

## SL Acids and Bases - Guided Notes

### Slide 3: Arrhenius Acids/Bases

- Acid: **substance that** \_\_\_\_\_ in water to form hydrogen ( $H^+$ ) ions
- Base: **substance that** \_\_\_\_\_ in water to form hydroxide ( $OH^-$ ) ions
- Recognized:
- \*hydrogen and \_\_\_\_\_ ions could form water
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ and anions form a salt
- Focus was only on \_\_\_\_\_ systems
- Did not take into account \_\_\_\_\_ occurring without water or insoluble bases
- **Fun fact:** \_\_\_\_\_ wrote his ideas as part of his doctoral thesis, but it was not well received and he only received the lowest possible class of degree. Later, he won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1903.
- He also was the first person to document \_\_\_\_\_ of global warming due to rising  $CO_2$  levels

### Slide 5: Calculating pH

- $pH = -\log[H^+]$
- $pOH = -\log[OH^-]$
- $pH + pOH = 14$
- $[H^+] = 10^{-pH}$
- $[OH^-] = 10^{-pOH}$
- At pH 7:
- $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$
- $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$
- At 298K:
- $[H^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14} = K_w$
- \_\_\_\_\_ **constant water**

### Slide 6: Amphoteric

- \_\_\_\_\_ **that can act as both an acid and a base**

### Slide 7: Properties of Bases

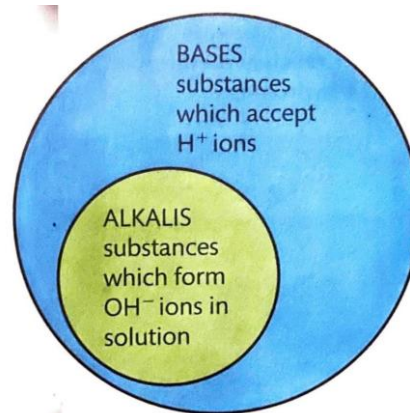
- \_\_\_\_\_ bases are known as **alkalis**
- \_\_\_\_\_ acids to produce water
- Dissolve in water to release \_\_\_\_\_ ( $OH^-$ ) ions
- They include:
- Metal oxides and \_\_\_\_\_ (this does
- not include \_\_\_\_\_ compounds).
- Ammonia
- Soluble \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g.  $Na_2CO_3$ ,  $K_2CO_3$ )

- and hydrogen \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g.  $\text{KHCO}_3$ )
- $\text{K}_2\text{O}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow 2\text{K}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$

### Slide 8: Acids react with metals, bases, and

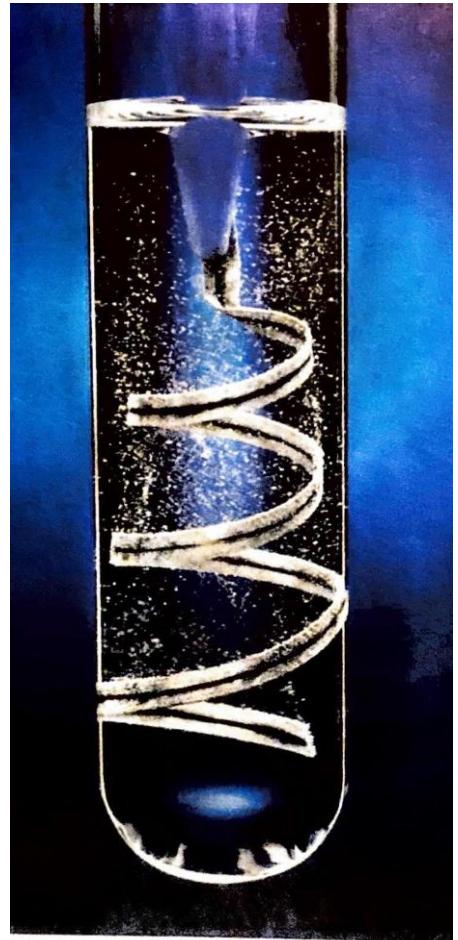
### carbonates to form salts

- Salt: ionic \_\_\_\_\_ formed when hydrogen of an acid is replaced by a metal or another positive ion
- Salts form from reaction of acids and bases (\_\_\_\_\_ referred to as **parent acid** and **parent base**).
- Three main types of \_\_\_\_\_ where acids react to form salt:
- **Acid + metal  $\rightarrow$  salt + \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Acid + base  $\rightarrow$  salt + water**
- **Acid + \_\_\_\_\_  $\rightarrow$  salt + water + carbon dioxide**



