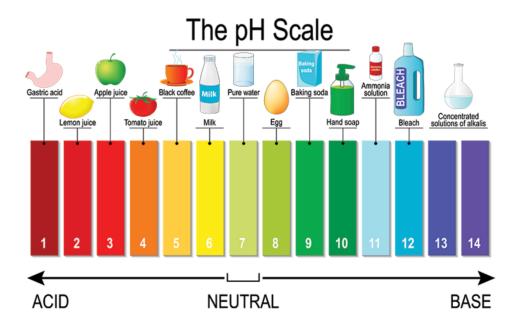
## **Unit 4: Solutions and solubility**

Lesson 5: Arrhenius Acids and Bases (Chapter 10.1 – 10.2)



### The Arrhenius Theory of Acids and Bases

- Acid: a substance that dissociates in water to produce hydrogen ions (H+)
  Example: HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Carbonated drinks
- Base: A substance dissolved in water to produce hydroxide ions (OH-)

Example: NaOH, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>, baking soda

# **Properties of Acids:**

- 1. Sour taste
- 2. Changes the colour of litmus paper from blue to red
- 3. Reacts with:
  - Metal, such as Zinc and Magnesium to produce hydrogen gas
  - o Strong bases to produce water and an ionic compound
  - o Carbonate salt, such as CaCO₃ to produce carbon dioxide
- 1. Conduct electricity when dissolved in water (electrolytes)

Examples of acids: Lemon juice, vitamins C (ascorbic acid), vinegar (acetic acid), hydrochloric acid

### **Properties of Bases:**

- 1. Bitter taste
- 2. Slippery, soapy feel
- 3. Changes the colour of litmus paper from red to blue
- 4. React with acid to produce salt and water



Examples of bases: Ammonia, milk of Magnesia Mg(OH)2, sodium hydroxide

#### **Acid-Base Indicators**

 An indicator is a substance that changes colour depending on whether it is in an acidic or basic solution.

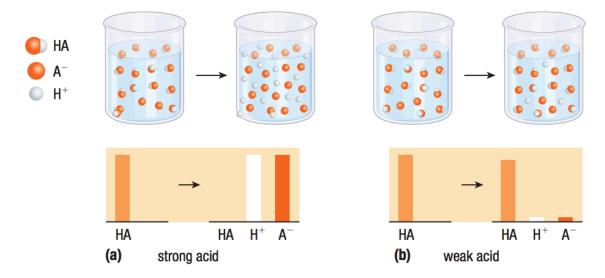
| Indicator           | Colour in acid<br>(pH < 7) | Colour at pH = 7 | Colour in base<br>(pH > 7) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Red cabbage water   | red, pink                  | purple           | blue, green, yellow        |
| Red onion water     | red                        | violet           | green                      |
| Turmeric water      | yellow                     | yellow           | red                        |
| Phenolphthalein     | colourless                 | colourless       | pink, red                  |
| Bromothymol blue    | yellow                     | green            | blue                       |
| Red litmus          | red                        | red              | blue                       |
| Blue litmus         | red                        | blue             | blue                       |
| Universal indicator | red, orange, yellow        | green            | Blue, violet, purple       |

## **Strong vs. Weak Acids:**

The strength of an acid refers to its ability to ionize in solution

- Strong acids is an acid that ionizes completely in water
- The concentration of hydrogen ions is equal to the concentration to the acid
- Remember the 6 strong acids: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- Weak acid is an acid that ionizes very slightly (partially) in water.

- The concentration of hydrogen ions is always less than the concentration of the dissolved acid.
- Some examples of weak acids are:  $CH_3COOH$  (acetic acid), HCN (hydrocyanic acid),  $H_3PO_3$  (phosphoric acid)



## **Strong vs. Weak Bases**

- Strong base is a base that dissociates hydroxide ions in water
- the concentration of hydroxide ions is equal to the concentration of the base
- some common strong bases are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- weak base is a base that produces relatively few hydroxide ions in water. Only small number of particles dissociate in water.
- Some examples of weak acids are: NH<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, NaCN, etc...

| 6 Strong Acids                 |                   | 6 Strong Bases      |                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| HCIO <sub>4</sub>              | perchloric acid   | LiOH                | lithium hydroxide   |
| HCI                            | hydrochloric acid | NaOH                | sodium hydroxide    |
| HBr                            | hydrobromic acid  | кон                 | potassium hydroxide |
| НІ                             | hydroiodic acid   | Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> | calcium hydroxide   |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>               | nitric acid       | Sr(OH) <sub>2</sub> | strontium hydroxide |
| H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | sulfuric acid     | Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> | barium hydroxide    |

# Strong and Weak vs. Concentrated and Dilute

- Strong and weak refer to the ionization or dissociation of particles in water
- Concentrated and dilute refer to the amount of solute in a solvent.

**Homework 10.1 – 10.2:** 

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