

# Acids and Bases

# Learning Outcomes

1. Identify an acid or base according to the Arrhenius or Bronsted–Lowry definitions.
2. Explain why the term “strong” is used differently when applied to an acid or a cup of coffee.
3. Use  $K_a$  to access how strong/weak an acid is.

# Class Question!

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**How would you describe an acid and a base? What are some of their respective properties?**

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# Acids and Bases

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnbS56HQBau>

# Fruit Acids

## A GUIDE TO COMMON FRUIT ACIDS

Most people probably know that lemons and other citrus fruits contain citric acid – but it's just one of a number of different organic acids that can be found in fruits. Here we look at a number of the most common acids, and the various fruits that they are found in.



CITRIC ACID



The main acid in citrus fruits is, unsurprisingly, citric acid. Lemons and limes have particularly high levels of this compound. It is also the main acid in a number of berry fruits, including strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries.



MALIC ACID



Malic acid is the main acid in most stone fruits such as cherries, apricots, peaches, and nectarines. It's also found in high amounts in apples, and in lower amounts in bananas. Though watermelons have a low acid content, their principal acid is also malic acid.



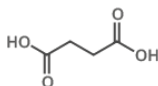
TARTARIC ACID



Tartaric acid is the principal acid in fewer fruits than citric and malic acid. However, it is the main acid in grapes, which also contain malic acid. Red grapes have higher levels of tartaric acid. The main acid of avocado and tamarind is also tartaric acid.

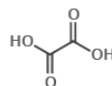
### OTHER ORGANIC ACIDS

Citric, malic, and tartaric acids are not the only organic acids present in fruit – a number of other acids are also present, albeit in significantly smaller quantities. To the right, a small selection of these compounds are shown, along with a brief note of some of the fruits in which they're often found.



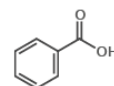
SUCCINIC ACID

Apples and some berries



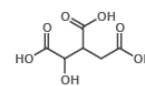
OXALIC ACID

Small amounts in berries



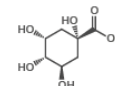
BENZOIC ACID

Present in cranberries



ISOCITRIC ACID

Present in blackberries



QUINIC ACID

Plums & kiwifruit



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# Acids Are Sour

## SOUR WORMS

### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: (0.0g)  
Servings Per Container: 1

**Calories** 120  
Calories from Fat 0

Amount/serving	% Daily Value*	Amount/serving	% Daily Value*
<b>Total Fat</b> 0g	<b>0%</b>	<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 29g	<b>10%</b>
Saturated Fat 0g	0%	Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g		Sugars 18g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	<b>0%</b>	<b>Protein</b> 2g	
<b>Sodium</b> 5mg	<b>0%</b>		
Vitamin A 0% • Vitamin C 0% • Calcium 0% • Iron 0%			

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

INGREDIENTS: CORN SYRUP (FROM CORN), SUGAR (FROM BEETS), WATER, GELATIN, LACTIC ACID, CITRIC ACID, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS, FUMARIC ACID, PECTIN (DERIVED FROM FRUIT), TITANIUM DIOXIDE (COLOR), FD&C YELLOW #5, FD&C RED #40, FD&C YELLOW #6, FD&C BLUE #1.

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Citric Acid + Sugar = Sour Sanding

# Acids Dissolve Many Metals



# Acids Can Dissolve Teeth

Brush your teeth 30 minutes  
***after*** drinking an acidic beverage

In an interview with Reuters Health, Dr. Attin said that tooth enamel appears to suffer less damage when brushing occurs after the tooth has had time to mount its own defense against acidic erosion.

“Acidic substances attack tooth enamel, and upper layers of the tooth can even be dissolved in some acidic drinks,” he said. “However, protective agents in saliva may help repair and rebuild damaged tooth enamel.”

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# Bases Are Bitter

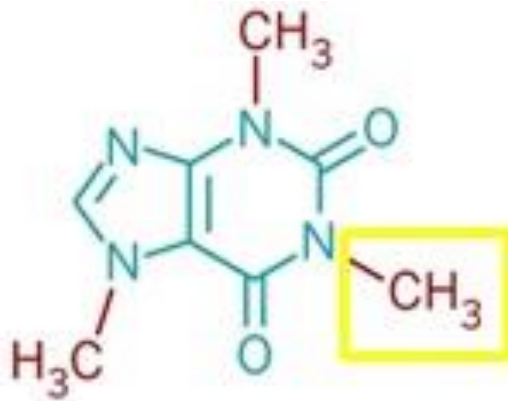
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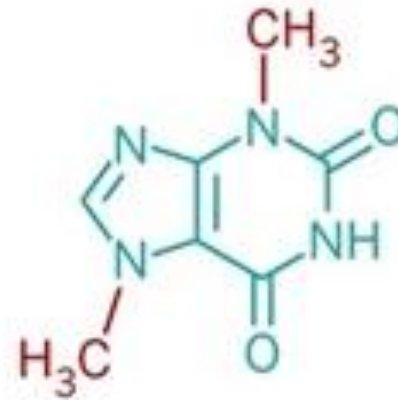
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# Why Are Nibs Bitter?

