

#### The Reactivity Series:

- Li + H<sub>2</sub>O and Zn + HCl produce similar products. State what these are and explain why they are produced and what you would observe.
- Explain why gold and silver are used to make jewellery and why potassium is stored in jars of oil.
- Describe a safe method that could be used to put metals in order of their reactivity according to their reactions with hydrochloric acid.

# Titrations (chemistry only):

- Describe how to accurately calculate the reacting volumes of strong hydrochloric acid and strong sodium hydroxide solution.
- Explain how to calculate the concentration of sodium hydroxide solution needed if 27.5 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.2 mol/dm<sup>3</sup> hydrochloric acid is required to titrate 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of sodium hydroxide solution.

### **Electrolysis:**

- Explain the differences between the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride and the electrolysis of sodium chloride solution.
- To carry out the electrolysis of water, sulfuric acid is added. How does the addition of sulfuric acid produce a conducting solution?
- (HT only) Describe the electrolysis of lithium fluoride solution using half equations.

## **Metal Oxides and Extraction:**

- Explain why gold is found as a metal element rather than combined with any other elements in a compound.
- The reaction between aluminium powder and iron(III) oxide is used in the rail industry. Explain the reaction using a word and symbol equation.
- Explain why carbon can reduce tin oxide but not magnesium oxide.

# AQA GCSE Chemical Changes

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### **Electrolysis:**

- Explain why ionic substances only conduct electricity when molten or in an aqueous solution.
- Suggest why aluminium knives and forks used to be more precious than gold in the 19th century.
- **(HT only)** Explain using half equations which ions are oxidised and which ions are reduced in the electrolysis of aluminium oxide.

# **Reactions of Metals with Acids:**

- Explain why copper sulfate cannot be made by adding copper metal to sulfuric acid.
- Explain why potassium chloride should not be made by reacting potassium metal with hydrochloric acid.
- (HT only) Explain why the reaction between zinc and hydrochloric acid is a redox reaction.

## The pH scale and Neutralisation:

- Using a sketch graph, describe and explain how the pH changes when a strong acid is added to a strong alkali.
- Universal indictor paper is the best indicator to use to distinguish between distilled water, sodium hydroxide (aq) and ethanoic acid (aq). Discuss.
- (HT only) Explain what differences you would see when magnesium carbonate reacts with ethanoic acid (weak acid) compared with nitric acid (strong acid).

### Salts:

- How could scientists identify an unknown chemical as being a carbonate?
- Explain a method to show how lithium chloride can be synthesised in the laboratory.
- A sample of copper sulphate crystals was accidently contaminated with sand. Describe the method to regain the pure copper sulphate crystal back again.