### Slide 9: Acid + metal $\rightarrow$ salt + hydrogen

- Examples:
- $2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) + \text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{Fe}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{FeSO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- $2\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq}) + \text{Mg}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- The equations can also be written as ionic equations:
- $2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- $2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- Acids have corrosive properties on most metals, but different metals have different reactivities to acid
- Group 1 metals most reactive, while some transition metals are not very reactive (makes them more valuable because they are resistant to corrosion)



**Slide 10: Acid + base → salt + water**

- **Examples:**
- $\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{NH}_4\text{OH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- $2\text{CH}_3\text{COOH(aq)} + \text{CuO(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- Can all be represented by one common ionic equation:
- $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- Neutralization reactions are exothermic
- **Enthalpy of neutralization:** enthalpy change that occurs when an acid and a base react to form 1 mole of water
- Strong acid/strong base reactions have a **high enthalpy of neutralization** ( $\Delta\text{H} = -57 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ )
- **Neutralization Reactions** occur when acids and bases react to form salt and water

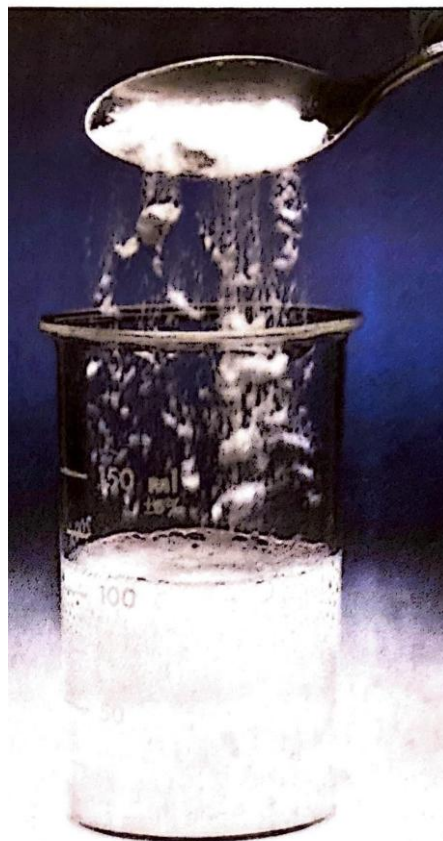
### Slide 11: Turn and Talk

- Bee stings are \_\_\_\_\_ acidic, while wasp stings are claimed to be alkali. Discuss what “home remedies” you think are often used to treat these ailments.

### Slide 12: Acid + carbonate → salt + water + carbon dioxide

- **Examples:**

- $2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) + \text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
- $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq}) + \text{KHCO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{KCH}_3\text{COO}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
- Can all be represented by one common ionic equation:
- $2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
- These reactions visibly produce bubbles due to carbon dioxide gas being released
- **effervescence**



### Slide 13: Brønsted-Lowry: a theory of proton transfer

- Focuses on the transfer of H<sup>+</sup> ions during acid-base \_\_\_\_\_
- Brønsted-Lowry acid: a proton (H<sup>+</sup>) donor
- Brønsted-Lowry base: a proton (H<sup>+</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_
- $$\text{HCl} + \text{NH}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{Cl}^-$$
- Note: H<sup>+</sup> is equivalent to a proton, so the words are used \_\_\_\_\_

### Slide 14: Conjugate Pairs

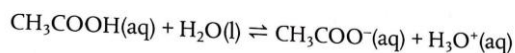
- A proton donor must always have a proton acceptor (it does not happen in \_\_\_\_\_)
- General formula for an acid-base \_\_\_\_\_:
- $$\text{HA} + \text{B} \rightleftharpoons \text{A}^- + \text{BH}^+$$
- \_\_\_\_\_ acid-base pair
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- **Conjugate Acid:** proton donor (must \_\_\_\_\_ and release H<sup>+</sup>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Base:** proton acceptor (must be able to have lone pair of electrons to accept H<sup>+</sup>)

### Slide 15: Conjugate Pairs

- Example:
- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$$
- **Conjugate Acid:** H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>
- **Conjugate Base:** H<sub>2</sub>O
- **Hydronium ion:** always the form of hydrogen ions in aqueous solution; convenient to write as H<sup>+</sup>(aq)
- **Note:** conjugate acids always have one more proton compared to conjugate bases

### Slide 16: You Try!

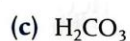
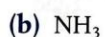
- Identify the conjugate acid-base pairs in the following reaction:



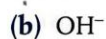
## Slide 17: Let's Practice!