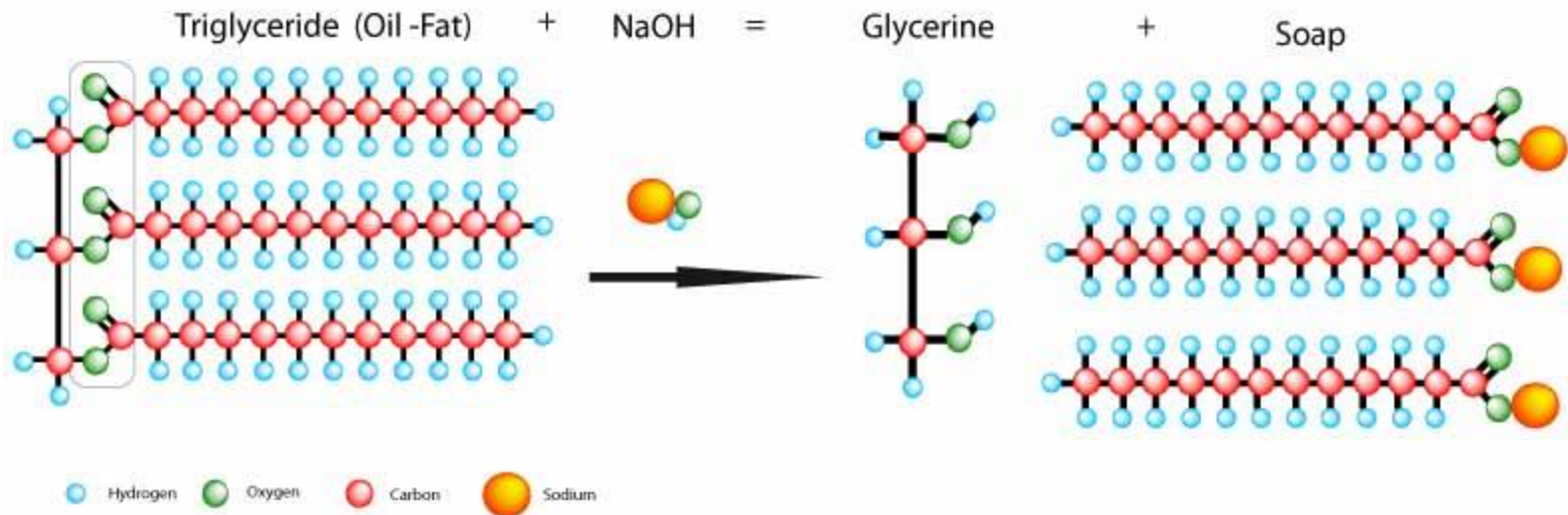


Caffeine



Theobromine

# Bases Are Slippery



# Products With Bases

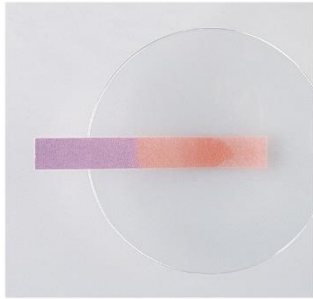




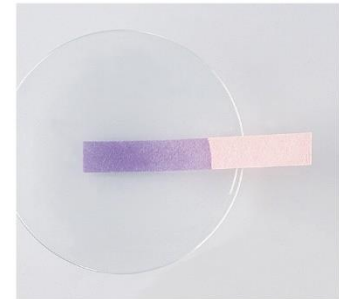
# Acids and Bases

## Change the Colors of Indicators

Acids turn blue litmus paper red



Bases turn red litmus paper blue



Hydrangea in Acidic Soil!



Hydrangea in Basic Soil!

# Cabbage Juice!



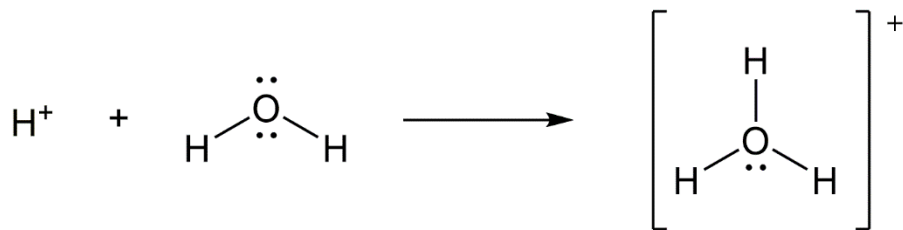
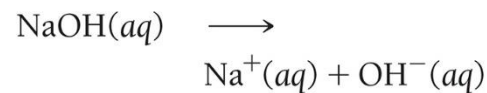
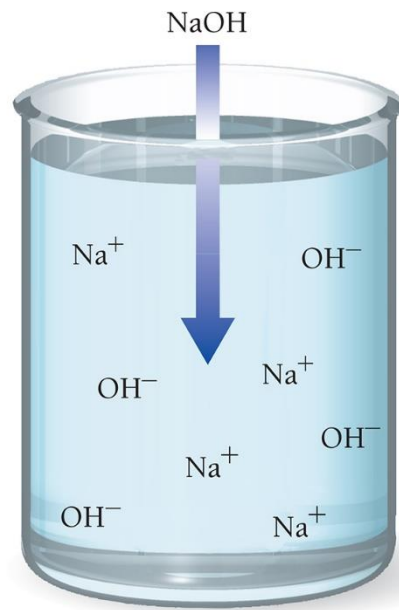
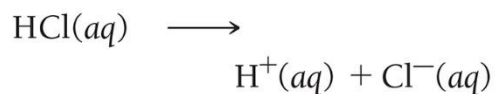
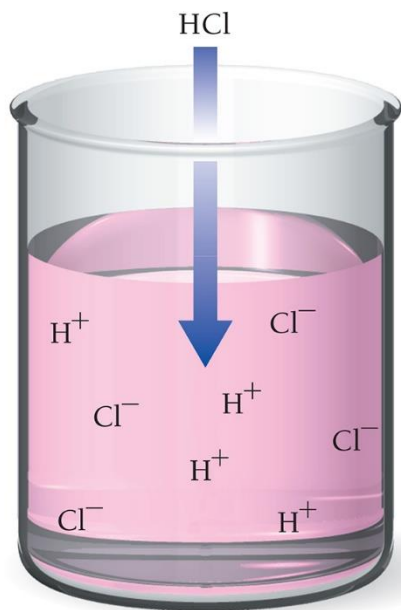
# Acids Produce $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

Acids produce  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  (hydronium ion)

$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is often abbreviated as “ $\text{H}^+$ ”

In CHEM 42 we will sometimes use both notations. In some applications one notation is more useful/helpful/instructive.

# Arrhenius Definition: Acids Produce $\text{H}^+$ and Bases Produce $\text{OH}^-$



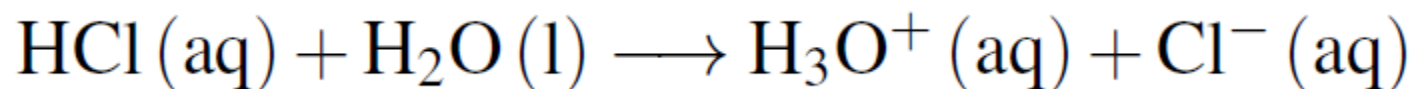
Hydronium Ion



# Bronsted-Lowry Definition

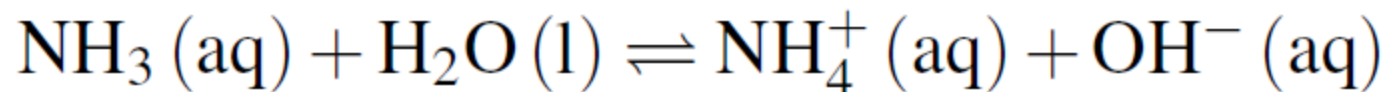
Acid: Proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ) donor

Base: Proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ) acceptor



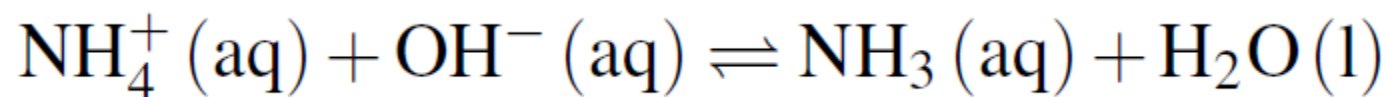
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Identify the acid and base in the following acid-base reaction.



