

**Content and Language Integrated
Learning (CLIL) Materials in
Chemistry and English:
Iodometric Titrations.
Student's coursebook**

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Input Source 0: Introduction: The Iodometric Determination of Copper

KEY CONCEPTS

- **Type of chemical analytical analysis:** Titration
- **Type of titration:** Redox
- **Analyte:** Copper
- **Standard solution:** Sodium thiosulfate ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$) 0.1M
- **Indicator:** Starch

AIMS

1. To conduct an iodometric determination of copper, i.e., to measure how much copper there is in a wire.
2. To distinguish between an iodometric and an iodimetric process.

OUTLINE

1. Titration review.
2. Titration Introduction: Iodometric procedures.
3. Reactions in an idometric titration.
4. The sample.
5. Dissolving copper wire
6. The pre-treatment of the sample before doing the titration.
7. The role of Indicators
8. Titration steps.
9. Calculations.

KEYTERMS

Read, Listen to and Practice the Keyterms:

quantify

copper - electrolytic copper

wire - electric wire - an electric wire

purity

99.99%

titrations – types of titrations / redox titration

quantitative – quantitative analysis – quantitative analysis methods

acid-base

complexometric - complexometric titration

precipitation

method – complexometric method – redox method

idometric method – iodometric method

INPUT SOURCE 0: INTRODUCTION: THE IODOMETRIC DETERMINATION OF COPPER

Copper wire surrounds our daily lives. It has a lot of uses; the most important use of **copper wire** is to conduct electricity.

Copper is a good electricity conductor, but its conductivity decreases with the presence or impurities (other metals different from copper). Consequently, it is very important to produce **copper wire** with a high **purity** (only **copper**).

The purest **copper** is **electrolytic copper**, which is obtained by electrolytic deposition. The **electrolytic copper** has a **purity of 99.99%**.

The industry that produces **electrolytic copper** and also the industry that buys this product need to control its **purity**. To control the **purity**, there are several analytical **methods**; one of them is an **iodometric Titration**.

In this lesson we are going to **quantify** the percentage of **copper** wire by an **iodometric titration**.

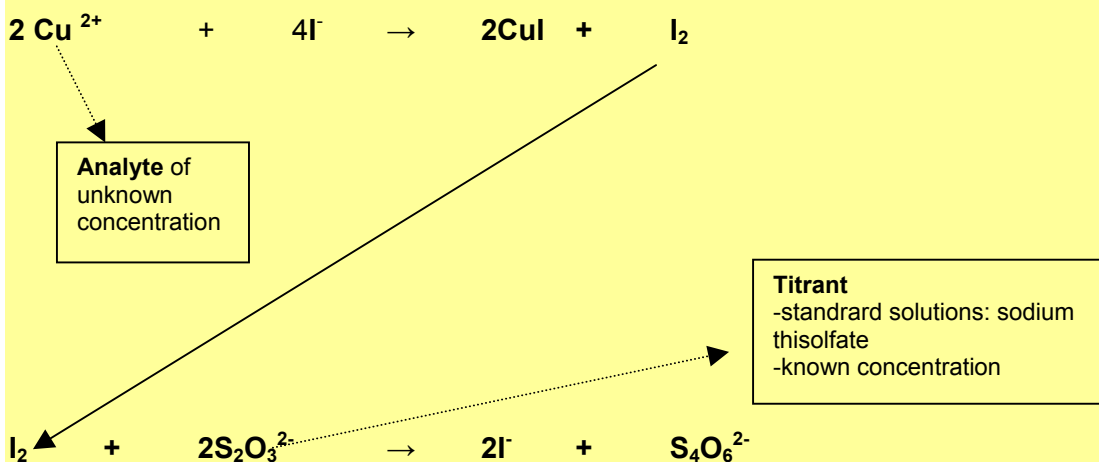
As you know, **titrations** are **quantitative analysis methods**. There are four types of **titrations**: **acid-base**, **complexometric**, **precipitation** and **redox**.

The **method** used to **quantify** the percentage of **copper** contained in a **wire** is a **redox titration**, the fourth titration type.

A **complexometric titration** can be used for the determination of **copper**, but the **redox method** presents less interference than the **complexometric method**.

The **redox method** used is an **iodometric** one. In an **iodimetric method** a solution of iodide (I^-) is oxidizing to iodine (I_2) by the analyte (copper in this case), then the generated iodine is reduced by thiosulfate ($S_2O_3^{2-}$), the standard solution. Iodine forms an intensely blue complex with starch. When all the iodine is spent the blue colour disappears. This **titration** can be performed in a moderate acid medium pH 3-5.

Below a scheme of the iodometric **titration** of **copper**.



This **method** is useful for the determination of **copper** in ores, salts, solutions, **wire**, alloys.

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Worksheet 1a: Initial Evaluation Quiz on Volumetric Analyses

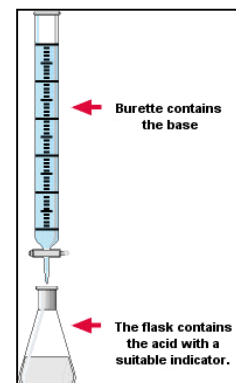
INSTRUCTIONS

1. These exercises will check what you know about volumetric analyses.
2. In pairs or small groups complete the 15 items.
4. You have just 5'.
5. Self-correct your answers with the key.
6. Compare your score with another group.

Task 1. MAIN CHEMICAL ANALYSIS TERMS

Four chemical analyses terms (analyte, standard solution, indicator and quantitative analysis) are reviewed. Match the concept with its definition:

(1) Analyte	
(2) Standard solution	
(3) Indicator	
(4) Quantitative analysis	



Source: <http://www.teachmetuition.co.uk>

- A. This involves measuring the proportions of known components in a mixture.
- B. This is a chemical term which describes a solution of known concentration.
- C. A substance used to show the presence of a chemical substance or ion by its colour.
- D. This is a substance or chemical constituent that is determined in an analytical procedure.

Task 2. TITRATION DEFINITION

The text below reviews what titration method is about. Some key words have been removed. Complete the text with the most appropriate word from the box.

volume titrant	end point volumetric	equivalence point burette	reagent
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A titration is a method of _____ (5) analysis in which a volume of one reagent (the _____) (6) is added to a known volume of another _____ (7) slowly form a _____ (8) until an end point is reached. The added _____ (9) before the end point is reached is noted.

In titration, the point at which the reaction is complete is the _____ (10). The _____ (11) is the point at which the indicator just changes colour.

Task 3. TYPES OF TITRATION

Titration is a method of volumetric analysis. We can classify the titrations methods depending on the type of standard solution and analyte. How many types of titration can you think of? How are they called? List the four types of titrations.

THE FOUR MAIN TYPES OF TITRATION
1. _____ (12)
2. _____ (13)
3. _____ (14)
4. _____ (15)

Compare your score group with the other group.

1. Which group has the highest score?
2. Say to your partner in which ones you got wrong.
3. Do you need help?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Average
My score																
Other group																

0- 10 LOW

11-12 GOOD

13-14 VERY GOOD

15- EXCELLENT

YOU NEED TO GO OVER ALL THE CONCEPTS BEFORE YOU PROCEED

CHECK THE CONCEPTS YOU GOT WRONG BEFORE YOU PROCEED

CHECK THE CONCEPT/S YOU GOT WRONG

HELP YOUR CLASSMATES WHO GOT A LOWER MARK

Key:

Task 1: 1d, 2b, 3c, 4a

Task 2: (5) volumetric, (6) titrant, (7) reagent, (8) burette, (9) volume, (10) end point, (11) equivalence point.

Task 3: Acid-base, complexometric, precipitation and redox.

Worksheet 1b: Checking Previous Knowledge on Titrations

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review previous titrations that you may perform in the laboratory.
2. Work in small groups of three students.
3. Do the tasks on your own.
4. Compare your answer with the other students.
5. Check your class notes if there is some disagreement.
6. Plan the tips about Titrations that you need to review.

Task 1: TYPES OF TITRATIONS

There are four main types of titrations. Are you familiar with the all of them? If so, complete the grid with the help of your classmates if necessary.

	Types of Titration
1	
2	
3	
4	

Task 2: MOST COMMON TITRATIONS CARRIED OUT IN CHEMISTRY COURSES

Have you already performed any of the following acid-base, complexometric and precipitation titrations in the laboratory? Tick as many as you have done.

Type	Procedure	Performed
<i>I. Acid-base</i>	1. Standardization of hydrochloric acid	
	2. Standardization of sodium hydroxide	
	3. Determination of acetic acid in vinegar	
	4. Determination of ammonia	
	5. Standardization of sulphuric acid	
	6. Standardization of ammonia	
<i>II. Complexometric</i>	7. Determination of hardness in water	
	8. Standardization of EDTA	
<i>III. Precipitation</i>	9. Determination of chloride	
	10. Standardization of silver nitrate	
<i>IV. Redox</i>	11. Standardization of potassium permanganate	
	12. Determination of hydrogen peroxide	

Can you remember any titrations that you or your classmates may have carried out in the laboratory and which are not listed above?

Me	Std. 1	Std. 2

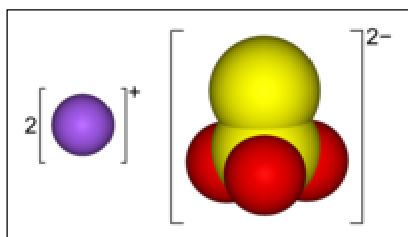
In the Iodometric Titration of Copper the titrant is sodium thiosulphate. Sodium thiosulphate is not a primary standard and it is necessary to standardise it before performing the Iodometric Titration of Copper.

If you have no information about the standardization (*) of sodium thiosulphate you should search for information and then do this task.

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(*) standardization or standardisation

Some information about Sodium thiosulfate



General **Systematic name**: Sodium thiosulfate
(Sodium thiosulphate)

Other names: Sodium hyposulfite
Hyposulphite of soda

Molecular formula $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$

Appearance White crystals

Source : <http://en.wikipedia.org>

Task 3: CHECKING THIOSULFATE STANDARDISED PROCEDURE

Decide if these statements are true or false. Write down your answer in the table below.

