

4 Gases and structures – Part 1

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	Write it 3 times (English)		
ideal gas	_____	_____	_____
colliding	_____	_____	_____
pressure	_____	_____	_____
real gas	_____	_____	_____
kelvin	_____	_____	_____

Recall

At IGCSE you learned that a gas is made of fast-moving particles spread far apart. Now we model a gas with numbers, using one neat equation.

- Gas particles move fast in all directions and hit the walls.
- We treat a gas as an **ideal gas** – a simple model.

Nothing here is harder than IGCSE – it just adds one equation and the right words.

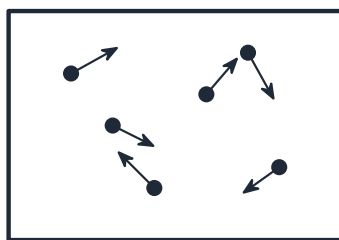
New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

■ 1 Where gas pressure comes from

Gas molecules move fast and keep **colliding**
Each hit gives a tiny push. The **pressure**
collisions.

with the walls of the container.
is the overall result of all these



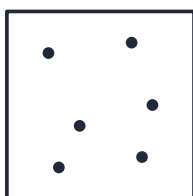
particles hit the walls

■ 2 The ideal gas model

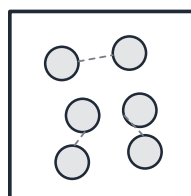
An **ideal gas** assumes two things:

- the particles take up **zero volume**.
- there are **no forces** of attraction between the particles.

A **real gas** follows this best at **low pressure and high temperature**, and worst at high pressure and low temperature (when the particles are crowded).



ideal
(points, no forces)



real
(crowded, attractions)

■ 3 The ideal gas equation

$$pV = nRT$$

- p = pressure (Pa), V = volume (m^3), n = moles,
- T = temperature in **kelvin** (add 273 to $^{\circ}\text{C}$), $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$.

Worked example. Volume of 0.50 mol at 27°C ($= 300 \text{ K}$) and 100 kPa ($= 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$):

$$V = \frac{nRT}{p} = \frac{0.50 \times 8.31 \times 300}{1.0 \times 10^5} = 0.0125 \text{ m}^3.$$

Watch out: in $pV = nRT$ everything must be in SI units – p in Pa, V in m^3 , n in mol, and especially T in kelvin (add 273 to $^{\circ}\text{C}$). Leaving T in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ is the most common slip.

Practice

Try these in order. Use $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$.

4.1 Explain, in terms of particles, how a gas creates pressure on the walls of its container. [2]

4.2 State the two assumptions of an ideal gas. [2]

4.3 Under what conditions does a real gas behave most like an ideal gas? [1]

4.4 Convert (a) 27°C to kelvin, (b) 127°C to kelvin. [2]

4.5 Find the volume of 2.0 mol of an ideal gas at 300 K and $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. [3]

4.6 Challenge. A 0.10 m^3 container holds an ideal gas at $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and 400 K. Find the amount, in moles, of gas present. [3]