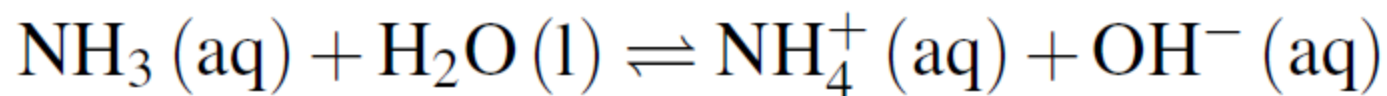
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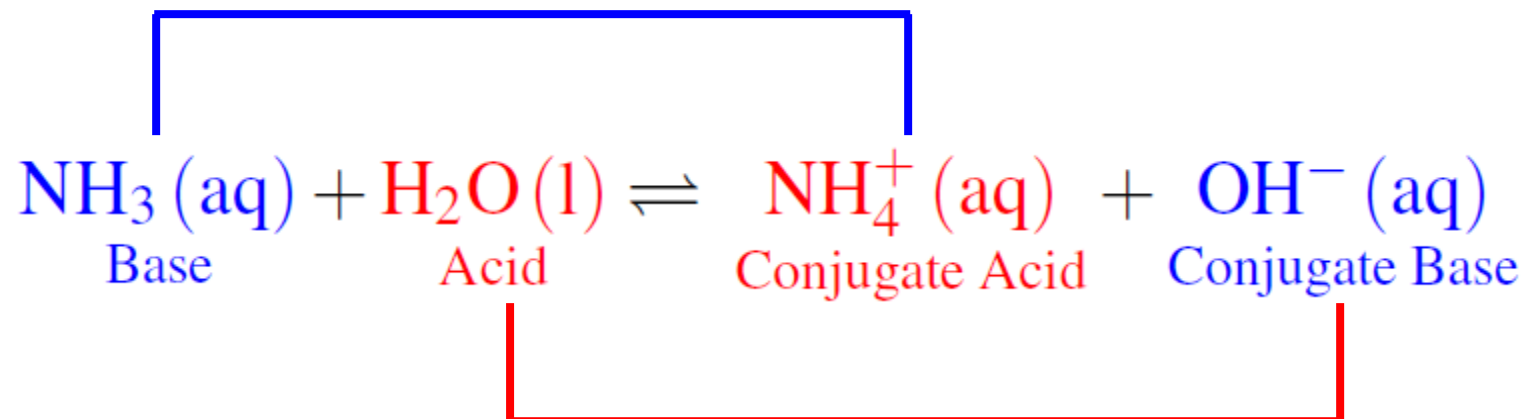


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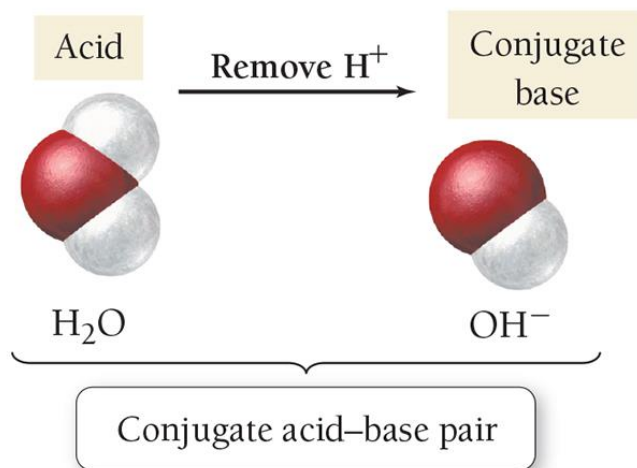
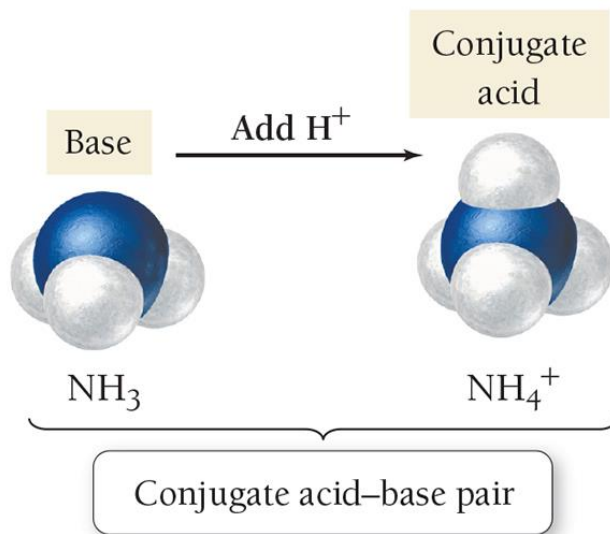
What do you notice about the two acids and two bases in the following chemical equation?



# Conjugate Acids and Bases

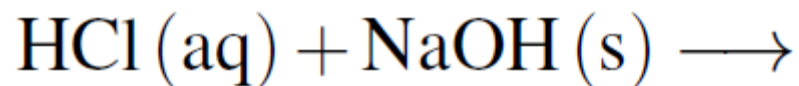


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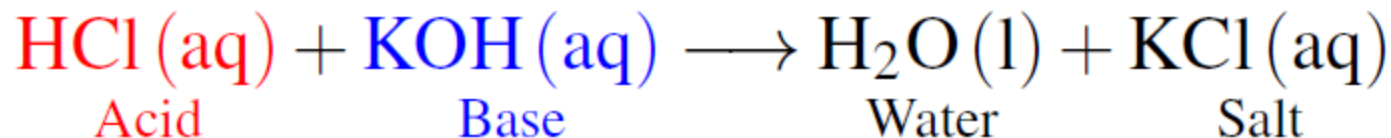


# Reactions of Acids and Bases

What are the products of the following acid-base reaction? Hint, consider how you solved precipitation reactions?