Standardisation of Sodium Thiosulfate

Titration performed	Me	Std. 1	Std. 2	Key
1. The sodium thiosulfate is a standard solution, because it isn't hygroscopic.	<i>F</i>			<i>F</i>
2. The sodium thiosulfate isn't a standard solution, we need to boil the water in order to destroy micro-organisms which metabolize the thiosulfate ion.				
3. A small amount of sodium carbonate is added to the thiosulfate solution.				
4. The thiosulfate solution was standardized with potassium iodide.				
5. The thiosulfate solution was standardized with potassium iodate.				
6. No indicator is needed because of the colour of the iodine.				
7. An indicator is needed; in that case we used starch that forms a blue colour with iodine.				
8. It's necessary to do the titration slowly; it should take an hour to generate iodine.				
9. The value of the molecular weight of the thiosulfate is twice its equivalent weight.				
10. The value of the molecular weight of the thiosulfate is the same of its equivalent weight.				

Task 4. PLAN YOUR STUDY

After having performed task 1, 2 and 3 and compare your answers with your partners, now it is time to plan the tips that you need to revise.

Keep a record of:

What have I learned?

1) Types of titration

2) Examples of each type of titration

3) Needed for standardization of sodium thiosulfate

4) Characteristics of standardization of sodium thiosulfate

What do I need to revise?

You may want to read or consult your course book or class notes.
You could also consult the bibliography.

Plan your study.

In **task 1** we reviewed the four types of titration: a) acid-base, b) complexometric, c) precipitation and d) redox.

In **task 2** for each type of titration we reviewed the most commonly titrations conducted in laboratories.

Some of the commonest acid-base titrations are Standardization of hydrochloric acid, Standardization of sodium hydroxide, Standardization of ammonia, Standardization of sulphuric acid Determination of acetic acid in vinegar, Determination of ammonia

Some of the commonest complexometric titrations are Standardization of EDTA and Determination of hardness in water.

Some of the commonest precipitation titrations are Standardization of silver nitrate and Determination of chloride.

Some of the commonest redox titrations are Standardization of potassium permanganate and Determination of hydrogen peroxide

In task 3 we revised the needed and some characteristics of Standardization of sodium thiosulfate.

Key:

Task 1. Acid-base, complexometric, precipitation and redox

Task 3. 1 F, 2T, 3T, 4 F, 5T, 6 F, 7 T, 8 F, 9 F, 10 T

Fact File 1: Introduction to iodometric and iodimetric titrations

Titrations	Examples
Acid-base	<i>Quantification of acetic acid in vinegar</i>
Complexometric	
Precipitation	
Redox	

Activity 5

1. Work in groups of three.
2. Complete the table with an example for each type of titration.
3. You have 1 minute.
4. Now, check your answer with another group. If there are new examples complete the table.

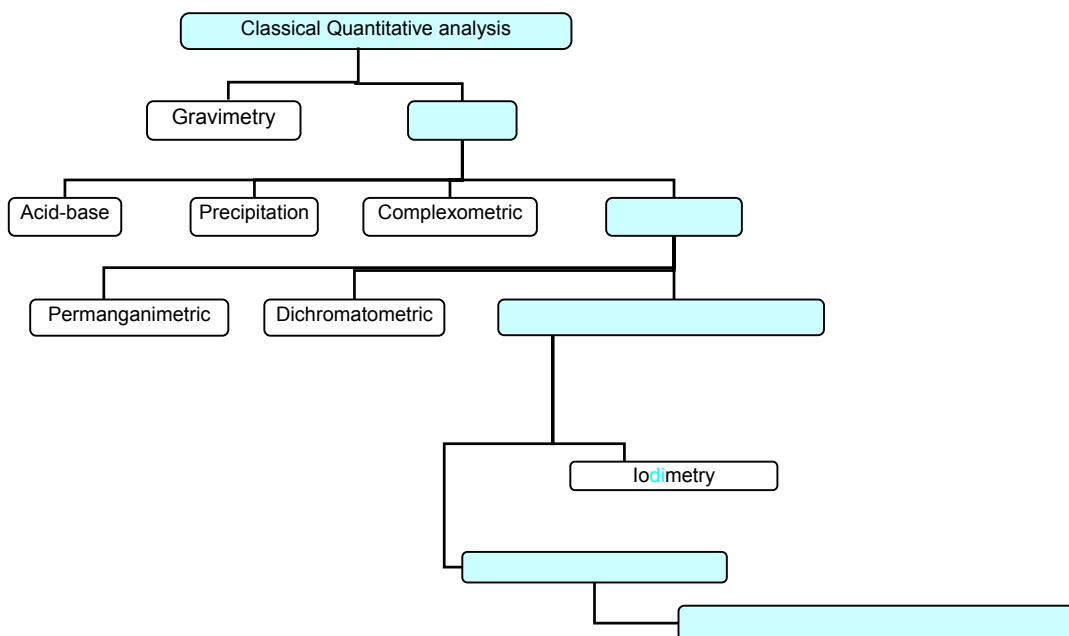
Worksheet 2a: Recalling the Basic Information from the Fact File 1

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Now that you have listened to the lecture, check what you have learned.
2. In pairs, do the 5 activities below.
3. You have just 5'
4. When you finish check your answer with the class.

Task 1. CLASSIFICATION OF IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER

Complete the flow chart.



Task 2. TYPES OF REDOX TITRATIONS

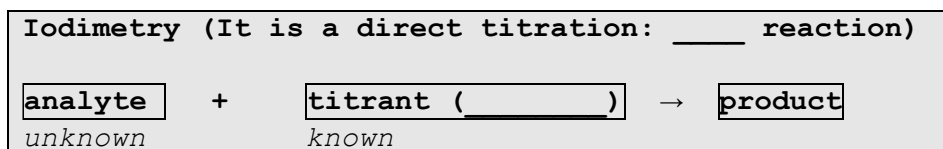
There are a lot of **redox titrations** classified according to the **titrant** used. Complete with the correct information.

- Permanganimetric: Titrant _____
- Dichromatometric: Titrant _____
- Titrations involving _____ (I_2)

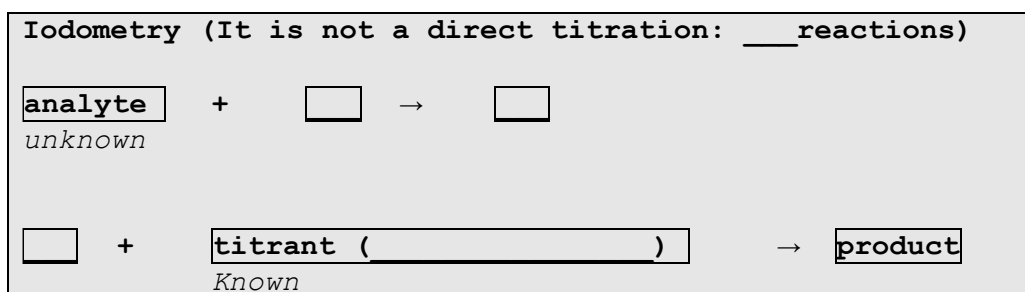
Titrations that create or consume _____ are widely used in quantitative analysis.

Task 3. IODIMETRY

Complete the information missing in the box.

**Task 4. IODOMETRY**

Complete the information missing in the box.

**Task 5. IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER**

Complete the information about the Iodometric titration of copper; the procedure that we are going to perform in the laboratory.

Iodometric titration of copper:

Titration type: _____

Sample: _____

Analyte: _____

Titrant: _____

Worksheet 2b: Evaluation Quiz on Iodometric and Iodimetric titrations

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This quiz will check what you know about Iodometric and Iodimetric titrations.
2. Do the Quiz individually, in pairs or in small groups.
3. For each statement say whether you think it is true or false.
4. You have just 5'.
5. Self-correct your answers and compare your score with your partner/other group.
6. Help your partner in the statements that he/she has wrong.

QUIZ

1. Iodometric titration of copper is a redox titration.
 True False
2. In iodimetry, the titrant solution is iodine (I_2).
 True False
3. Iodometric titration is a direct titration.
 True False
4. In iodometry, the titrant solution is sodium thiosulfate.
 True False
5. Two main reactions are involved in iodometry process.
 True False
6. The redox titrations involving iodine are widely used.
 True False
7. The sample: copper wire is not solid.
 True False
8. The indicator used is phenolphthalein.
 True False
9. Iodometric titrations are a type of complexometric titrations.
 True False
10. In iodometric titrations the analyte is an oxidizing agent.
 True False

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Average
Your score											
Your partner/group											
Statements that both disagree											

Are you happy with your score? _____

Key: 1T, 2T,3F,4T,5T,6T,7F,8 F,9 F, 10 T

Worksheet 3a: Lead-in tasks. The Iodometric Titration of Copper

INTRODUCTION

In the Input Source 1: **The Iodometric Titration of Copper**, you will find the following information:

- a. Differences between Iodometric and Iodimetric titrations.
- b. The Standard solution used in an Iodometric titration.
- c. The basic reaction in Iodometric Titrations.
- d. Reactions involved in the Iodometric Titration of Copper.
- e. The necessity of an indicator during the process.
- f. Problems observed and how to solve them.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. In pairs or groups of three do the three pre-reading tasks.
2. Read the Input Source 1.
3. After reading the Input Source 1 self-correct pre-reading tasks.
4. Then, think about what you have learned.

Task 1. PRE-READING COMPREHENSION I

In a scale of 1-5 (1 not important at all to 5 extremely important) examine the following statements) and give your score for each one.

You will self-correct your answers after reading the Input Source 1.

1. Before carrying out an experiment in the laboratory it's very important to know what the reactions involved in the experiment are.

1 2 3 4 5

2. The reactions give us information about the evolution of the experiment.

1 2 3 4 5

3. Each experiment has its own particular features, and it's very important to know all of them and the problems that we can observe in the process.

1 2 3 4 5

4. Also, it's necessary to recognize all the safety precautions we must observe in the handling of the procedure.

1 2 3 4 5

Worksheet 3a. Task 1	1	2	3	4
Your answer before reading				

Task 2. PRE-READING COMPREHENSION II

Test yourself before reading.