### Worked example

1 Write the conjugate base for each of the following.



2 Write the conjugate acid for each of the following.



## Slide 18: Amphiprotic Species

- Some \_\_\_\_\_ can act as acids and bases
- \_\_\_\_\_: species that can act as proton donors and acceptors
- Note: \_\_\_\_\_ refers only to species that transfer protons
- **Amphoteric** are species that act as acids and bases that don't \_\_\_\_\_ involve transfer of protons
- $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^-$
- $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
- Water is \_\_\_\_\_ and amphoteric

## Slide 19: You Try!

- Write equations to show  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  acting (a) as a Bronsted-Lowry acid and (b) as a Bronsted-Lowry base.

## Slide 20: Strong and weak acids

- The strength of an acid/base depends on the extent of its \_\_\_\_\_ in solution
- Acids produce  $\text{H}^+$  ions, bases produce  $\text{OH}^-$  ions (\_\_\_\_\_)

- **Strong Acids:** \_\_\_\_\_ fully and exists entirely as ions in solution; good proton donors
- $HA(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow A^-(aq) + H_3O^+(aq)$
- $HCl(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$
- **Strong acid    base    \_\_\_\_\_ acid conjugate base**
- **Weak Acids:** dissociate partially to produce an equilibrium mixture (\_\_\_\_\_ form dominates); weak proton donors
- $CH_3COOH(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + CH_3COO^-(aq)$
- **weak acid                    base                    \_\_\_\_\_ acid conjugate base**
- **Weak acids form stronger \_\_\_\_\_ bases**
- \_\_\_\_\_ lies to the left

### Slide 21: Strong and weak bases

- Strong Bases: \_\_\_\_\_ fully and exists entirely as ions in solution; good proton acceptors
- $BOH(aq) \rightarrow B^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
- $NaOH(aq) \rightarrow Na^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
- **Weak Bases:** dissociate partially to produce an equilibrium mixture (\_\_\_\_\_ form dominates); weak proton acceptors
- $B(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons BH^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
- $NH_3(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
- **weak base    acid    \_\_\_\_\_ acid conjugate base**
- Tip: don't confuse acid/base strength with \_\_\_\_\_; a **strong** acid/base can still be **diluted** and have a **low concentration**
- **Weak bases form stronger \_\_\_\_\_ acids**
- \_\_\_\_\_ lies to the left

### Slide 22: Weak acids and bases are common

- More \_\_\_\_\_ acids/bases listed in section 21 of the Data Booklet

|  | Acid   |                   | Base   |                     |
|--|--|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| common examples of <b>strong</b> forms | HCl  | hydrochloric acid | LiOH   | lithium hydroxide   |
|  | HNO <sub>3</sub>                             | nitric acid       | NaOH   | sodium hydroxide    |
|  | H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>               | sulfuric acid     | KOH  | potassium hydroxide |
|  |  |                   | Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub>  | barium hydroxide    |
| some examples of <b>weak</b> forms     | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH and other organic acids | ethanoic acid     | NH <sub>3</sub>  | ammonia             |
|  | H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>               | carbonic acid     | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> and other amines | ethylamine          |
|  | H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>               | phosphoric acid   |  |                     |

### Slide 23: Distinguish between strong and weak acids/bases

- \_\_\_\_\_ of ions can be used to distinguish between strong and weak acids and bases
- Can only compare solutions with the **same** \_\_\_\_\_ **at the**

### same temperature

- Electrical \_\_\_\_\_
- Strong acids and bases will have higher conductivity than weak acids and bases of the same \_\_\_\_\_ (measured using conductivity meter)
- Rate of reaction
- Strong acids and bases will have higher reaction rate than weak acids and bases of the same \_\_\_\_\_ (not easy to quantify)
- pH
- \_\_\_\_\_ acids will have a lower pH; stronger bases will have a higher pH
- $\text{HCl} + \text{Mg}$
- $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{Mg}$