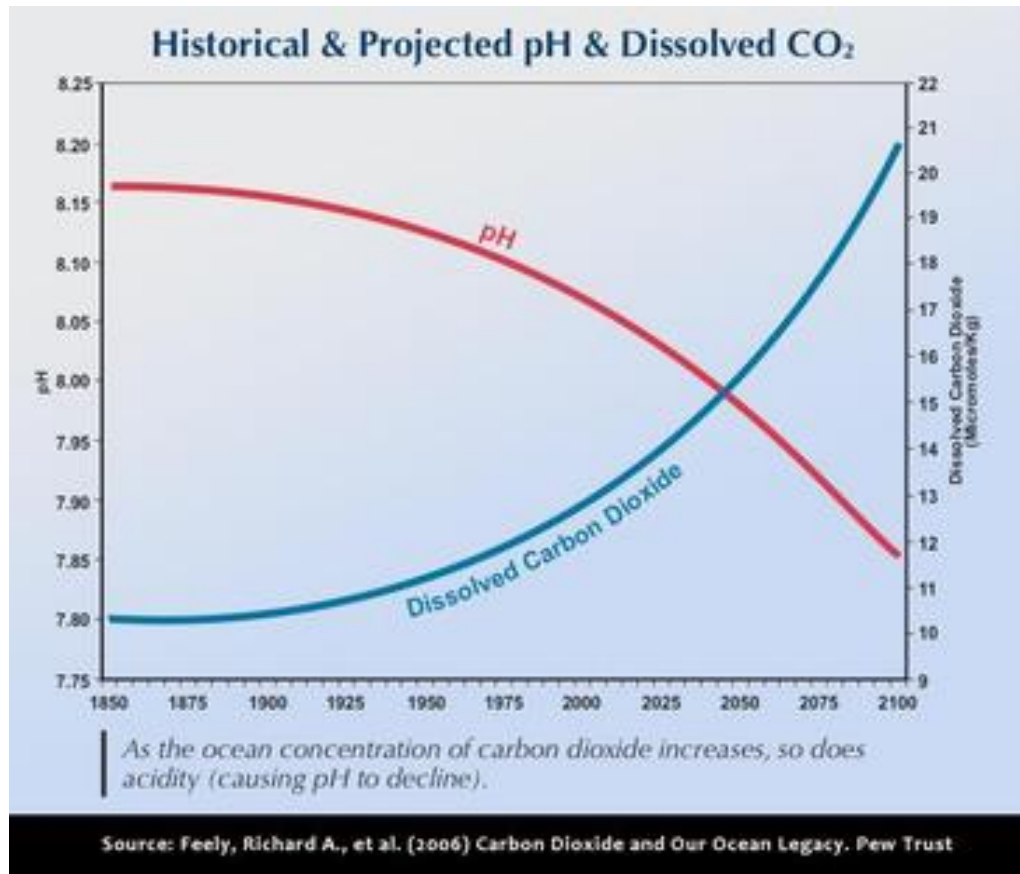


# Neutralization Reactions

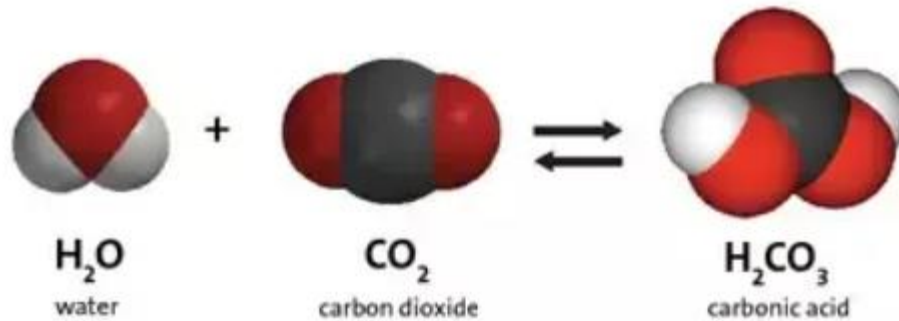




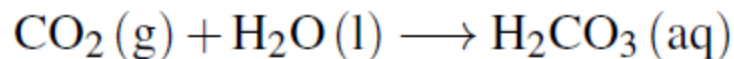
# Why Does CO<sub>2</sub> Make Water Acidic?



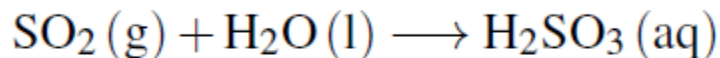
# Acidification of Water



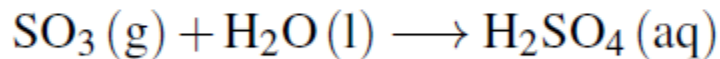
# Acid Rain Chemical Equations



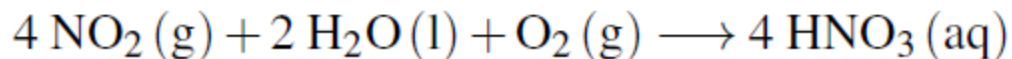
Carbonic Acid



Sulfurous Acid



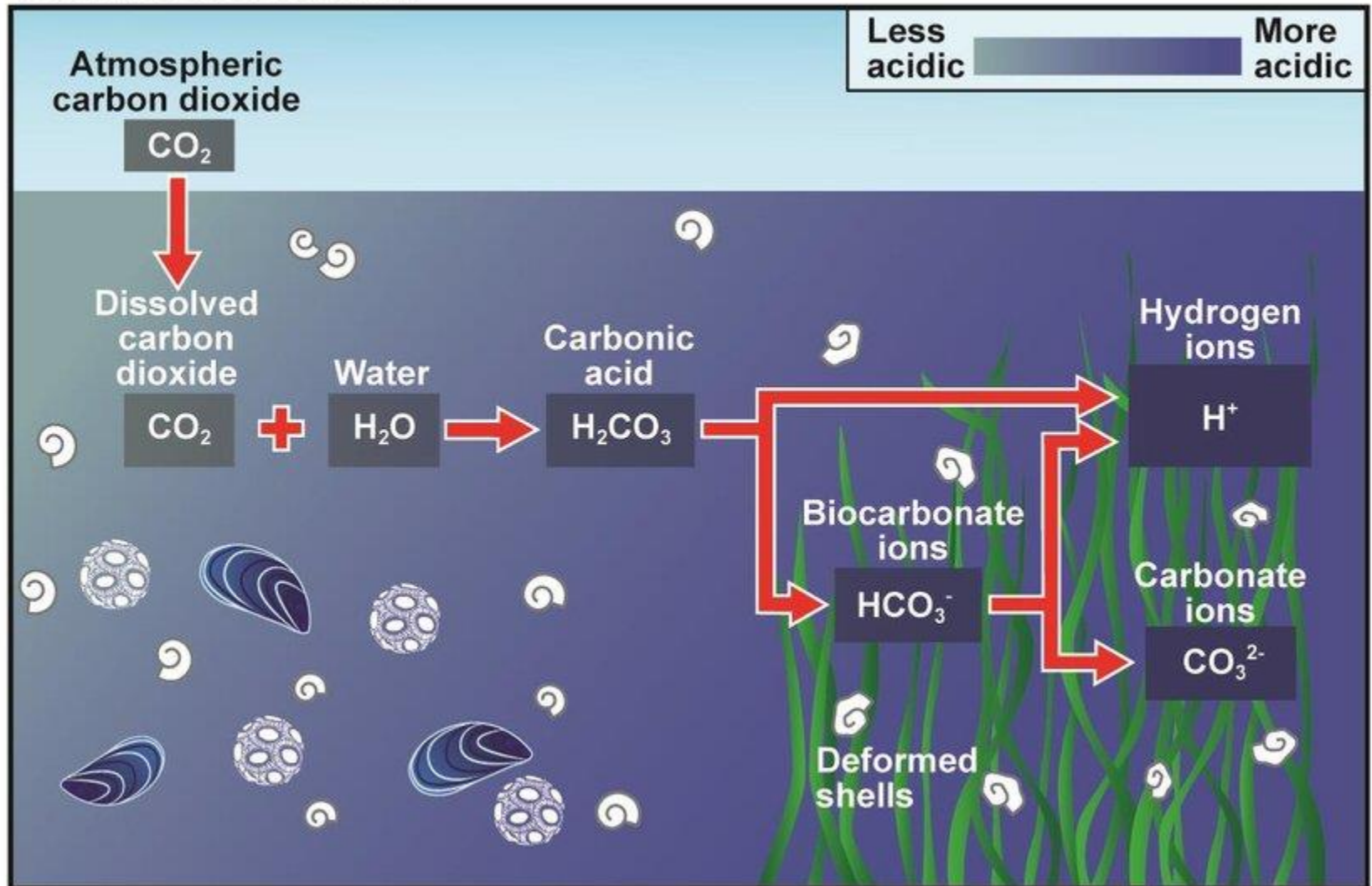
Sulfuric Acid



Nitric Acid

# Ocean Acidification

## OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



# Class Question!

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**What makes a strong acid strong and a weak acid weak?**

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# Think-Pair Share

A strong cup of coffee is coffee that is more concentrated. Is a strong acid a more concentrated acid solution?