Read the questions before reading the Input Source 1. Probably you already know some of the answers.

After reading Input Source 1 self- correct your answers.

Tick the correct answer:

1. Which titrate is used in the iodimetric process?

- a. sodium thiosulphate
b. iodine

2. Which titrate is used in the iodometric process?

- a. sodium thiosulphate
b. iodine

3. Is it necessary to use an indicator in an iodometric titration?

- a. Yes, because the brown colour of iodine disappearing as iodine is consumed.
b. No, because the brown colour of iodine in an aqueous solution is sufficiently intense to serve as an indicator.

4. When should the starch be added?

- a. Starch should be added at the beginning of the titration.
b. Starch should be added after most of the iodine has been consumed.

5. Why is it necessary to add any thiocyanate ion?

- a. There is a problem, the CuI forms a complex with the I_2 , and therefore the I_2 shouldn't be titrated by the thiosulfate. That means that we have reached the end point before the equivalent point, and consequently there is a determinate error.
b. The addition of an thiocyanate ion allows the formation of the complex CuI-I_2 , and so the standard solutions reacts directly with the generated iodine.

Worksheet 3a. Task 2	1	2	3	4	5
Your answer before reading					

Task 3. KEY TERMS THAT YOU KNOW

Work in pairs.

You have 2 minutes to complete the grid below.

Translate each word into your own language. One example has been given.

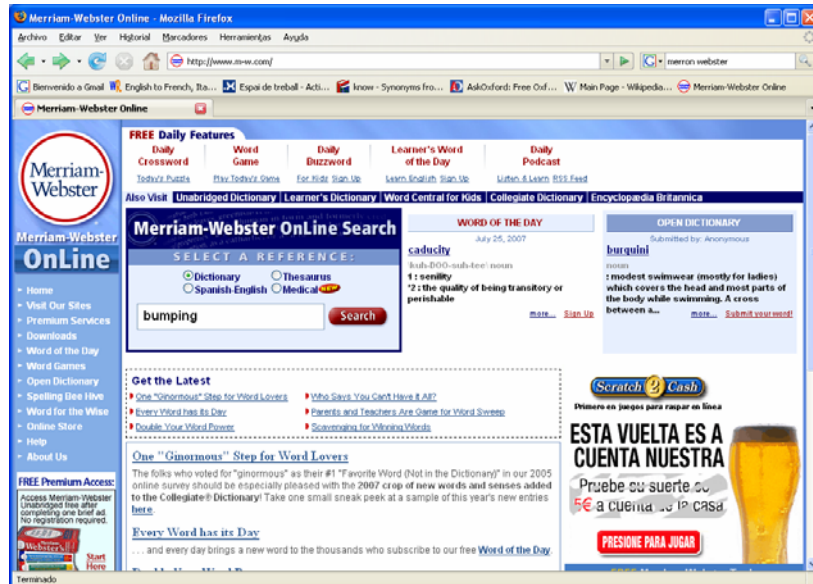
Compare your answer with other pairs and complete the grid.

If there are some key terms that you have not translated, you should look up the definition in the Merriam-Webster on-line: <http://www.m-w.com> and then, complete the grid.

English word	Translation		
	Me and my partner	Other group	After reading the key
1. starch	midó		
2. accurate			
3. to serve			
4. to interfere			
5. traces			
6. sluggish			
7. minor			
8. weak			
9. to slow down			
10. to replace			
11. to release			

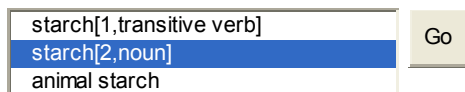
Worksheet 3a: key Terms

Results of the search on Merriam-Webster: <http://www.m-w.com/>



1. starch

3 entries found for starch.
To select an entry, click on it.



Main Entry: ²starch

Function: *noun*

1 : a white odorless tasteless granular or powdery complex carbohydrate (C₆H₁₀O₅)_x that is the chief storage form of carbohydrate in plants, is an important foodstuff, and is used also in adhesives and sizes, in laundering, and in pharmacy and medicine

2 : a stiff formal manner : [FORMALITY](#)

3 : resolute vigor

2. accurate

One entry found for accurate.

Main Entry: ac·cu·rate

Pronunciation: 'a-ky&-r&t, 'a-k(&-)r&t

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Latin *accuratus*, from past participle of *accurare* to take care of, from *ad-* + *cura* care

1 : free from error especially as the result of care <an *accurate* diagnosis>

2 : conforming exactly to truth or to a standard : [EXACT](#) <providing *accurate* color>

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3 : able to give an accurate result <an *accurate* gauge>

synonym see [CORRECT](#)

- ac-cu-rate-ly /'a-ky&-r&t-IE, 'a-k(&-)r&t-, 'a-k(y)&rt-/ *adverb*

- ac-cu-rate-ness /-ky&-r&t-n&s, -k(&-)r&t-n&s/ *noun*

3. to serve

Main Entry: ¹serve 

Pronunciation: 's&rv

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): served; serv-ing

Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French *servir*, from Latin *servire* to be a slave, serve, from *servus* slave, servant

intransitive verb

1 a : to be a [servant](#) b : to do military or naval [service](#)

2 : to assist a celebrant as [server](#) at mass

3 a : to be of use <in a day when few people could write, seals *served* as signatures -- Elizabeth W. King> b : to be favorable, opportune, or convenient c : to be worthy of reliance or trust <if memory *serves*> d : to hold an office : discharge a duty or function <*serve* on a jury>

4 : to prove adequate or satisfactory : [SUFFICE](#) <it will *serve* for this task>

5 : to help persons to food: as a : to wait at table b : to set out portions of food or drink

6 : to wait on customers

7 : to put the ball or shuttlecock in play in various games (as tennis, volleyball, or badminton)

transitive verb

1 a : to be a [servant](#) to : [ATTEND](#) b : to give the [service](#) and respect due to (a superior) c : to comply with the commands or demands of : [GRATIFY](#) d : to give military or naval [service](#) to e : to perform the duties of (an office or post)

2 : to act as [server](#) at (mass)

3 *archaic* : to pay a lover's or suitor's court to (a lady) <that gentle lady, whom I love and *serve* -- Edmund Spenser>

4 a : to work through (a term of [service](#)) b : to put in (a term of imprisonment)

5 a : to wait on at table b : to bring (food) to a diner c : [PRESENT](#), [PROVIDE](#) -- usually used with *up* <the novel *served* up many laughs>

6 a : to furnish or supply with something needed or desired b : to wait on (a customer) in a store c : to furnish professional [service](#) to

7 a : to answer the needs of b : to be enough for : [SUFFICE](#) c : to contribute or conduce to : [PROMOTE](#)

8 : to treat or act toward in a specified way <he *served* me ill>

9 a : to bring to notice, deliver, or execute as required by law b : to make legal [service](#) upon (a person named in a process)

10 *of a male animal* : to copulate with


11 : to wind yarn or wire tightly around (a rope or stay) for protection

12 : to provide [services](#) that benefit or help

13 : to put (the ball or shuttlecock) in play (as in tennis or badminton)

- serve one right : to be deserved

4. to interfere

Main Entry: in-ter-fere 

Pronunciation: 'in-t&(r)-'fir

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Function: *intransitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): -fered; -fer-ing

Etymology: Middle English *enterferen*, from Anglo-French (*s'*)*entreferir* to strike one another, from *entre-* inter- + *ferir* to strike, from Latin *ferire* -- more at [BORE](#)

1 : to [interpose](#) in a way that hinders or impedes : come into collision or be in opposition

2 : to strike one foot against the opposite foot or ankle in walking or running -- used especially of horses

3 : to enter into or take a part in the concerns of others

4 : to act reciprocally so as to augment, diminish, or otherwise affect one another -- used of waves

synonym see [INTERPOSE](#)

- in·ter·fer·er *noun*

5. traces

Main Entry: ¹trace 

Pronunciation: 'trAs

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French, from *tracer* to trace

1 *archaic* : a course or path that one follows

2 a : a mark or line left by something that has passed; *also* : [FOOTPRINT](#) b : a path, trail, or road made by the passage of animals, people, or vehicles

3 a : a sign or evidence of some past thing : [VESTIGE](#) b : [ENGRAM](#)

4 : something (as a line) [traced](#) or drawn: as a : the marking made by a recording instrument (as a seismograph or kymograph) b : the ground plan of a military installation or position either on a map or on the ground


5 a : the intersection of a line or plane with a plane b : the usually bright line or spot that moves across the screen of a cathode-ray tube; *also* : the path taken by such a line or spot

6 a : a minute and often barely detectable amount or indication <a *trace* of a smile> b : an amount of a chemical constituent not always quantitatively determinable because of minuteness

- trace-less  /-l&s/ *adjective*

synonyms [TRACE](#), [VESTIGE](#), [TRACK](#) mean a perceptible sign made by something that has passed. [TRACE](#) may suggest any line, mark, or discernible effect <a snowfield pockmarked with the *traces* of caribou>. [VESTIGE](#) applies to a tangible reminder such as a fragment or remnant of what is past and gone <boulders that are *vestiges* of the last ice age>. [TRACK](#) implies a continuous line that can be followed <the fossilized *tracks* of dinosaurs>

6. sluggish

Main Entry: slug-gish 

Pronunciation: 'sl&-gish

Function: *adjective*


1 : averse to activity or exertion : [INDOLENT](#); *also* : [TORPID](#)

2 : slow to respond (as to stimulation or treatment)

3 a : markedly slow in movement, flow, or growth b : economically inactive or slow

- slug-gish-ly *adverb*
- slug-gish-ness *noun*

7. minor

Main Entry: ¹mi-nor 

Pronunciation: 'ml-n&r

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Latin, smaller, inferior; akin to Old High German *minniro* smaller, Latin *minuere* to lessen

1 : inferior in importance, size, or degree : comparatively unimportant

2 : not having reached majority

3 a : having half steps between the second and third, the fifth and sixth, and sometimes the seventh and eighth degrees <minor scale> b : based on a minor scale <minor key>

c : less by a semitone than the corresponding major interval <minor third> d : having a minor third above the root <minor triad>

