

Chemguide – questions

OXIDATION STATES

- Work out the oxidation state of the named elements:
 - chlorine in HCl, HClO, NaClO₂, KClO₃, Cl₂O₇, ClO₂
 - phosphorus in PH₃, PCl₅, H₃PO₄, P₄O₁₀, HPO₃²⁻
 - chromium in Cr, Cr(H₂O)₆³⁺, Na₂CrO₄, Cr₂O₇²⁻
- In the following equations, state whether the element in **bold** type on the left-hand side has been oxidised or reduced or neither.
 - $3\mathbf{Cu} + 8\text{HNO}_3 \longrightarrow 3\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 - $2\text{KBr} + \mathbf{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{KCl} + \text{Br}_2$
 - $[\mathbf{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 4\text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Work out the equation for the reaction between iron(II) ions and dichromate(VI) ions in acid solution using the following steps as a guide.
 - Work out the reacting proportions by using the oxidation state changes for iron and chromium using the information:

Iron(II) ions are oxidised to iron(III) ions. Dichromate(VI) ions, Cr₂O₇²⁻, are reduced to chromium(III) ions.
 - Derive a fully balanced equation by making reasonable assumptions about anything else that might be involved.