# Strong Acids

**TABLE 14.3** Strong Acids

hydrochloric acid (HCl)

hydrobromic acid (HBr)

hydroiodic acid (HI)

nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

perchloric acid (HClO<sub>4</sub>)

sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) (*diprotic*)

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# Weak Acids

**TABLE 14.4** Weak Acids

hydrofluoric acid (HF)	sulfurous acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ ) ( <i>diprotic</i> )
acetic acid ( $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ )	carbonic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) ( <i>diprotic</i> )
formic acid ( $\text{HCHO}_2$ )	phosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ) ( <i>triprotic</i> )

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# Strong Bases

**TABLE 14.5** Strong Bases

lithium hydroxide ( $\text{LiOH}$ )  
sodium hydroxide ( $\text{NaOH}$ )  
potassium hydroxide ( $\text{KOH}$ )

strontium hydroxide ( $\text{Sr(OH)}_2$ )  
calcium hydroxide ( $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$ )  
barium hydroxide ( $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$ )

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# Weak Bases

**TABLE 14.6** Some Weak Bases

Base	Ionization Reaction
ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	$\text{NH}_3(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
pyridine (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N)	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
methylamine (CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
ethylamine (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
bicarbonate ion (HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )*	$\text{HCO}_3^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$

\*The bicarbonate ion must occur with a positively charged ion such as Na<sup>+</sup> that serves to balance the charge but does not have any part in the ionization reaction. It is the bicarbonate ion that makes sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) basic.

# Acid Strength is Determined by $K_a$

When  $K_a$  is **INFINITY** (or a VERY, VERY, large number), the acid is **STRONG**. This means for **ONE** mole of acid you get one mole of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

When  $K_a$  is **NOT INFINITY** (in most cases a number less than 1), the acid is **WEAK**. This means that for **MANY** moles of acid, you get one mole of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

# Analogy

***One*** strong  
person can lift  
one car



***Many*** weak  
people can lift  
one car



# Star Wars Analogy

Yoda is **strong** in the Force and can move Luke Skywalker's X-Wing

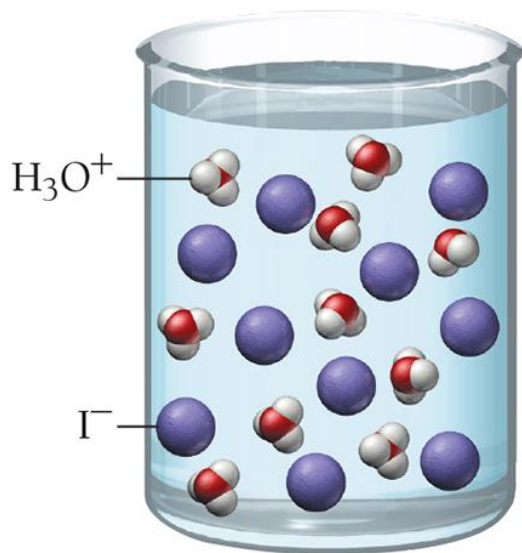


Luke is **weak** in the Force and cannot move his X-Wing

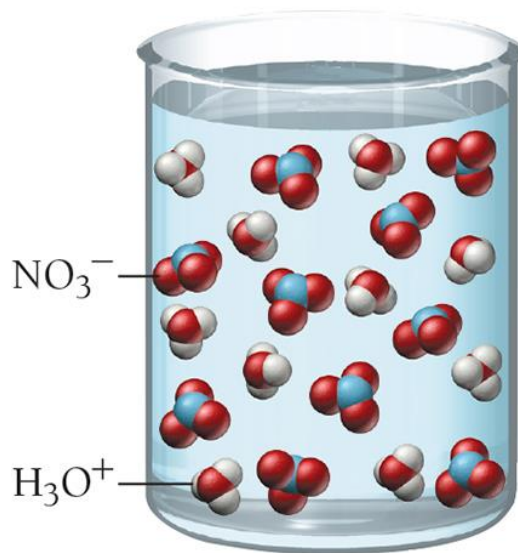


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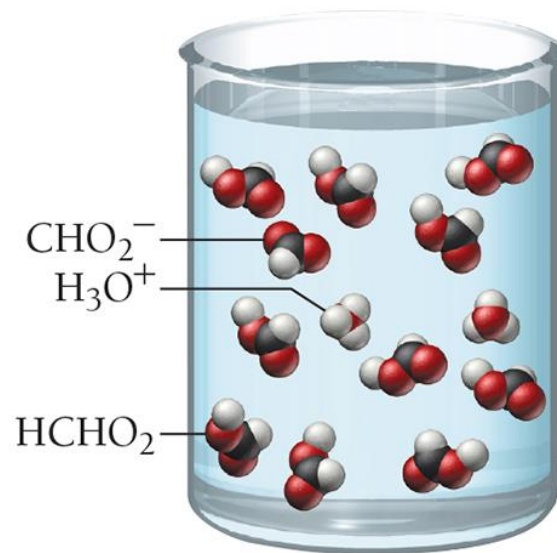
Identify each of the following as either a strong acid or a weak acid.



HI



$\text{HNO}_3$



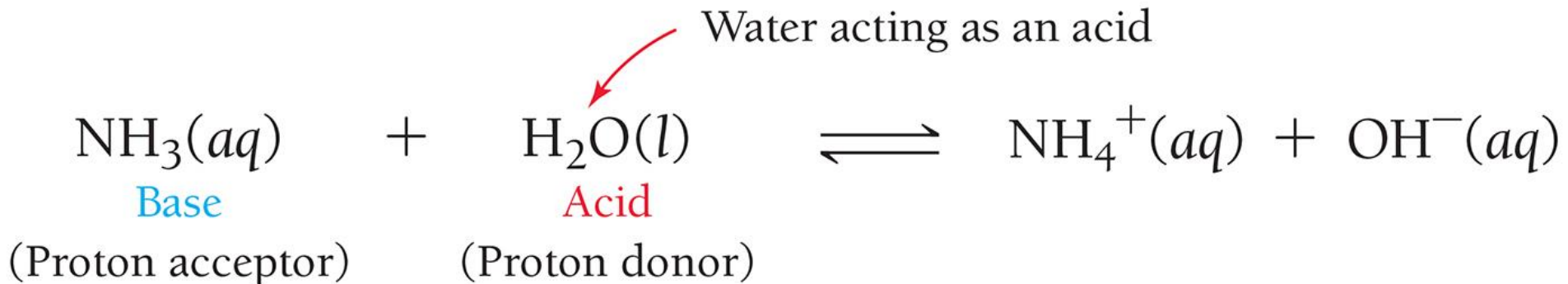
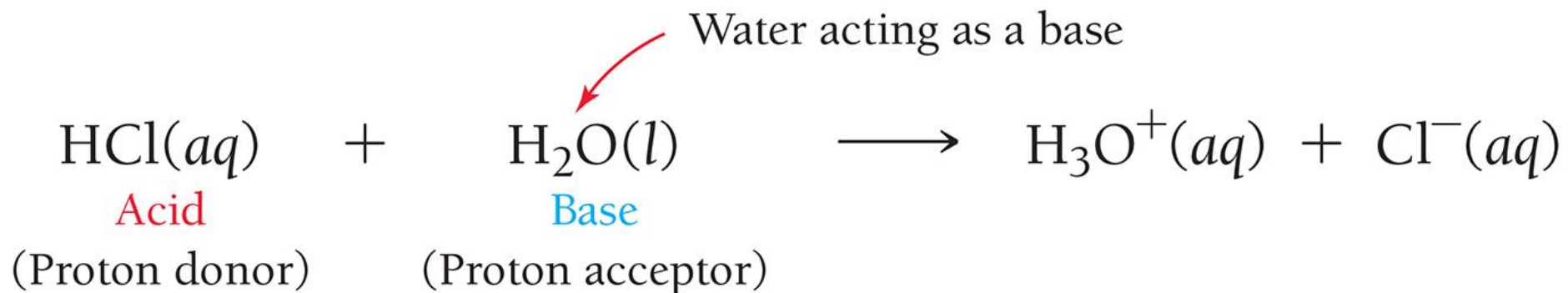
$\text{HCHO}_2$   
(Formic Acid)

# Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate by example that water can act as an acid or a base.
2. Identify a solution as acidic, basic, or neutral.
3. Calculate the pH of a solution.
4. Explain why a difference of one pH unit is a factor of 10 difference in the hydronium ion concentration.
5. Explain what a buffer is and how blood pH is regulated with  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{HCO}_3^-$ .

# Water Can Act As Either an Acid or a Base!

Water is amphoteric!



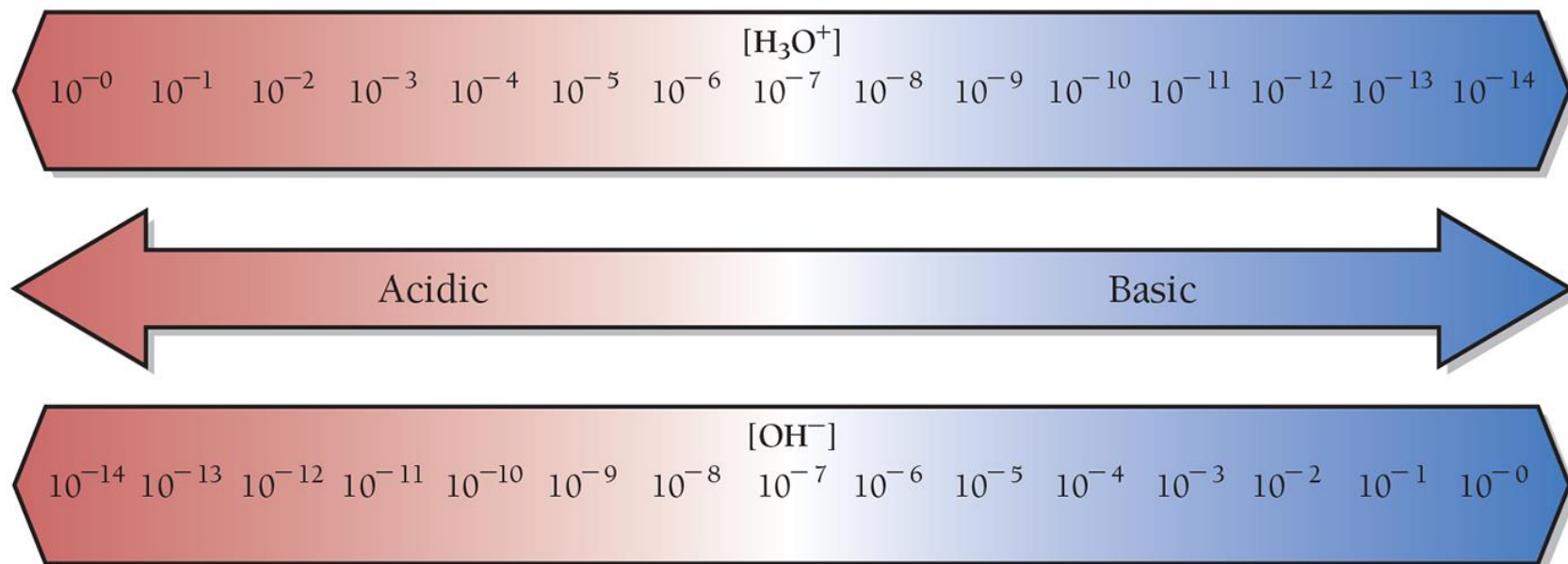


# Quantifying a Solution as Acidic, Basic, or Neutral

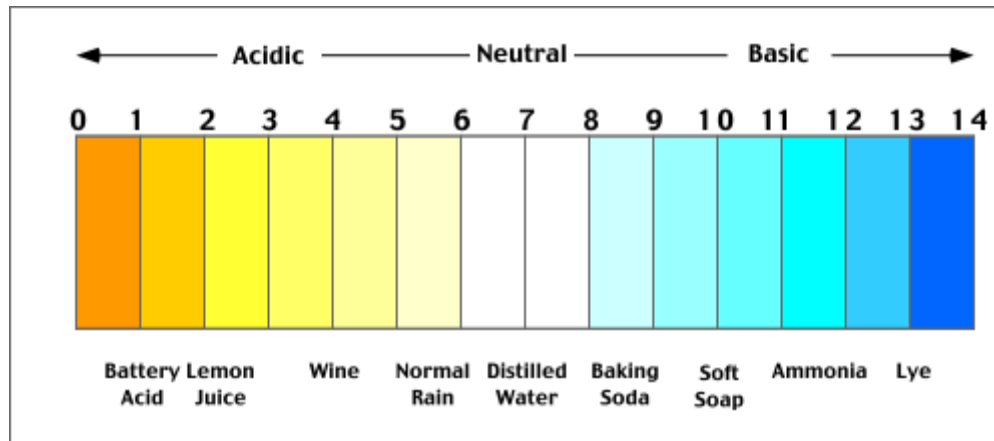
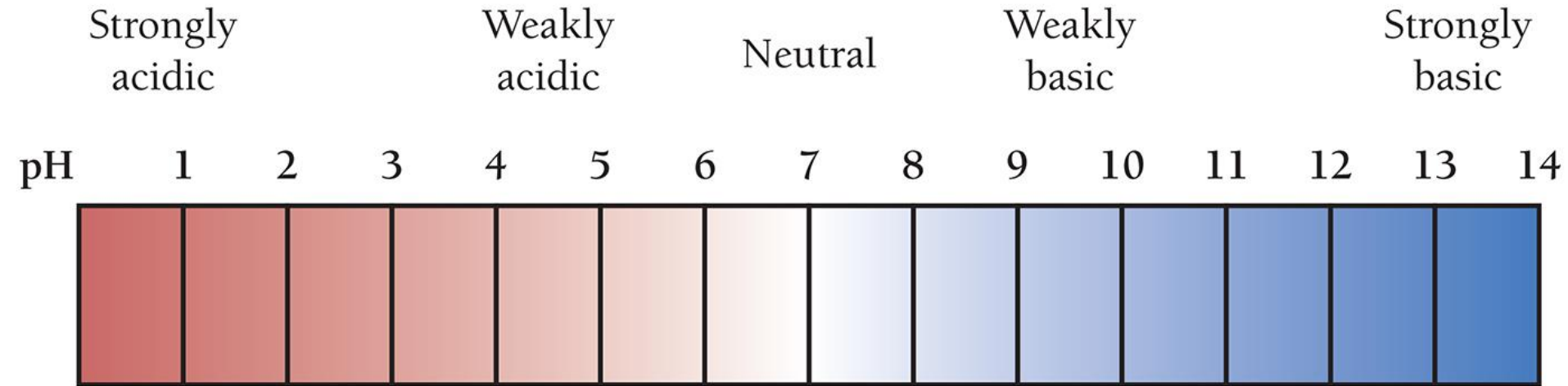
**Acidic:**  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$