4 : not serious or involving risk to life <minor illness>

5 : of or relating to an academic subject requiring fewer courses than a major

8. weak

Main Entry: weak 

Pronunciation: 'wEk

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *weike*, from Old Norse *veikr*; akin to Old English *wlcan* to yield, Greek *eikein* to give way, Sanskrit *vijate* he speeds, flees

1 : lacking strength: as a : deficient in physical vigor : [FEEBLE](#), [DEBILITATED](#) b : not able to sustain or exert much weight, pressure, or strain c : not able to resist external force or withstand attack d : easily upset or nauseated <a weak stomach>

2 a : mentally or intellectually deficient b : not firmly decided : [VACILLATING](#) c : resulting from or indicating lack of judgment or discernment d : not able to withstand temptation or persuasion <the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak>

3 : not factually grounded or logically presented <a weak argument>

4 a : not able to function properly <weak eyes> b (1) : lacking skill or proficiency <tutoring for weaker students> (2) : indicative of a lack of skill or aptitude <history was my weakest subject> c : wanting in vigor of expression or effect <a weak translation of the poem>

5 a : deficient in the usual or required ingredients : [DILUTE](#) <weak coffee> b : lacking normal intensity or potency <a weak radio signal> <a weak strain of virus>

6 a : not having or exerting authority or political power <weak government> b :

[INEFFECTIVE](#), [IMPOTENT](#)

7 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb or verb conjugation that in English forms the past tense and past participle by adding the suffix *-ed* or *-d* or *-t*

8 a : bearing the minimal degree of stress occurring in the language <a weak syllable>

b : having little or no stress and obscured vowel sound <'d in *he'd* is the weak form of *would*>

9 : tending toward a lower price or value <a weak market> <a weak dollar>

10 : ionizing only slightly in solution <weak acids and bases>

- weak-ly *adverb*

synonyms [WEAK](#), [FEEBLE](#), [FRAIL](#), [FRAGILE](#), [INFIRM](#), [DECREPIT](#) mean not strong enough to endure strain, pressure, or strenuous effort. [WEAK](#) applies to deficiency or inferiority in strength or power of any sort <felt weak after the surgery>. [FEEBLE](#) suggests extreme weakness inviting pity or contempt <a feeble attempt to walk>.

[FRAIL](#) implies delicacy and slowness of constitution or structure <a frail teenager>

unable to enjoy sports>. **FRAGILE** suggests frailty and brittleness unable to resist rough usage <a reclusive poet too *fragile* for the rigors of this world>. **INFIRM** suggests instability, unsoundness, and insecurity due to old age or crippling illness <*infirm* residents requiring constant care>. **DECREPIT** implies being worn-out or broken-down from long use or old age <the dowager's *decrepit* retainers>.

9. to slow down

Main Entry: ³slow


Function: *verb*

transitive verb : to make slow or slower : slacken the speed of <*slow* a car> -- often used with *down* or *up*

intransitive verb : to go or become slower <production of new cars *slowed* sharply>

synonym see **DELAY**

10. to replace

Main Entry: re·place 


Pronunciation: ri-'plAs

Function: *transitive verb*

1 : to restore to a former place or position <*replace* cards in a file>


2 : to take the place of especially as a substitute or successor

3 : to put something new in the place of <*replace* a worn carpet>

- re·place·able  /-'plA-s&-b&l/ *adjective*

- re·plac·er *noun*

11. to release

Main Entry: ¹re·lease 

Pronunciation: ri-'lIEs

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): re·leased; re·leas·ing

Etymology: Middle English *relesen*, from Anglo-French *relesser*, from Latin *relaxare* to relax

transitive verb

1 : to set free from restraint, confinement, or servitude <*release* hostages> <*release* pent-up emotions> <*release* the brakes>; *also* : to let go : **DISMISS** <*released* from her job>

2 : to relieve from something that confines, burdens, or oppresses <was *released* from her promise>

3 : to give up in favor of another : **RELINQUISH** <*release* a claim to property>

4 : to give permission for publication, performance, exhibition, or sale of; *also* : to make available to the public <the commission *released* its findings> <*release* a new movie>

intransitive verb : to move from one's normal position (as in football or basketball) in order to assume another position or to perform a second assignment

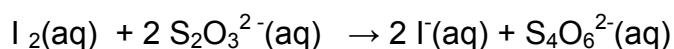
synonym see **FREE**

- re·leas·able  /-'lIE-s&-b&l/ *adjective*

Input Source 1: The Iodometric Titration of Copper

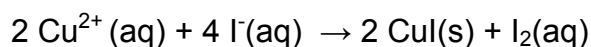
THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER

The **titration** of **iodine** against sodium thiosulfate, using **starch** as the indicator of colour change, is one of the most accurate volumetric **redox** processes. The descriptive term for the **titration** procedure depends on which reagent is used as the **titrant**. If **iodine**, I_2 , is used as the **titrant**, then the process is termed an **iodimetric** process. If on the other hand **thiosulfate**, $S_2O_3^{2-}$, is used as the **titrant**, then this type of **titration** is termed an **iodometric** process, and the **iodometric** titration of copper is the procedure used in this analysis described here. In either **iodimetric** and **iodometric** process, the principal reaction is the **oxidation** of **thiosulfate** by **iodine** to produce **iodide** ion, I^- , and the **tetrathionate** ion, $S_4O_6^{2-}$. This process is showed in the following reaction:

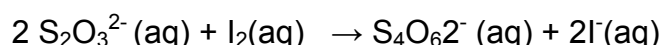


The brown colour of molecular iodine in an aqueous solution is sufficiently intense to serve as an **indicator** of colour change, because the brown colour will begin disappearing at the same time as I_2 is consumed, but this colour change is possible only if there are no other coloured substances present to interfere. Usually though, an **indicator** is preferred, and **starch** is commonly used for this purpose. "Soluble" **starch** forms an intensely blue-coloured complex with molecular **iodine**. Even traces of **iodine** produce a visible colour, making an **indicator** blank unnecessary. The blue colour of the complex disappears if the solution is heated, but returns again with cooling. When **iodine** is titrated with **thiosulfate** (an **iodometric titration**), **starch** should be added only after most of the **iodine** has been consumed; otherwise, the disappearance of the blue colour at the end point is sluggish. **Sodium thiosulfate** solutions are standardized using pure copper as a primary standard. The **metallic copper** is first **oxidized** with nitric acid to **copper(II) ion**, Cu^{2+} , which is **reduced** by reaction with **iodide** ion to **copper(I)**, Cu^+ , which precipitates as white or cream-colored **copper(I) iodide**, CuI . The

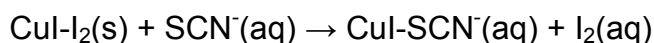
reduction of copper (II) to copper(I) oxidizes iodide ion to molecular iodine, I₂.



The molecular **iodine** which forms is then **titrated** with **sodium thiosulfate** in the presence of the **CuI** precipitate.



One minor problem with this particular **iodometric** titration is that **copper (I) iodide** forms a weak complex with molecular iodine which slows down its reaction with **thiosulfate**. As a consequence of this, once the **starch indicator** has turned from blue to colorless, the blue color returns after a few seconds as I₂ is slowly released into the solution by the **CuI-I₂ complex**. This "after-bluing" can be avoided by adding some **potassium thiocyanate**, KSCN, just before the end point is reached. The **thiocyanate** ion, SCN⁻, **replaces** the complexed I₂ from CuI-I₂, releasing the I₂ to solution where its reaction with **thiosulfate** is rapid.



Adapted from: <http://www.wku.edu/~charles.henrickson/chem330.htm>

Worksheet 3b: Checking comprehension tasks. The Iodometric Titration of Copper

KEY STUDY HELP OF THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER PROCEDURE

- 1) **Iodine** is the titrate (standard solution) used in **iodimetric** titration.
- 2) **Sodium thiosulfate** is the titrate (standard solution) used in **iodometric** titration.
- 3) **It is necessary to use an indicator** in iodometric titrations because the brown colour of iodine disappearing as iodine is consumed.
- 4) **Starch should be added after most of the iodine has been consumed.** Otherwise, the disappearance of the blue colour at the end point is sluggish.
- 5) There is a problem, the **CuI forms a complex with the I₂**, and therefore the I₂ shouldn't be titrated by the thiosulfate. That means that we have reached the end point before the equivalent point, and consequently there is a determinate error. **The addition of the thiocyanate liberate the I₂ in the complex CuI-I₂**, and a new complex is formed **CuI-SCN**.

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Task. CORRECTION OF THE PRE-READING TASKS

1. Check with your partner your answers to the tasks 1 and 2, Worksheet 3a.
2. Do you want to change any answer in task 1 and 2 Worksheet 3a?
3. Then, check your answers with the key.

Worksheet 3a. Task 1

	1	2	3	4
Your answer before reading				
Your answer after reading				
Disagreement (check your answer with the key)				

Worksheet 3a. Task 2

	1	2	3	4	5
Your answer before reading					
Your answer after reading					
Disagreement (check your answer with the key)					

After checking your answers with the key, now complete this grid:

What have I learnt in task 1?

- 1) About the importance of knowing the reactions involved in an experiment.
- 2) The information that the reactions give us of an experiment.
- 3) The importance of knowing the features and problems of an experiment.
- 4) The importance of knowing the safety precautions of an experiment.

What have I learnt in task 2?

- 1) Titrants used in Iodometric and Iodimetric processes.
- 2) Indicator used in Iodometric and Iodimetric processes.
- 3) When the indicator should be added.
- 4) The necessity of adding thiocyanate ion.

Key Worksheet 3a: Task 1: 1.5; 2.5; 3.5; 4.5 Task 2: 1.b; 2.a; 3.a; 4.b; 5.a

Input Source 2: Copper in our daily live

Copper in our lives

The wires that deliver electricity for power and most that carry telephone messages are made of copper. So are the wires in electric motors and generators, and the circuits in radios, television sets, computers, and other electronic devices.

The major use of copper is as an electrical conductor. About 50% of the current demand is for electrical uses. Copper has a very high electrical conductivity per unit volume.

