

Nat 5 : Unit 1 - Chemical Changes and Structure

Key area - Formula and Reacting Quantities

Lesson 15 - Calculating Number of Moles

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the lesson you should be able to ...

1. Explain that the number of moles can be calculated from the mass and the formula of a substance.
2. Carry out calculations using the relationship between the mass and the number of moles of a substance.

Success Criteria

You will have been successful in this lesson if you:

1. Understood how to calculate the number of moles if given the mass and the formula of a compound.
2. Completed Part 2 Calculating the Number of Moles Quiz on forms by **Friday 19th February.**

If you have any questions about the content of this lesson, you should ask your **class teacher** either through your class MS team or via email. MS Teams will be monitored throughout the week by a chemistry teacher. If you need help or clarification with either the task or the content of the lesson, just ask.

Links to Prior Knowledge:

It is essential that you have completed lesson 13 and that you are confident about calculating formula mass. **If not contact your class teacher. You may want to revise your knowledge using the link below or watching the recorded lessons again.**

[National 4/5 Calculating gram formula mass \(GFM\) practice questions - YouTube](#)

*You may wish to have a copy of the data booklet handy for this lesson.
Download from the SQA website - [ChemistryDataBookletSQPN5.pdf \(sqa.org.uk\)](#)*

What to do

- Follow the instructions to complete the check points.
Remember to watch the video links

Click on the link below to access the
RECORDED lesson on Mass Calculations

<https://youtu.be/wuo-JNiTgls>

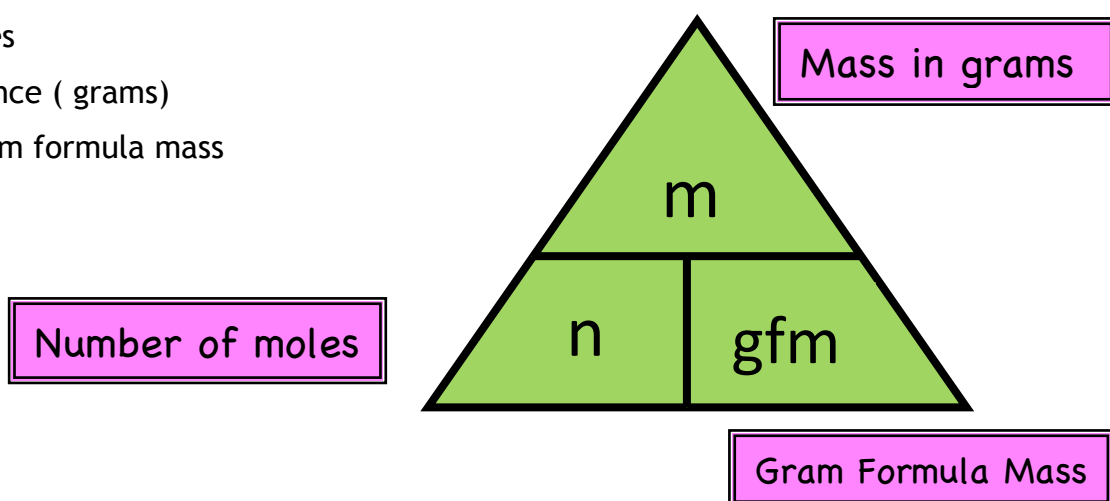
Remember to add to your notes by copying or
printing out and sticking in.

Calculating the Number of Moles

n = number of moles

m = mass of substance (grams)

GFM n m GFM = gram formula mass



$$n = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{gfm}}$$

No of moles = Mass \div Gram formula mass

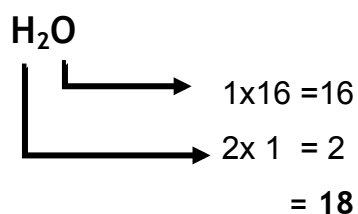
Example

How many moles of water are there in 36g of water?

Step1 Work out the formula

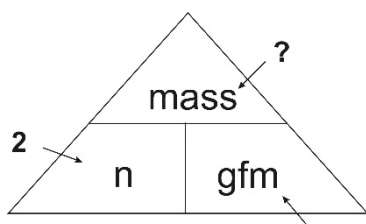
In this case water = H_2O

Step 2 Calculate the formula mass



Step 3 Use the equation to calculate the mass

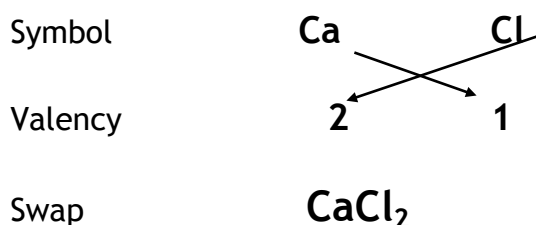
then, using the triangle :



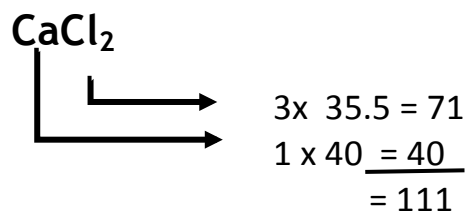
$$n = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{gfm}} = \frac{36}{18} = 2 \text{ mols}$$

Example 2 How many moles of substance are present in 22.2g of calcium chloride

Step1 Work out the formula



Step 2 Calculate the formula mass



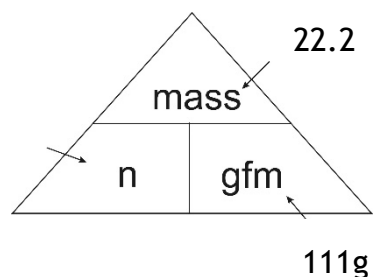
So, the formula mass = 111

Step 3 Use the equation to calculate the mass

$$n = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{gfm}}$$

$$m = 22.2 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{gfm} = 111 \text{ g}$$



$$n = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{gfm}} = \frac{22.2}{111} = 0.2 \text{ mols}$$

Self-check Calculating Number of Moles Quiz

Calculate the **number** of moles of each the following. Add your answers to the forms quiz sheet to be marked. (Link below). **This may be posted as an assignment.** This is not optional and is the second part of your work for this week.

1. 20g of Ca
2. 54g of H₂O
3. 12g of He
4. 14g of N₂
5. 10g of CaCO₃
6. 280g of carbon monoxide
7. 10.1g of potassium nitrate
8. 8g of sulphur
9. 6.6g of ammonium sulphate
10. a spoonful of glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆) weighing 18g



You NOW MUST COMPLETE the calculating number of moles check test.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKV9pDH2i_JVJvH-NwfFQ2VJUQ0JWRjhFWIExUVNKVzRNVIVOUzIPVVdRVS4u



Further reading

To learn more about atomic structure, try the following online resources:

[Calculating relative formula masses - Formula mass and mole calculations - GCSE Chemistry \(Single Science\) Revision - Other - BBC Bitesize](#)

Evans2 chem web: <https://www.evans2chemweb.co.uk/login/index.php#>

Username: snhs password: giffnock

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