### Slide 24: Let's Practice!

- Which of the following 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solutions will be the poorest conductor of electricity?
  - HCl
  - CH<sub>3</sub>COOH
  - NaOH
  - NaCl
- 2. Which methods will distinguish between equimolar solutions of a strong base and a strong acid?
  - Add magnesium to each solution and look for the formation of gas bubbles.
  - Add aqueous sodium hydroxide to each solution and measure the temperature change.
  - Use each solution in a circuit with a battery and lamp and see how brightly the lamp glows.
- I and II only                      B. I and III only                      C. II and III only                      D. I, II, and III
- 3. Which acid in each of the following pairs has the stronger conjugate base?
  - H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - HCl or HCOOH

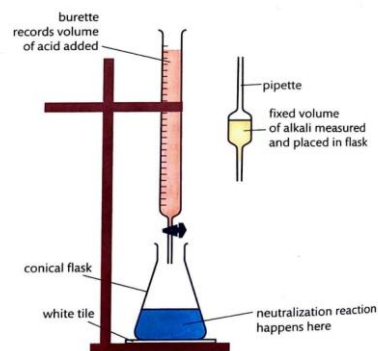


### Slide 25: Acids and bases distinguished using indicators

- Indicators change color reversibly according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of H<sup>+</sup> ions in solution
- Used as aqueous \_\_\_\_\_ or absorbed onto "test paper"
- Occurs because they are weak acids and bases whose \_\_\_\_\_ have different colors
- Best known is **litmus**, which turns pink in the \_\_\_\_\_ of acid and blue in the presence of alkalis
- **More \_\_\_\_\_ are in Section 22 of the Data Booklet**
- **Universal Indicator is formed by mixing together several \_\_\_\_\_ and changes color many times across a range of acids and alkalis**

## Slide 26: Acid-Base Titrations

- Involve reacting a measured volume of one solution and adding the other gradually until the **equivalence point** is reached ( \_\_\_\_\_ occurs).
- Indicators are used to determine when \_\_\_\_\_ point is reached.
- A good indicator gives a distinct color change at the \_\_\_\_\_ point.
- **Note: Don't always assume \_\_\_\_\_ show acid as pink and alkali as blue**



## Slide 27: Let's Practice!

- Write equations for the following reactions:
- Sulfuric acid and copper oxide
- Nitric acid and sodium hydrogencarbonate
- Phosphoric acid and potassium hydroxide
- Ethanoic acid and aluminum
- An aqueous solution of which of the following reacts with calcium metal?
- Ammonia C. hydrogen chloride
- Potassium hydroxide D. sodium hydrogencarbonate
- Which of the following is/are formed when a metal oxide reacts with a dilute acid?
- A metal salt II. water III. carbon dioxide gas
- I only B. I and II only C. II and III only D. I, II, and III
- Suggest by name a parent acid and parent base that could be used to make the following salts. Write equations for each reaction.
- Sodium nitrate (c) copper (II) sulfate
- Ammonium chloride (d) potassium methanoate

## Slide 28: Acid Deposition

- **2 main types:**
- Wet acid deposition: rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, mist, dew fall to the ground as **aqueous** \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry acid \_\_\_\_\_: acidifying particles, gases fall to ground as dust and smoke, later dissolve in water to form acids
- All rain water is acidic due to presence of \_\_\_\_\_ carbon

dioxide that dissolves in water to produce carbonic acid

- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$$
- $$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$$
- **All processes by which acidic components as \_\_\_\_\_ or gases leave the atmosphere**
- Rain water can react with calcium carbonate in limestone to produce calcium \_\_\_\_\_, which is soluble and washes away. This can lead to erosion and is why caves are commonly found in limestone regions.



### Slide 29: Acid Rain

- Contain \_\_\_\_\_ acids (other than carbonic)
- Main \_\_\_\_\_ to acid rain are oxides of sulfur and nitrogen (pollutants)
- **Refers to \_\_\_\_\_ with a pH < 5.6**
- **Rain water**
- **Acid rain**

### Slide 30: Sulfur oxides

- SO<sub>2</sub> produced from burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil); also released in smelting (\_\_\_\_\_ metals from ores)
- About 50% of global annual SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ come from coal
- $$\text{S}(\text{s}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{SO}_2(\text{g})$$
- SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ in water to form sulfurous acid
- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{SO}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$$
- SO<sub>2</sub> can also be oxidized to SO<sub>3</sub>, which then \_\_\_\_\_ in water to form sulfuric acid
- $$2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$$
- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{SO}_3(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$$
- Hydroxyl free radicals (formed in \_\_\_\_\_ between water and O<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>3</sub>) can also react form SO<sub>3</sub>
- $$\cdot\text{HO} + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \cdot\text{HOSO}_2$$
- $$\cdot\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \cdot\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_3$$