Ag vs Cu

Silver has more electrical conductivity than copper (see Figure 1), but copper is cheaper than silver.

Copper's properties

Copper has a high electrical conductivity; a high thermal conductivity; is easy to draw into wires (ductility); a low corrosion; a low toxicity to humans and a low price. These characteristics support the broad use of copper.

Metal	Relative electrical conductivity (20 °C) 100% IACS*
Silver	106
COPPER	100
Gold	72
Aluminum	62
Magnesium	39
Zinc	29
Nickel	25
Cadmium	23
Cobalt	18
Iron	17
Platinum	16
Tin	15
Lead	8

Figure 1.- Conductivities of some metals

Source: <http://www.coppercanada.ca>

(*) Referred to as 100 %IACS, or International Annealed Copper Standard. The unit for expressing the conductivity of nonmagnetic materials by testing, using the eddy-current method.

The effect of the impurities in the electrical conductivity

We have said that copper has a high electrical conductivity; this is while copper is pure (100%). But when copper has impurities (other metals such as: Ni, As, Ag, Fe, Bi, Pb) the **electrical conductivity** decreases. So it is very important to produce copper with a high purity. This copper with high purity is electrolytic copper. Electrolytic copper has 99.9% purity; meaning that it only has 0.1 % of impurities.

Quality control

The process for obtaining electrolyte copper is called electrolytic deposition. It is necessary to control the purity of the electrolytic copper obtained in the process. The Quality Control Department of the industry performs the necessary analysis in the electrolytic copper. Only electrolytic copper with at least 99.9% purity is accepted.

Analytical methods in order to quantify Cu

There are several analytical methods to determine the purity of copper. One of them is the **iodometric titration of copper**. Titrations are classical quantitative analysis. Titrations are a well-known process which has been performed since 1800. Titrations are inexpensive and fast. For these reasons titrations are widely used in industry.

Iodometric Cu titrations uses

Industry, which produces electrolytic copper, uses **iodometric copper titrations** in order to control the process and the final product. Atomic absorption (spectrometric method) is also used.

In this lesson we are going to check the **purity of a copper wire**, which should be at least 99.9%. At the end of the procedure you should decide, if the copper wire would be suitable for electrical uses.

Other **iodometric titrations** are used to determine: Br_2 ; H_2O_2 ; O_2 ; O_3 ; NO_2^- ; MnO_4^- ... in different samples such as: medicines, foods, detergents, water, wine ...

Metal	Price (22 May 07) / US\$/lb (1 lb=0.454 Kg)
Copper	3.5138
Nickel	24.3231
Aluminum	1.2850
Zinc	1.6996
Lead	0.9888
Uranium	120

Figure 2.- Native copper

Here you have some metal prices. Source: <http://www.kitcometals.com/>



Figure 3.- Native copper.

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Worksheet 4b: Checking Comprehension about Copper in our daily live

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Work in pairs.
2. Do the 3 tasks.
3. You need to check your answers on Worksheet 4a.

Task 1. CHECKING ANSWERS OF PRICE OF METALS

Worksheet 4a. Task 1.	1	2	3	4	5
Your answer before reading					
Your answer after reading					
Disagreement (check your answer with the key)					

With your partner answer these questions:

1. How many have you guessed? Me: _____ and my partner: _____

2. What information about the prices of metals surprised you and your partner most?

Me: _____

My partner: _____

Task 2. CHECKING ANSWERS ON GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT METALS

Worksheet 4a. Task 2.	1	2	3	4	5
Your answer before reading					
Your answer after reading					
Disagreement (check your answer with the key)					

Rewrite the statements that are false.

1. The purer the metal the better the electrical conductivity.

2. The metal with the highest electrical conductivity is copper.

3. It's very difficult to obtain copper of a high purity.

4. The major use of copper is as an electrical conductor.

5. It's easy to obtain wires from copper.

Discuss with your partner. What information about copper surprised you most? Write it down in the box below.

Task 3. TIPS ABOUT COPPER ANALYSIS

Discuss with a partner or in small group the following questions:

1. Is there more than one method to quantify copper? If so, which one?

2. Why do you need to quantify copper in a copper wire? Give two reasons:



Copper wire



Copper alembic

Source: <http://www.tuthilltown.com>

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Key : **Task 1:** Pb, Al, Zn, Cu, Ni and U. **Task 2:** 1. T; 2.F; 3.F; 4.T; 5.T **Task 3:** 2.The metal with the highest electrical conductivity is silver; 3. It is not very difficult to obtain copper of a high purity. **Task 5:** 1. Yes, For instance atomic absorption. 2. As a quality control during the process of obtaining electrolytic copper and as final product.

Fact File 2: The Procedure for the Iodometric Titration of Copper

FACT FILE 2:
THE PROCEDURE
FOR THE IODOMETRIC
TITRATION OF COPPER

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Decide if these statements are true or false:

Statements	Me	My partner	Key
1. The titration that we are going to carry out in the laboratory is a Iodimetric one.			
2. Copper is the analyte.			
3. In this presentation we are going to see the main steps of the procedure.			

Fact File 2: The Procedure for the Iodometric Titration of Copper

- **Type of chemical analytical analysis:** _____
- **Type of titration:** _____
- **Analyte:** _____
- **Standard solution:** _____
- **Indicator:** _____

Complete the missing information on the slide.

Fact File 2: The Procedure for the Iodometric Titration of Copper

- **Type of chemical analytical analysis:** Titration
- **Type of titration:** Redox
- **Analyte:** Copper
- **Standard solution:** Sodium thiosulfate ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$) 0.1M
- **Indicator:** Starch

1. Did you get all the answers right?
2. Do you need extra help?

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Steps of the procedure:

Step 1. Weigh the samples
 Step 2. Dissolve of the samples
 Step 3. Pre-treat of the samples
 (addition of reactivs in order to prepare the sample for the titration)
 Step 4. Titrate


(see Input Source 3: Flow-chart of the Procedure)


Keep a record of the main actions.


Fact File 2: The Procedure for the Iodometric Titration of Copper

STEP 1

Weigh 3 samples
 ≈ 0.500 –0.6000 g


 sample 1


 sample 2


 sample 3

Make a list of the main actions of the Step 1.

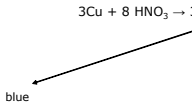
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STEP 2

- o **Add 10 ml concentrated HNO₃** and heat.
- o Nitric acid is an oxidizing agent.
- o The reaction:

$$3\text{Cu} + 8 \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{Cu}^{2+} + 6\text{NO}_3^- + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

blue





Nitrogen dioxide
<http://en.wikipedia.org>

Answer these questions:

a) Which species has blue colour in this step?

b) Which species has brown colour?

c) Make a list of the main actions of Step 2.

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STEP 3


- **Add** 8-9 ml H_2SO_4 and **heat**: white fumes of sulphur trioxide appear.
- This eliminates HNO_3 .
- HNO_3 might later oxidize Iodide (I^-) into Iodine (I_2).

Answer this question: Why is it necessary to add sulphuric acid?

Fact File 2: The Procedure for the Iodometric Titration of Copper

STEP 3

- **Cool**.
- **Add** drops of 6 M NH_4OH .
- Deep blue colour complex: tetraamminecopper (II)

$$Cu^{2+} + 4 NH_4^+ \rightarrow [Cu(NH_4)_4]^{2+}$$


- Avoid an excess.
- **Add** CH_3COOH : Eliminates any precipitate.

Source picture: [http://www.ck12.org/wiki/Copper\(II\)_Sulfate](http://www.ck12.org/wiki/Copper(II)_Sulfate)

Answer these questions:

- Which species has deep blue colour in this step?
- Why is it necessary to add acetic acid?
- Make a list of the main actions of Step 3.

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STEP 4

- **IODOMETRIC TITRATION:**
- **First reaction:**

$$2 Cu^{2+} (aq) + 4 I^- (aq) \rightarrow 2 CuI(s) + I_2(aq)$$

\downarrow \swarrow
 $[Cu(NH_4)_4]^{2+}$ **Add 2.5 g KI**

Why is it necessary to add potassium iodide?

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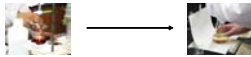
STEP 4

- o **Titrate** with the **standard solution**:

$$2 S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) + I_2(aq) \rightarrow S_4O_6^{2-}(aq) + 2I^-(aq)$$

Second reaction

When the brown colour disappears **add** the indicator: **Starch**.



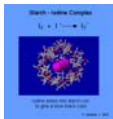

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When will you add the indicator?
At the beginning? Why?

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STEP 4

- o **Add 3 ml starch** indicator.
- o Blue complex **starch-iodine (I₂)**

Source: <http://www.elmhurst.edu/~chem/charbook/58@archonline.html>

Source: <http://www.cpoa.edu/cpoa/department/chemistry/cu.htm>

Which complex forms the blue colour?

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STEP 4

- o When the blue colour almost disappears **add 1-1.5 g KSCN**.

$$CuI \cdot I_2(s) + SCN^-(aq) \rightarrow CuI \cdot SCN^-(aq) + I_2(aq)$$

copper iodide-iodine + **thiocyanate** ion →
copper iodide – thiocyanate + iodine

Do you remember why it is necessary to add potassium thiocyanate?

Worksheet 5a: Flow-chart of the Procedure

Dissolution of the sample

Pre-treatment of the sample

Copper wire

Weigh 3 samples
 $\approx 0.500 - 0.6000$ g



sample 1 sample 2 sample 3

To each flash
add 10 ml
concentrated HNO_3

Heat the hot plate. Until the solution
of the copper wire into a blue solution



To each flash
add 8-9 ml
concentrated H_2SO_4

Evaporate the hot
plate until white fumes
of sulphur trioxide
appear

Cool

Add drops 6M NH_4OH
until the solution turns
a deep blue.
Avoid an excess of
 NH_4OH



Add 3-4 ml
concentrated
 CH_3COOH to dissolve
any precipitate



Add 2.5 g KI

Titrate immediately
with $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.
Stop when the
dissolution turns into a
light yellow colour.