**Basic:**  $[\text{OH}^-] > [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$       $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14} = K_w$

**Neutral:**  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$



# pH Quantifies How Acidic or Basic A Solution Is



# pH of Everyday Items!!

**TABLE 14.7** The pH of Some Common Substances

Substance	pH
gastric (human stomach) acid	1.0–3.0
limes	1.8–2.0
lemons	2.2–2.4
soft drinks	2.0–4.0
plums	2.8–3.0
wine	2.8–3.8
apples	2.9–3.3
peaches	3.4–3.6
cherries	3.2–4.0
beer	4.0–5.0
rainwater (unpolluted)	5.6
human blood	7.3–7.4
egg whites	7.6–8.0
milk of magnesia	10.5
household ammonia	10.5–11.5
4% NaOH solution	14

# pH and pOH Definitions

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

# Problem 5

A solution has a  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  concentration of  $9.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$ . Calculate the pH and determine whether the solution is acidic or basic.

# pH is a Log Scale!!

$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ Concentration (M)	$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
$1 \times 10^{-1}$	1
$1 \times 10^{-2}$	2
$1 \times 10^{-3}$	3
$1 \times 10^{-4}$	4
$1 \times 10^{-5}$	5
$1 \times 10^{-6}$	6
$1 \times 10^{-7}$	7
$1 \times 10^{-8}$	8
$1 \times 10^{-9}$	9
$1 \times 10^{-10}$	10
$1 \times 10^{-11}$	11
$1 \times 10^{-12}$	12
$1 \times 10^{-13}$	13
$1 \times 10^{-14}$	14

pH	$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$	$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ Representation
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$10^{-4}$



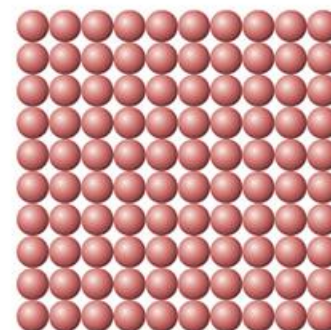
3

$10^{-3}$



2

$10^{-2}$



( Each circle represents  $\frac{10^{-4} \text{ mol H}^+}{\text{L}}$  )

# Problem 6

Which of the following are possible?

(a) A pH between 1 and 14

(b) A pH less than 1

(c) A pH greater than 14

(d) A negative pH

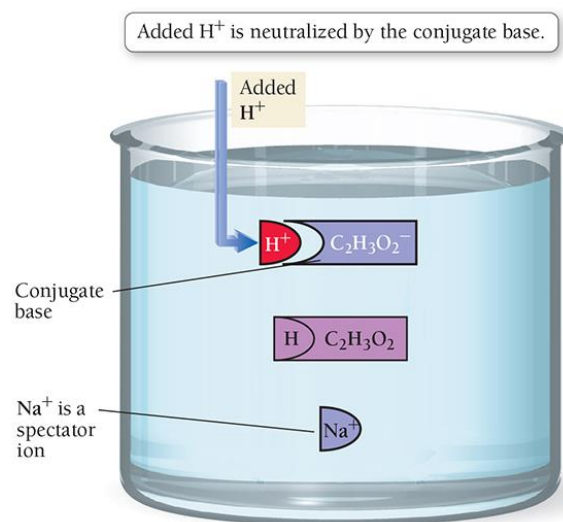
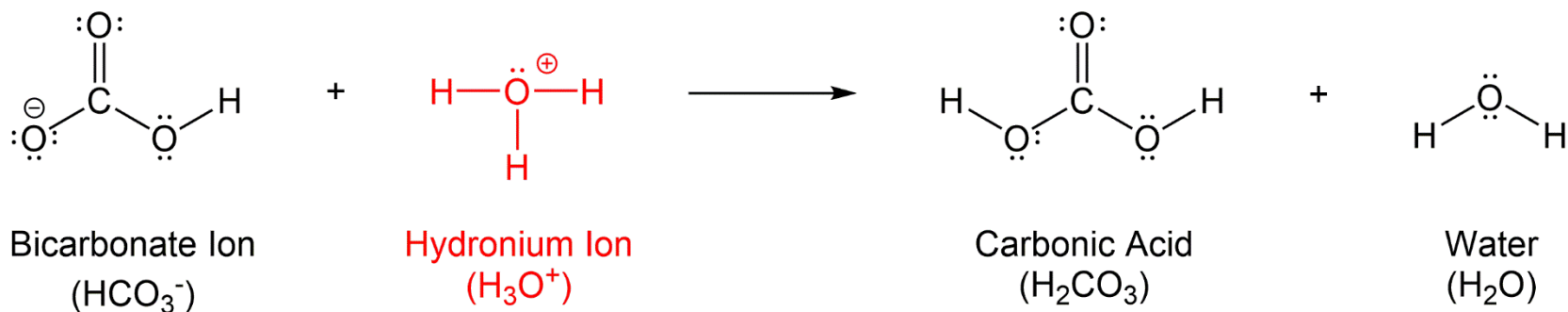
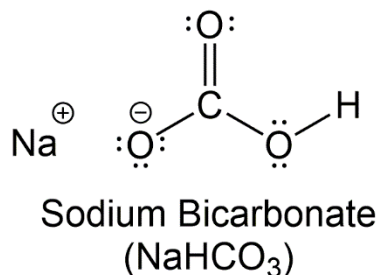
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A buffer is a solution that resists pH change.

