

3.7 Solutions and Mixtures

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Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **solutions and mixtures** – concentration and molarity.

You must be able to:

- define **solute** , **solvent** , and **solution**
- calculate **molarity** $M = \frac{\text{mol solute}}{\text{L solution}}$
- find moles or mass from a molarity

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later – follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

■ Solute, solvent, solution

A **solute** dissolves in a **solvent** to make a **solution**. In salt water, salt is the solute and water the solvent.

■ Molarity

$$M = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{litres of solution}}$$

Dissolving 0.5 mol in 2.0 L gives $\frac{0.5}{2.0} = 0.25$ M.

■ Finding moles from molarity

Rearrange: $\text{mol} = M \times V(\text{L})$. In 0.50 L of 2.0 M solution there are $2.0 \times 0.50 = 1.0$ mol.

■ From mass to molarity

Convert mass to moles first ($n = m/M_{\text{molar}}$), then divide by volume. 11.7 g of NaCl ($M_{\text{molar}} = 58.5$) is 0.20 mol; in 0.50 L that is 0.40 M.

2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Find the molarity of 0.40 mol dissolved in 2.0 L. [2]

2.2 How many moles are in 0.25 L of a 1.2 M solution? [2]

2.3 Identify the solute and solvent in a copper sulfate solution. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Molarity is defined as [1]

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- A** mol solute per kg solvent
- B** mol solute per L solution
- C** g solute per L solution
- D** L solution per mol solute

3.2 A solution is made by dissolving 0.50 mol of KCl in enough water to make 250 mL.

(a) Find the molarity. [3]

(b) How many moles are in 50 mL of this solution? [2]

3.3 What mass of NaOH ($M_{\text{molar}} = 40.0 \text{ g/mol}$) is needed to make 500 mL of a 0.20 M solution? [3]