are present in a 100.0 g sample of ethanol?

$$2.171 \text{ mol ethanol} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol C atoms}}{1 \text{ mol ethanol}} = 4.341 \text{ mol C atoms}$$

$$2.171 \text{ mol ethanol} \times \frac{6 \text{ mol H atoms}}{1 \text{ mol ethanol}} = 13.02 \text{ mol H atoms}$$

$$2.171 \text{ mol ethanol} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O atoms}}{1 \text{ mol ethanol}} = 2.171 \text{ mol O atoms}$$

- f. How many grams of each element (C, H, O) are present in a 100.0 g sample of ethanol?

$$4.341 \text{ mol C atoms} \times \frac{12.01 \text{ g C}}{1 \text{ mol C}} = 52.14 \text{ g C}$$

$$13.02 \text{ mol H atoms} \times \frac{1.008 \text{ g H}}{1 \text{ mol H}} = 13.12 \text{ g H}$$

$$2.171 \text{ mol O atoms} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ g O}}{1 \text{ mol O}} = 34.74 \text{ g O}$$

5. How many moles of carbon dioxide, CO_2 , are present in a sample of carbon dioxide with a mass of 254 grams? How many moles of O atoms are present?

$$254 \text{ g CO}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mole CO}_2}{44.01 \text{ g CO}_2} = 5.77 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

$$5.77 \text{ mol CO}_2 \times \frac{2 \text{ mol O atoms}}{1 \text{ mol CO}_2} = 11.5 \text{ mol O atoms}$$

6. Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false, and explain your reasoning.

- a. One mole of NH_3 weighs more than one mole of H_2O .

False. A mole of NH_3 is about 17 g, and a mole of water is about 18 g.

- b. There are more carbon atoms in 48 grams of CO_2 than in 12 grams of diamond (a form of pure carbon).

True. 44 grams of CO_2 is a mole, so 48 grams of CO_2 is just over a mole. 12 g of pure carbon is one mole C. So there are more C atoms in the 48 grams of CO_2 .

- c. There are equal numbers of nitrogen atoms in one mole of NH_3 and one mole of N_2 .

False. N_2 has 2 nitrogens per mole of N_2 , whereas NH_3 has only one.

- d. The number of Cu atoms in 100 grams of Cu(s) is the same as the number of Cu atoms in 100 grams of copper(II) oxide, CuO .

False. There are fewer moles of copper in the CuO , since one mole CuO weighs more than one mole Cu.

- e. The number of Ni atoms in 100 moles of Ni(s) is the same as the number of Ni atoms in 100 moles of nickel(II) chloride, NiCl_2 .

True. Both formulas have one mole Ni.

- f. There are more hydrogen atoms in 2 moles of NH_3 than in 2 moles of CH_4 .

False. There are 6 mol H atoms in 2 moles NH_3 and 8 mol H atoms in 2 moles CH_4 .