Add 3 ml of starch
indicator. A blue deep
colour appears.



Continue titrating until
the blue colour almost
disappears.
Add 1-1.5 g KSCN.

Add titrant drop by drop
until the blue colour
disappears, turns into
colourless and holds
20-30 seconds.



Calculate the percentage
of copper

Iodometric Titration of Copper

*Flow chart designed
by Lidia Barreiro*

Source of photos:

www.es.fishersci.com

www.crscientific.com

<http://www.csudh.edu/oliver/demos/hh-cubr/hh-cubr.htm>

Worksheet 5a: Recalling the Basic Information from the Fact File 2

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Now that you have listened to the lecture, check what you have learned.
2. In pairs, do the 5 activities below.
3. You have just 5'
4. When you finish check your answers with the class.

Task 1. THE REAGENTS OF THE PROCEDURE

Complete the grid.

Reagent	Name of the compound
a. HNO_3	<i>Nitric acid</i>
b. H_2SO_4	
c. NH_4OH	
d. CH_3COOH	
e. KI	
f. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$	
g. KSCN	

Task 2. REAGENT AND ITS UTILITY IN THE PROCEDURE

Match each reagent with the reason of its use during the procedure.

Reagent	Reason	Reasons :
a. HNO_3		1. To avoid the formation of the complex CuI-I_2 2. To dissolve any precipitate 3. To eliminate nitric acid 4. To act as an indicator 5. To react with the copper and to form I_2 6. To form a complex with the copper 7. To dissolve the sample 8. To react with the I_2
b. H_2SO_4		
c. NH_4OH		
d. CH_3COOH		
e. KI		
f. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$		
g. Starch		
h. KSCN		

Key: Task 1: a. nitric acid; b. sulphuric or sulfuric acid; c. ammonium hydroxide; d. acetic acid; e. potassium iodide; f. sodium thiosulphate or thiosulfate; g. Potassium thiocyanate.

Task 2: a.7; b.3; c.6; d.2; e.5; f.8; g.4; h.1

Input Source 4: Experimental Procedure of Determination of Copper in a Copper Wire

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE OF DETERMINATION OF COPPER IN A COPPER WIRE

1. Weigh accurately three 0.5 to 0.6 g samples of copper wire into separate, labelled, 250 ml flasks. To each flask add 10 ml of concentrated HNO₃ to each. Heat on a hot plate below the boiling point until the wire copper on the bottom of each flask has dissolved. Work under the hood because brown gases of NO₂ are generated during the process. You will observe that the solution turns blue due to the copper (II) ion in solution.
2. Remove from the heat, cool, and carefully deliver about 8 ml of 9 M H₂SO₄ down the side of each flask. Evaporate each solution until white fumes of sulphur trioxide appear. This expels any nitric acid which might later oxidize iodide to iodine.
3. Cool, and then carefully add 6 M aqueous ammonia dropwise to each flask until the deep blue colour of the copper-ammonia complex forms. Avoid an excess of aqueous ammonia. Now, add 3 to 4 ml of glacial acetic acid. Any precipitate that might be present should dissolve with addition of the acid.
4. From this point on, treat each sample individually. Add 2.5 g of potassium iodide to one flask and titrate immediately with 0.1M sodium thiosulfate (previously standardized), until the brown colour of molecular iodine is almost gone. Observe the colour by interrupting the titration and allowing the precipitate of copper (I) iodide to settle partially.
5. Add 3 ml of starch indicator, and continue titrating dropwise until the blue colour of the starch-iodine complex just disappears with the addition of one drop of one titrant. Then add 1 to 1.5 g of potassium thiocyanate, and titrate dropwise until the blue colour disappears and holds for 20 to 30 seconds.
6. Calculate the percent of copper in the copper wire.

Adapted from: <http://www.wku.edu/~charles.henrickson/chem330.htm>
(Material from the Western Kentucky University)

Worksheet 5b: The Procedure. Searching for Chemical Information

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Input Source 4 ***Experimental Procedure of the Determination of Copper in a Copper wire.***
2. If necessary, look up in the dictionary the words that you do not understand. You may work in the table attached to the text.
3. There is a Flow Chart of this experimental procedure in Worksheet 5a.
4. Attached to the text there are 5 columns. In pairs or small groups fill in each column the following information: (1) **Reagents**, (2) **Laboratory equipment**, (3) **Operations**, (4) **Colours** and (5) **Safety tips**.

(1) **Reagents:** Write down the formula of the reagent and their required concentration in the procedure *e.g.: concentrated nitric acid*

(2) **Laboratory equipment:** Write down the name of the pieces of laboratory equipment *e.g.: flasks*

(3) **Operations:** Write down all the operations -actions- that you need to perform in the laboratory according to the procedure *e.g.: to weigh*

(4) **Colours:** Substances, solutions and their colours *e.g.: blue (copper (II) ion solution)*

(5) **Safety tips:** Safety equipment required *e.g.: goggles*

Note: Remember that you should consult the safety sheets of the reagents

Experimental Procedure of Determination of Copper in a Copper wire	<i>Reagents (1)</i>	<i>Laboratory equipment (2)</i>	<i>Operations (3)</i>	<i>Colours (4)</i>	<i>Safety Tips (5)</i>
<p>1. Weigh accurately three 0.5 to 0.6 g samples of copper wire into separate, labelled, 250 ml flasks. To each flask add 10 ml of concentrated HNO₃ to each. Heat on a hot plate below the boiling point until the wire copper on the bottom of each flask has dissolved. Work under the hood because brown gases of NO₂ are generated during the process. You will observe that the solution turns blue due to the copper (II) ion in solution.</p> <p>2. Remove from the heat, cool, and carefully deliver about 8 ml of 9 M H₂SO₄ down the side of each flask. Evaporate each solution until white fumes of sulphur trioxide appear. This expels any nitric acid which might later oxidize iodide to iodine.</p> <p>3. Cool, and then carefully add 6 M aqueous ammonia dropwise to each flask until the deep blue colour of the copper-ammonia complex forms. Avoid an excess of aqueous ammonia. Now, add 3 to 4 ml of glacial acetic acid. Any precipitate that might be present should dissolve with addition of the acid.</p> <p>4. From this point on, treat each sample individually. Add 2.5 g of potassium iodide to one flask and titrate immediately with 0.1M sodium thiosulfate (previously standardized), until the brown colour of molecular iodine is almost gone. Observe the colour by interrupting the titration and allowing the precipitate of copper (I) iodide to settle partially.</p> <p>5. Add 3 ml of starch indicator, and continue titrating dropwise until the blue colour of the starch-iodine complex just disappears with the addition of one drop of one titrant. Then add 1 to 1.5 g of potassium thiocyanate, and titrate dropwise until the blue colour disappears and holds for 20 to 30 seconds.</p> <p>6. Calculate the percent of copper in the copper wire.</p> <p>Adapted from: http://www.wku.edu/~charles.henrickson/chem330.htm (Material form the Western Kentucky University)</p>	<i>HNO₃ concentrated</i>	<i>Flasks Analytical balance Hot plate</i>	<i>To weigh To label To heat</i>	<i>Brown gases (NO₂) Blue (copper solution)</i>	<i>Gloves Work under hood Rubber bulb Goggles</i>

Worksheet 5c: The Procedure: Reactions

INTRODUCTION

In this worksheet we are going to review all the reactions involved in the Iodometric Titration of Copper.

Remember that there are five reactions involved in the Iodometric Titration of Copper.

Reaction 1: Dissolution of copper wire

Reaction 2: Formation of the complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$

Reaction 3: Reaction between the analyte and the iodine.

Reaction 4: The second reaction of the titration.

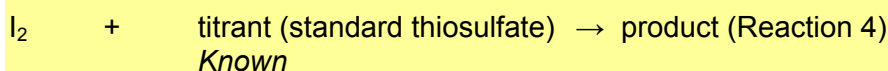
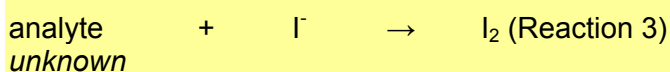
Reaction 5: Addition of thiocyanate ion.

The first reaction is the dissolution of the sample. Remember that titrations must be performed in solution, and in our case the sample is solid, so it is necessary to dissolve the sample of copper wire.

In Reaction 2, we form the blue complex tetraamminecopper (II).

Reaction 3 and reaction 4 are the common reactions in all Iodometric titrations.

Iodometric processes are not direct titrations. Iodometric titrations involve two reactions:



The last reaction, number 5, is specific for the iodometric titration of copper.

We are going to work deeply each of these five reactions.

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INSTRUCTIONS

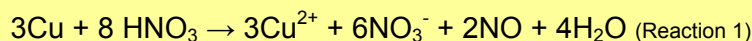
1. Work in pairs or small groups of three.
2. First read the information about the reactions and then do the tasks for each reaction. Read carefully the instructions for each task.
3. You have just 15 minutes for all the tasks.

Reaction 1: DISSOLUTION OF COOPER WIRE

The sample is solid, it is a copper wire. As we know, all the titrations must be performed in solution; therefore the first step is to dissolve the sample.

Nitric acid is a common dissolvent of copper; other options are sulphuric acid and also aqua regia (the mixture is formed by freshly mixing concentrated nitric acid and concentrated hydrochloric acid, usually in a volumetric ratio of one to three respectively).

Nitric acid is a powerful oxidation agent. The reaction between the copper and the nitric acid is:



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Task 1: CHECKING REDOX CONCEPTS

1. Work on your own.
2. Tick the correct statement.
3. Check your answer with the key and compare your score with your partners.

1. What is losing electrons in reaction 1?	a. <input type="checkbox"/> The copper
	b. <input type="checkbox"/> The nitrate
2. What is gaining electrons in reaction 1?	a. <input type="checkbox"/> The copper
	b. <input type="checkbox"/> The nitrate
3. Complete the definition: An oxidant or oxidising agent...	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> ... takes electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves reduced.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> ... gives electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves reduced.	
4. Complete the definition: A reductant or reducing agent...	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> ... takes electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves oxidised.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> ... gives electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves oxidised.	

