## Learning Objectives

To understand the pH scale and how it relates to acids and bases



# pH and Neutralization

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- PH is a measure of how acidic or basic a solution may be
- p refers to 'power' or 'potential'
- H refers to hydrogen
- PH is therefore a measure of the concentration of dissolved hydrogen
- the more dissolved hydrogen, the more powerful the acid

# pH relates to the dissociation, or ionization, of an acid or base.





# Measuring pH

- The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14
- Solutions < 7 are acidic
- Solutions > 7 are basic, or alkaline





#### pH and the pH scale

- Both very acidic and very basic solutions are corrosive and highly reactive
- PH scale is separated by a power of 10
- pH of 1 is 10X more acidic than pH 2 and 100X more acidic than pH 3
- pH of 8 is 10X more basic than pH 7 and 10X less basic than pH 9

## **Neutralization Reactions**

- A specific double displacement reaction in which an acid and a base react to produce water and an ionic compound (a salt)
- Results in a solution with a pH closer to 7







#### **Neutralization Reactions**

- Water is H<sub>2</sub>O
- H<sup>+</sup> from acid + OH<sup>-</sup> from the base =  $H_2O$
- General equation is this:

acid + base → water + ionic compound





## Examples # 1

#### Carbonic acid + potassium hydroxide = ?

### Example # 2

#### Calcium hydroxide + hydrosulfuric acid = ?

#### Example # 3

#### Magnesium hydroxide + phosphoric acid= ?

(fluorine)(uranium)(nitrogen)
(tungsten)(iodine)(thorium)
(phosphorus)(hydrogen):

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 Neutralization Reaction worksheet

