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## 19-1 Oxidation & Reduction Reaction (Redox)

\* We will use net ionic equations to determine what chemical interactions have taken place w/electrons

- When electrons are transferred from one substance to another we call it a redox reaction (or reduction oxidation reaction).



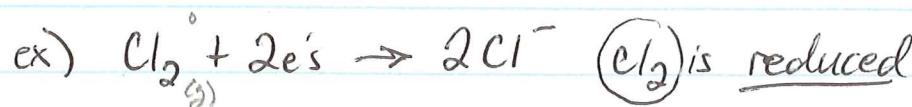
\* Notice ions become molecules, and molecules become atoms when electrons are exchanged.

Chlorine molecule takes electrons from Bromine to become a negative ion & bromine loses electrons and becomes a molecule. - This is redox

Oxidation = loss of electrons to another substance



Reduction = gaining of electrons from another substance



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Oxidation & Reduction are complimentary processes

- one makes the other happen & vice versa

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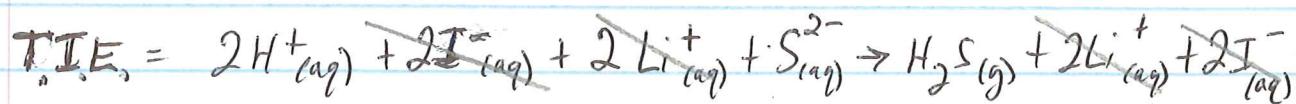
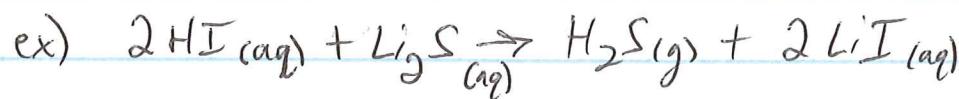
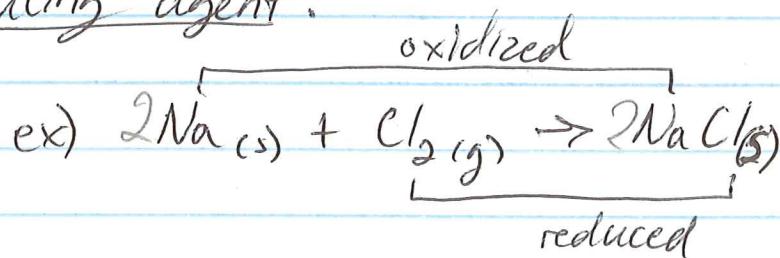
Some mnemonic devices to help you remember:

LEO says GER < loss of electrons = oxidation  
gaining of electrons = reduction

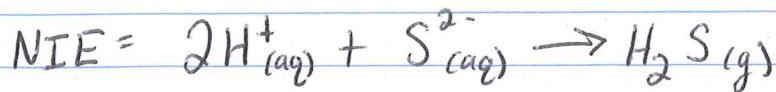
or OIL - RIG < oxidation is losing  
reduction is gaining

## Oxidizing & Reducing Agents

- In an oxidation reaction, the substance that accepts the electrons is known as the oxidizing agent (what is reduced)
- In a reduction reaction, the substance that loses the electrons (what is oxidized) is the reducing agent.



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What is Red. rxn?  $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$  (+ → Ø)

What is Ox rxn?  $S^{2-} \rightarrow S_{(g)} + 2e^-$  (2- → Ø)

to determine if oxidation or reduction has occurred -  
study the oxidation state of each atom involved.



-elements that do NOT have an oxidation state are said to have an ox-state of zero or  $Zn^{\circ}$ .

so, to go from  $Zn^{2+} \rightarrow Zn^{\circ}$  is a gain of electrons or reduction & reverse  $Zn^{\circ} \rightarrow Zn^{2+}$  is an oxidation

\* If #'s go up = oxidation, down = reduction

ex) what kind of reaction is  $H_2(g) \rightarrow 2H_{(aq)}^+$  ?  
oxidation ( $\emptyset \rightarrow +$ )

what kind of reaction is  $Na^+ \rightarrow Na_{(s)}$  ?

reduction ( $+ \rightarrow \emptyset$ )

what kind of reaction is  $Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+}$  ?

oxidation ( $2+ \rightarrow 3+$ )