Oxidation & Reduction

Experiment 5

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Purpose – Part 1: Find out which ions will reduce metals. Find out which ion is the most reactive.

Part 2: To see if a halide ion can reduce other halogens.

Procedure – Part 1:

- 1. Obtain all necessary equipment (metal, solutions, test tubes)
- 2. Mix each metal with the each of the solutions
- 3. Record which solutions reduced and formed on the metal

Part 2

- 1. Obtain all equipment (solutions, test tubes, mineral water)
- 2. Mix halogen (ex: Cl₂) with mineral water and record top color
- 3. Mix halogen with halide and add mineral water. Record the reaction that occurred by viewing the top color.

Data – Part 1:

Y = reaction (coating formed)

N = no reaction

	Cu ²⁺	Mg^{2+}	Pb ²⁺	Zn ²⁺	\mathbf{Ag}^{+}
Cu	X	N	N	N	Y
Mg	Y	X	Y	Y	Y
Pb	Y	N	X	N	Y
Zn	Y	N	Y	X	Y

Most reactive – Mg > Zn > Pb > Cu

Part 2:

The results that we record will be on the left. Actual on the right (if data was different than ours.)

Mineral Water				
Cl_2	Milky (faint yellow)			
Br_2	Orange			
I_2	Purple			

Mineral Water				
NaCl	Clear			
KBr	Clear			
KI	Clear			

Halogen and Halide Oxidation and Reduction - Recorded				Actual			
	Cl ₂	Br ₂	I_2		Cl ₂	Br ₂	I_2
Cl-	X	clear	purple	Cl-	X	orange	purple
Br ⁻	clear	X	purple	Br	orange	X	purple
I-	clear	purple	X	I-	purple	purple	X

Data above – Reaction or No reaction - Recorded				Actual			
	Cl ₂	Br ₂	I_2		Cl_2	Br_2	I_2
Cl-	X	R	NR	Cl-	X	NR	NR
Br-	NR	X	NR	Br-	R	X	NR
I-	NR	R	X	I-	R	R	X

Most reactive – Cl > Br > I

Conclusion – Part 1: The data recorded from putting the metal in the metal solution can conclude that Mg is the most reactive (easily oxidized) metal. Followed by Zn, Pb and Cu. From looking at the list of ions here is a list of the ions in the order of the easiest reduced to the hardest to be reduced: Ag ion, Cu ion, Pb ion, Zn ion and Mg ion.

Part 2: This part of the lab was a little more difficult to understand, but the data recorded can tell us that the most reactive halide is I⁻. It is followed by Br⁻ then Cl⁻.

Discussion of Theory – Part 1: The reason that Mg is the most reactive is because of
Effective Nuclear Charge. The Effective Nuclear Charge
of Mg is 2. The other metals Effective Nuclear Charge
are higher than Mg because they have more protons which
also makes them harder to lose electrons.

Part 2: The reason that Cl is able to take the electrons away from Br and I is because the valence electrons on Cl are closer to the nucleus, while the electrons on Br and I are further away.

Sources of Error – Some of the sources of error in this experiment could have been contamination from the other tests. This could be avoided by having clean test tubes for each test.

Questions -

1. The net ionic equations for the reactions in part 1 are as followed.

$$\begin{array}{l} Cu + 2Ag + --> 2Ag + Cu2 + \\ Mg + Cu2 + --> Cu + Mg2 + \\ Mg + Pb2 + --> Pb + Mg2 + \\ Mg + 2Ag + --> 2Ag + Mg2 + \\ Pb + Cu2 + --> Cu + Pb2 + \\ Pb + 2Ag + --> 2Ag + Pb2 + \\ Zn + Cu2 + --> Cu + Zn2 + \\ Zn + Pb2 + --> Pb + Zn2 + \\ Zn + 2Ag + --> 2Ag + Zn2 + \\ Zn + 2Ag + --> 2Ag + Zn2 + \end{array}$$

2. The metals in decreasing ease of oxidation are as follows.

3. The half reactions in decreasing ease of reduction are.

The lists correlate in the way that the half reactions go down the list.

- 4. Solvent extraction is when an organic solvent is used as an extractor to remove contaminates from something.
- 5. To tell if a reaction occurs in the halogen experiment the color of the top part will be the color of the halide put in the solution instead of the color of the halogen.
- 6. We should not expect the halides to dissolve in mineral oil because the halide is polar and the mineral oil is non-polar.
- 7. The net ionic equations of the halogens and halides are as follows,

8. The halogens in decreasing order of reactivity is as followed.

It goes down the family of family 7. It has more electrons so its easier to take them away from I and Br.

9. The half reactions for the halogens in the order of decreasing ease of reduction are as followed.

They go down the table, which means its harder to be reduced.

10.Its necessary to know the color so you can tell if a reaction has occurred when you mix the different solutions.