### Slide 31: Nitrogen oxides

- NO produced mainly from internal \_\_\_\_\_ engines
- $$\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}(\text{g})$$
- NO<sub>2</sub> (brown gas) can also be \_\_\_\_\_ from a similar reaction
- $$\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$$
- NO<sub>2</sub> can also form from \_\_\_\_\_ of nitrogen monoxide
- $$2\text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$$
- NO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ in water to form nitrous and nitric acid

- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{HNO}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$$
- $\text{NO}_2$  can also be \_\_\_\_\_ to form nitric acid
- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 4\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 4\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$$
- Hydroxyl free radicals also \_\_\_\_\_ to the formation of nitrous and nitric acid
- $$\cdot\text{HO} + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{HNO}_2$$
- $$\cdot\text{HO} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3$$

### Slide 33: Turn and Talk

- One of the most \_\_\_\_\_ aspects of acid deposition is that its effects often occur far from the source of the pollutants due to atmospheric weather patterns. In many cases, this means countries are suffering the impact of other countries' industrial processes. Discuss possible steps that countries could take to help remedy the effects of acid deposition.

### Slide 34: Effects of acid deposition

- **Impact on \_\_\_\_\_:** Building materials marble and limestone are both forms of calcium carbonate.  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  react with calcium carbonate to form  $\text{CaSO}_4$ . Since calcium sulfate is soluble, it washes out of or flakes off of limestone.
- Nitric acid can also react with \_\_\_\_\_ to form calcium nitrate, which is soluble and can also lead to erosion.
- Acid \_\_\_\_\_ can corrode metals such as iron and aluminum to form salt. This causes damage to metallic structures such as bridges, rail-road tracks, and vehicles.
- **Impact on plant life:** Acid rain causes slower growth, injury, or death of plants. It washes away \_\_\_\_\_ soluble minerals such as magnesium, calcium, and potassium in the soil (**leaching**).
- Acid rain also causes release of toxic \_\_\_\_\_, such as aluminum. Dry deposition can block pores for gas exchange. Forests in hilly regions are vulnerable since they are surrounded by acidic clouds.

### Slide 35: Effects of acid deposition

- **Impact on water:** Acid rain causes "dead" lakes (unable to support life) due to \_\_\_\_\_ pH values. Many fish cannot survive at  $\text{pH} < 5$ .
- pH levels  $< 4$  cause aluminum ions to be leached out of aluminum \_\_\_\_\_ (stored in rocks), which is toxic to aquatic life (interfere with fish's ability to take in oxygen).
- Acid rain causes over-fertilization of water, caused by presence of nitrates in acid rain (\_\_\_\_\_). This causes algal blooms that deplete oxygen.
- **Impact on human health:** Components of acid rain can react to form fine sulfate and nitrate particles (\_\_\_\_\_) that can travel long distances, be inhaled, and irritate the eyes and respiratory tract (causing asthma, bronchitis, and emphysema).
- Release of toxic metal ions when acid rain reacts with metal \_\_\_\_\_ is also a potential health risk.

### Slide 36: Responses to acid deposition

- **Reduction of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions:**
- **Pre-Combustion methods:** Processes that reduce or remove sulfur from coal/oil before combustion. Include \_\_\_\_\_ (**HDS**), which removes sulfur from petroleum by reacting it with hydrogen to form hydrogen sulfide. Since H<sub>2</sub>S is toxic, it is captured and later used in the production of sulfuric acid.
- **Post-Combustion methods: Flue-gas \_\_\_\_\_** removes up to 90% of SO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas from coal-fired power stations before it is released into the atmosphere. Calcium oxide and calcium carbonate react with SO<sub>2</sub> to form calcium sulfate.

### Slide 37: Responses to acid deposition

- \_\_\_\_\_ **of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions:**
- **Catalytic \_\_\_\_\_ in vehicles:** hot gases are mixed with air and passed over a platinum or palladium-based catalyst. This converts toxic emissions into carbon dioxide and nitrogen gas.
- Lower temperature combustion: \_\_\_\_\_ the exhaust gases back into the engine lowers the temperature, which decreases NO emissions.
- **Others:** lowering demand for fossil fuels, more efficient energy transfer systems, greater use of public \_\_\_\_\_, switching to renewable energy sources. Restoration of ecosystems damaged by acid rain is a long-term process. One method is to use calcium oxide or calcium hydroxide to neutralize acids.