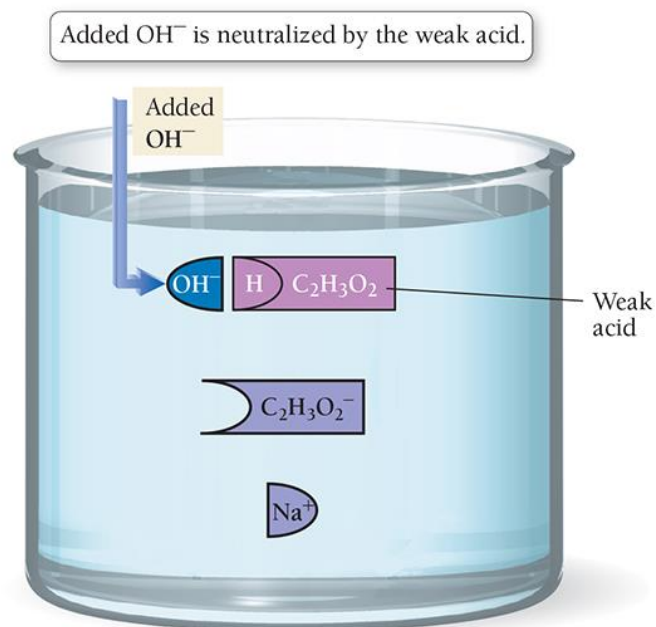
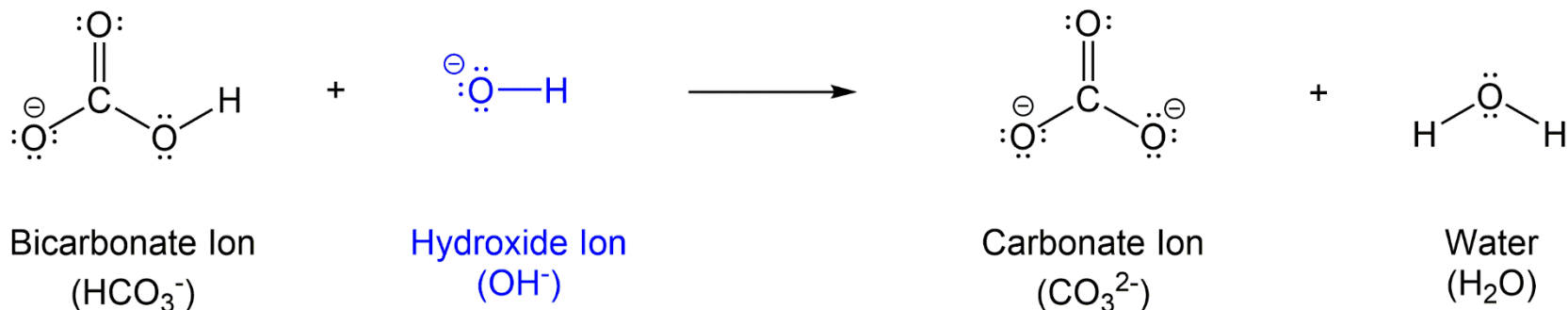
Buffer	pH Range
Acetate	3.6–5.6
Bis-Tris	5.8–7.2
Citrate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}1}$ )	2.2–6.5
Citrate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}2}$ )	3.0–6.2
Citrate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}3}$ )	5.5–7.2
Methylamine	9.5–11.5
Phosphate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}1}$ )	1.7–2.9
Phosphate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}2}$ )	5.8–8.0
Succinate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}1}$ )	3.2–5.2
Succinate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a}2}$ )	5.5–6.5



# Buffers Resist pH Change When Acid is Added

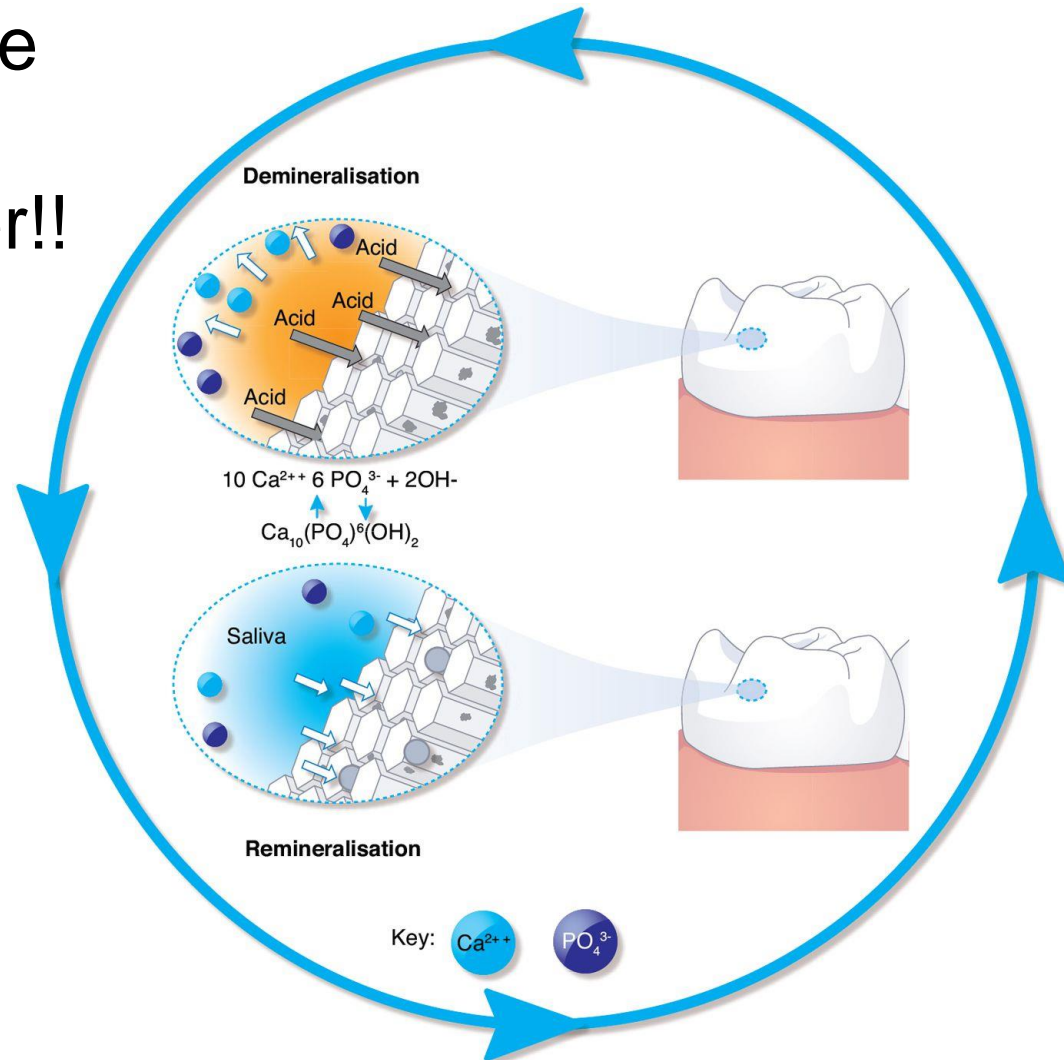


# Buffers Resist pH Change When Base is Added



# Why Must You Wait 30 Minutes to Brush Your Teeth After Drinking a Cola?

- 1) Saliva has phosphate
- 2) Phosphate is a buffer!!



# Problem 7

Blood must have a pH around 7.4. When the pH falls below 7.35 the body has acidosis and when the pH rises above 7.45 the body has alkalosis. When the pH deviates strongly from 7.4 the result is very harmful to the body. Which buffer do you think the body produces for the blood stream to regulate the blood pH?

Buffer	pH Range
Acetate	3.6–5.6
Bicarbonate	5.1–7.1
Citrate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a1}}$ )	2.2–6.5
Citrate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a2}}$ )	3.0–6.2
Methylamine	9.5–11.5
Phosphate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a1}}$ )	1.7–2.9
Succinate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a1}}$ )	3.2–5.2
Succinate ( $\text{pK}_{\text{a2}}$ )	5.5–6.5