U5LM1 WS Balancing Reactions

Part I - Balance the following chemical equations.

1. $CH_4(g) + 2 O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2 H_2O(g)$

A balanced equation has equal numbers of each element on both the reactant and product side of the equation. Remember that you can only adjust the *coefficients* in front of each compound to change the quantity of each compound. Changing the *subscripts* changes the identity of a compound and is NOT allowed.

- 2. **4** Fe(s) + **3** $O_2(g) \rightarrow$ **2** Fe₂O₃(s)
- 3. 2 Na(s) + 2 H₂O(l) \rightarrow 2 NaOH(aq) + H₂(g)
- 4. **2** $C_4H_{10}(g) + 13 O_2(g) \rightarrow 8 CO_2(g) + 10 H_2O(g)$
- 5. $C_6H_{12}O_6(g) + 6O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(g)$
- 6. $B_2H_6(g) + 6 H_2O(I) \rightarrow 2 H_3BO_3 (aq) + 6 H_2(g)$
- 7. 2 NaOH(aq) + $H_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow 2 H_2O(I) + Na_2SO_4(aq)$
- 8. **2** HNO₃(aq) + Ca(OH)₂(aq) \rightarrow Ca(NO₃)₂ + **2** H₂O(I)
- 9. 2 $NH_4Br(aq) + Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2(aq) \rightarrow$ 2 $NH_4C_2H_3O_2(aq) + PbBr_2(s)$
- 10. $Co_2S_3(s) + 3 H_2(g) \rightarrow 2 Co(s) + 3 H_2S(g)$

Part II - Write a balanced chemical equation to describe each of the following.

This requires that you write chemical formulas from names, apply solubility rules, and mass-balance the equations.

1. Calcium carbonate decomposes into calcium oxide and carbon dioxide.

$$CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

2. Sodium reacts with oxygen to give sodium oxide.

4 Na (s) +
$$O_2$$
 (g) \rightarrow 2 Na₂O (s)

3. Magnesium nitride reacts with water to give magnesium hydroxide and ammonia (NH_3).

$$Mg_3N_2(s) + 6H_2O(l) \rightarrow 3Mg(OH)_2(aq) + 2NH_3(aq)$$

4. An aqueous phosphoric acid solution reacts with an aqueous calcium hydroxide solution to produce water and solid calcium phosphate.

$$H_3PO_4(aq) + Ca(OH)_2(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(I) + Ca_3(PO_4)_2(aq)$$

5. Magnesium dissolves in an aqueous chromium(III) nitrate solution to form chromium and the soluble magnesium nitrate salt.

$$3 \text{ Mg (s)} + 2 \text{ Cr(NO}_3)_3 (aq) \rightarrow 2 \text{ Cr (s)} + 3 \text{ Mg(NO}_3)_2 (aq)$$

6. The complete combustion of octane produces carbon dioxide and water.

$$2 C_8 H_{18} (I) + 25 O_2 (g) \rightarrow 16 CO_2 (g) + 18 H_2 O (I)$$