Check your answer with the key and compare your score with your partners.

	1	2	3	4	Average
My score					
Std. 1's score					
Std. 2's score					

If your score is less than 4, you must do Worksheet 5d.

Task 2: PREDICTING THE DISSOLUTION OF COPPER WIRE

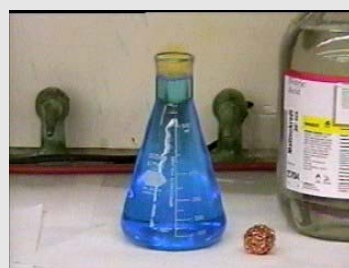
Here you have some pictures of the procedure of the copper wire dissolution with nitric acid. Below each photo write the number of the correct sequence.

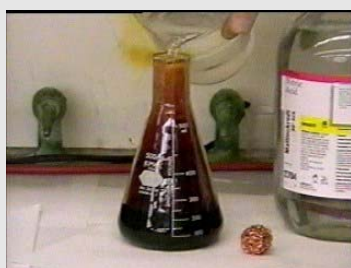








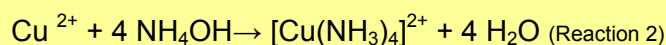




Check your answer after carrying out the dissolution of copper in the laboratory.

Reaction 2: FORMATION OF THE COMPLEX $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$

The addition of aqueous ammonia forms the complex tetraamminecopper (II).



The complex tetraamminecopper (II) has a deep blue colour.

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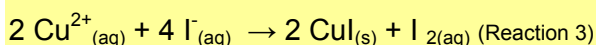
Reaction 3: REACTION BETWEEN THE ANALYTE AND THE IODINE

Some copper is as ion form copper (II) ion, Cu^{2+} , and other as $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$. In the next reaction we consider that all the copper is as copper (II) ion.

In fact, copper (II) ion in aqueous dissolution forms this complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$, but we simply write Cu^{2+} .

So, the copper (II) ion reacts with the iodine (provided by the KI added). The reaction that takes place is:



unknown

This is also a redox reaction. The reduction of copper (II) to copper (I) oxidizes iodide ion to molecular iodine, I_2 . The iodine is titrated with sodium thiosulfate (standard solution), reaction 4.

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Task 3: FIRST REACTION OF THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION

The sentences below help to understand the reaction between the copper and the iodine. Some key words have been removed.

With your partner complete the sentences with the most appropriate word from the box.

reduced Copper(II)	<i>iodine</i>	copper(I) iodide <i>one</i>	<i>iodide</i> Copper (I)	Oxidized <i>two</i>
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1. The reduction of _____ (1) to _____ (2) oxidizes _____ (3) to molecular _____ (4).
2. The copper (II) gains _____ (5) electron. So the copper (II) is _____ (6).
3. The iodide loses _____ (7) electron. So the iodide is _____ (8).
4. Copper (I) precipitates as white or cream-colored _____ (9).

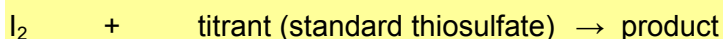
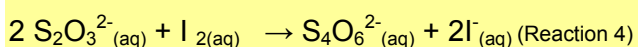
Check your answer with the key.

Number of correct answers: _____

Reaction 4: THE REACTION OF THE TITRATION

In the reaction 3 iodine (I_2) has been generated. This iodine is titrated with the standard solution sodium thiosulfate.

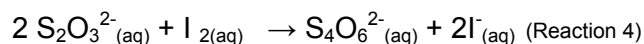
This is the second reaction that all iodometric titrations have in common. In all iodometric titrations, first the analyte oxidizes the iodide to iodine (reaction 3), and then, the iodine is titrated with sodium thiosulfate (standard solution).

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Task 4: SECOND REACTION OF THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER

With your partners write down the half-equations of the reaction 4.



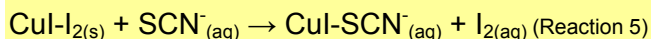
If you don't remember how to do it, do Worksheet 5d first.

Reaction 5: THE ADDITION OF THIOCYANATE ION

There is a problem in this procedure, the CuI forms a complex with the iodine generated in reaction 2. This complex means that some iodine will not be titrated with sodium thiosulfate.

To avoid the formation of this complex some thiocyanate ion is added.

The thiocyanate ion replaces the iodine in the complex $\text{CuI-I}_2(\text{s})$ and forms a new complex $\text{CuI-SCN}^-(\text{aq})$, and therefore the iodine complex is liberated.



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Task 5: ADDITION OF KSCN

Work on your own and after checking your answer compare your score with your partners.

After reading each statement decides if it is true or false.

1. During the procedure a complex between CuI and I_2 is formed.
 True False
2. The complex CuI-I_2 does **not** interfere with the titration of I_2 with thiosulphate.
 True False
3. The thiocyanate replaces the I_2 in the complex CuI-I_2 and forms a new complex.
 True False
4. The newly-formed complex is $\text{CuI}_2\text{-SCN}$.
 True False
5. We can perform the procedure without the addition of the thiocyanate ion.
 True False

Check with the key and compare your score with your partners' score.

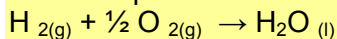
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Key: Task 1: 1.a; 2.b; 3.a; 4.b **Task 2:** 5, 1, 3, 2, 6, 4 **Task 3:** (1) copper (II); (2) copper (I); (3) iodide; (4) iodine; (5) one; (6) reduced; (7) two; (8) oxidized; (9) copper (I) iodide
Task 4: $2e^- + I_2 \leftrightarrow 2I^-$; $2S_2O_3^{2-} \leftrightarrow S_4O_6^{2-} + 2e^-$. **Task 5:** 1.T; 2.F; 3.T; 4. F; 5.F.

Input Source 5: Reminder of Redox Reactions

OXIDATION STATES (OR ORXIDATION NUMBERS)

In reactions which give rise to ionic compounds it is easy to see where electrons have been lost or gained. But what happens when there are covalent bonds in the reaction? For example:



It is not possible to write half-equations for this reaction, so, using our current definition of oxidation as a process of electron loss, how do we know hydrogen has been oxidised? This is where the concept of **oxidation states** comes in. No electrons are *transferred* in the formation of a covalent bond, we can *pretend* that they are.

In the covalent bond between hydrogen and oxygen is the more electronegative element. This means that it has more power than hydrogen to attract electron density in the covalent bond.

We can now define oxidation and reduction in terms of changes in oxidation states:

Oxidation occurs when the oxidation state of an element in a reaction increases. Reduction occurs when the oxidation state of an element in a reaction decreases.

If there is not change in the oxidations states of species involve in a reaction, this reaction is not a redox one.

Simple rules for assigning oxidation states

The guidelines for assigning oxidation states (numbers) are given below:

1. The oxidation state of any element such as Fe, H₂, O₂, P₄, S₈ is zero (**0**).
2. The oxidation state of oxygen in its compounds is **-2**, except for peroxides like H₂O₂, and Na₂O₂, in which the oxidation state for O is -1.
3. The oxidation state of hydrogen is **+1** in its compounds, **except** for metal hydrides, such as NaH, LiH, etc., in which the oxidation state for H is -1.
4. The oxidation states of other elements are then assigned to make the algebraic sum of the oxidation states equal to the net charge on the molecule or ion.
5. The following elements usually have the same oxidation states in their compounds: **+1** for alkali metals - Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs; **+2** for alkaline earth metals - Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba; **-1** for halogens except when they form compounds with oxygen or one another.
6. The sum of the oxidations states of all the atoms and ions in a compound is always zero.
7. The sum of the oxidation states in a polyatomic ion is always the charge on the ion.

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Adapted from : <http://www.science.uwaterloo.ca>
; <http://www.chemguide.co.uk/inorganic/redox/oxidnstates.html>

REDUCTION AND OXIDATION REACTIONS

Redox (shorthand for **reduction/oxidation** reaction) describes all chemical reactions in which atoms have their **oxidation number** (oxidation state) changed.

One important fact to remember in studying **oxidation-reduction** reactions is that the process of **oxidation** cannot occur without a corresponding **reduction** reaction.

Oxidation must always be "*coupled*" with **reduction**, and the electrons that are "lost" by one substance must always be "*gained*" by another as matter (such as electrons) cannot be destroyed or created. Hence, the terms "*lost or gained*", simply mean that the electrons are being transferred from one particle to another.

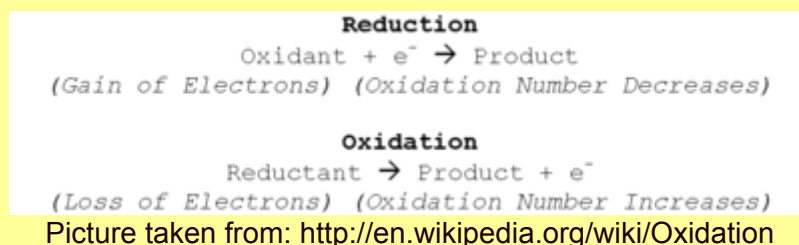
The term **redox** comes from the two concepts of **reduction** and **oxidation**. It can be explained in simple terms:

- **Oxidation** describes the *loss* of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion
- **Reduction** describes the *gain* of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion

Substances that have the ability **to oxidize** other substances are said to be **oxidative** and are known as **oxidizing agents**, **oxidants** or **oxidizers**. Put in another way, the **oxidant** *removes electrons* from another substance, and is thus **reduced itself**.

Substances that have the ability **to reduce** other substances are said to be **reductive** and are known as **reducing agents**, **reductants**, or **reducers**. Put in another way, the **reductant** *transfers electrons* to another substance, and is thus **oxidized itself**.

Memo help:



In this web site there is a mind map about redox reactions. It's very interesting. Give a look! <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/chemical/redoxcon.html#c1>

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Adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org> and http://library.kcc.hawaii.edu/external/chemistry/basic_model.html

Worksheet 5d: Reminder of Redox Reactions

INSTRUCTIONS

1. These tasks will help you to remind redox concepts. Input Source 5 will help you to remind how to determine Oxidation States and some concepts about Redox Reactions.
2. Work in small groups of three, do the tasks below.
3. Self-correct your answers.

Task 1. WRITE DOWN THE OXIDATION STATES OF EACH ELEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING

1. NaCl	Na:	Cl:	
2. HNO ₃	H:	N:	O:
3. MnO ₄ ⁻	Mn:	O:	
4. K ₂ SO ₄	K:	S:	O:
5. H ₃ PO ₄	H:	P:	O:
6. Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	Cr:	O:	

Your score: number of correct answers: _____ over 15

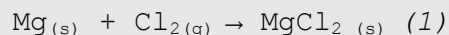
Task 2. TASK ON REDOX CONCEPTS

Tick the correct statement:

1. Complete the sentence: Oxidation is ...
 - a. ... loss of electrons.
 - b. ... gain of electrons.
2. Complete the sentence: Reduction is ...
 - a. ... loss of electrons.
 - b. ... gain of electrons.
3. Complete the definition: An oxidant or oxidising agent...
 - a. ... take electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves reduced.
 - b. ... give electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves reduced.
4. Complete the definition: A reductant or reducing agent...
 - a. ... take electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves oxidised.

b. ... give electrons from another species (atom, ion or molecule) and are themselves oxidised.

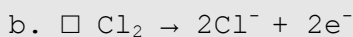
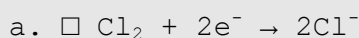
5. When magnesium burns in chlorine, the following reaction occurs:



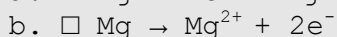
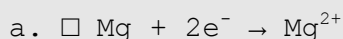
a. In this reaction, magnesium is the oxidant because it oxidises chlorine.

b. In this reaction, chlorine is the oxidant because it oxidises magnesium.

6. For the reaction below (1), the half-equation for chlorine is:



7. For the reaction (1), the half-equation for magnesium is:



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Average
My score								
Std. 1's score								
Std. 2's score								

Task 3. WRITING REDOX REACTIONS

For the following reactions:

1. Write down the full equation
2. Write down the half-equations
3. State which species is being oxidised and which is being reduced
4. State which species is the oxidant and which is the reductant.

Reaction 1: Lithium reacts with water, hydrogen is given off and lithium hydroxide is formed.

1.

2.

3. The specie is being oxidised is _____ and the specie is being reduced is _____.

4. The oxidant is _____ and the reductant is _____ .

Reaction 2: Magnesium reacting with nitrogen to form magnesium nitride (Mg_3N_2).

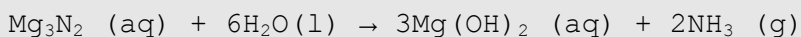
1.

2.

3. The specie is being oxidised is _____ and the specie is being reduced is _____ .

4. The oxidant is _____ and the reductant is _____ .

5. When Mg_3N_2 is added to water, ammonia is evolved; is this a redox reaction?



Score: One point for each question.

Reaction 1: _____ over 4

Reaction 2: _____ over 4

Average: _____

Key:

Task 1: (1) +1, -1; (2) +1, +5, -2; (3) +7, -2; (4) +1, +6, -2; (5) +1, +5, -2; (6) +5, -2

Task 2: 1.a; 2.b; 3.a; 4. b.; 5.b; 6.a; 7. b.

Task 3:

Reaction 1: 1) $2Li + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2LiOH + H_2 (g)$ 2) $2Li \rightarrow 2Li^{2+} + 2e^-$;

$2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow 2OH^- + H_2 (g)$; 3) lithium; water; 4) water; lithium

Reaction 2: 1) $2Mg + N_2 \rightarrow Mg_3N_2$; 2) $3Mg \rightarrow 3Mg^{2+} + 6e^-$; $N_2 + 6e^- \rightarrow 2N^{3-}$ 3) magnesium; nitrogen; 4) nitrogen; magnesium; 5) No, there is not a loss and gain of electrons, there is no change in oxidation numbers.

Worksheet 6a: The Experiment. Laboratory Equipment and Reagents

INSTRUCCIONS

1. These tasks will check what you know about technical vocabulary in the laboratory.
2. In pairs or small groups, do the two tasks below.
3. You have just 5 minutes.
4. Self-correct your answers.

Task 1: THE EQUIPMENT

Here you have a box with names of some pieces of laboratory equipment and pictures of pieces of equipment. Match each photo with its word.

lab tongs	beaker	buret clamp
erlenmeyer or conical flask	hot plate	buret or burette
markers	ring stand	dropper pipet
goggles	analytical balance	pipet bulb



Analytical balance











(3 pieces of equipment)









Task 2: THE SOLUTIONS / REAGENTS

It's very important to know the formulae and the systematic nomenclature of the chemical products.

Below you will find the list of reagents that you will need in this experiment. Complete the table, writing the formulae in the second column and indicating the type of chemical product (acid, base or salt) in the third column.

REAGENTS FOR THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER		
Systematic name	Formula	Type of chemical product (acid, base or salt)
1. Hydrochloric acid	<i>HCl</i>	<i>acid</i>
2. Aqueous ammonia		
3. Glacial acetic acid		
4. Nitric acid		
5. Sodium thiosulphate pentahydrate		
6. Potassium thiocyanate		
7. Sulphuric acid		
8. Potassium iodide		

In order to keep a record complete the following summary grid. Write the formula of all the reagents needed. If you think you will forget the systematic name in English, write the name next to the formula

SUMMARY GRID OF REAGENTS FOR THE IODOMETRIC TITRATION OF COPPER	
I. ACIDS	1. HCl
	2.
	3.
	4.
II. SALTS	5. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Sodium thiosulphate pentahydrate
	6.
	7.
III. BASE	8.

Key:

Task 1: analytical balance; hot plate; beakers; dropper pipete; markers; Erlenmeyer Flask; Burette; buret clamp and ring stand; pipet bulb; goggles; lab tongues

Task 2: HCl, acid; NH₄OH, base; CH₃COOH, acid; HNO₃, acid; Na₂S₂O₃·5H₂O, salt; KSCN, salt; H₂SO₄, acid; KI, salt.

Task 3: I. Acids: HCl, CH₃COOH, HNO₃, H₂SO₄. ; II. Salts: Na₂S₂O₃·5H₂O, KSCN, KI; III. Base: NH₄OH

Worksheet 6b: The Experiment.

Previous calculations

INTRODUCTION

Before carrying out the experiment in the laboratory, it is necessary to perform some calculations. In this experiment the two calculations are: the volume of the reagents in order to prepare the dissolutions and the theoretical volume of standard dissolution to reach the equivalent point.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. In pairs, do the two calculations below.
2. You have just 10 minutes.
3. The teacher will check your results.

Calculation 1: DISSOLUTIONS

We need to prepare sulphuric acid 9M and aqueous ammonia 6 M.
The teacher will give you the dissolution volume that you need to prepare for each reagent.

Calculation 1: _____ ml of 9M sulphuric acid

Calculation 2: _____ ml of 6M aqueous ammonia

Calculation 2: VOLUME OF STANDARD SOLUTION

In order to choose the most appropriate burette, we need to know the volume of the standard solution that is going to be needed to reach the equivalent point.

For this calculation we are going to suppose that the copper wire has a 99.9% percentage of copper.

Calculate the volume of sodium thiosulfate (use the molarity determinate in the standardisation) you will consume if your sample weight 0.5 g of wire copper with a 99.9% purity.

Volume of the burette: _____

The teacher will check your results!

Worksheet 6c: The Experiment. A Quiz of the Procedure

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This quiz will check if you are ready to perform the procedure of Iodometric Titration of Copper.
2. In pairs, or small groups of three, do the two tasks below.
3. You have just 10 minutes.

Task 1. STEPS IN THE PROCEDURE

Decide which of these two actions is performed first and tick it.

What do we perform in the first place? Decide which of these two actions is performed first.

1. a. The standardization of the sodium thiosulfate.
b. The idodometric titration of copper.
2. a. Add nitric acid.
b. Weigh the sample.
3. a. Add sulphuric acid and evaporate it.
b. Add nitric acid and heat on a hot place.
4. a. Add aqueous ammonia.
b. Add glacial acetic acid.
5. a. Add the indicator starch.
b. Begin the titration, adding the standard solution.

Task 2. REAGENTS INVOLVED

The task consists of completing the table below (page 2).

In the first column there is a list of seven reagents. Write the formula of each reagent in the second column.

Write in the third column the reason for adding each reagent.

You have all the reasons in the box below, but **pay attention**, there are more reasons than reagents.

Reasons:

- a. This reacts with the copper. The copper oxidizes iodide to iodine.
- b. This expels any nitric acid which might later oxidize iodide to iodine.
- c. This acts as an indicator.
- d. This oxidizes copper (I) to copper.
- e. This avoids the formation of the complex CuI-I_2 .
- f. This forms a blue-intense complex with copper.
- g. This forms a brown complex with the starch.
- h. This dissolves any precipitate.
- i. This dissolves the copper wire.

Reagent	Formula	Reason
1. Nitric acid	HNO_3	<i>i</i>
2. Sulphuric acid		
3. Aqueous ammonia		
4. Acetic acid		
5. Potassium iodide		
6. Starch	Not necessary in this case	
7. Potassium thiocyanate		

Task 1

Your score	1	2	3	4	5
Key					

Task 2

Your score	Formula	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Formula Key							
	Proposal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Proposal Key							

1 point for each correct answer**Your final score: _____****Are you ready? _____****Do you need help? _____****Key: Task 1:** 1.a; 2.b; 3.b; 4.a; 5.b**Task 2:** 1) HNO_3 , i; 2) H_2SO_4 , b; 3) NH_4OH , f; 4) CH_3COOH , h; 5) KI , a; 6) -, c; 7) $KSCN$, e

REPORT SHEET: IODOMETRIC DETERMINATION OF COPPER

Name: _____ Date: _____

Determination of Copper in Copper wire

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
mass of copper wire (g)			
ml of Na ₂ S ₂ O ₃ to reach end point M(Na ₂ S ₂ O ₃)=			
% Copper in Sample			
Average %-Copper ± s.d.:			

Show calculations for one of the samples below: