

# 3.7 Solutions and Mixtures

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## Objective

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

**You must be able to:**

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

## 1 Worked examples

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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

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Now apply the methods above.

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

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

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

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### 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** Molarity is defined as [1]

- 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]

## 4 Go further

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You are now ready for the real exam questions on this subtopic:

- work through the **3.7 Solutions and Mixtures** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Solutions and Mixtures** section of the AP Chemistry handout on the **Know** page.

## Solutions

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**2.1**  $M = \frac{0.40}{2.0} = 0.20 \text{ M}$ .

**2.2**  $\text{mol} = 1.2 \times 0.25 = 0.30 \text{ mol}$ .

**2.3** Solute: copper sulfate; solvent: water.

**3.1 B** —mol solute per litre of solution.

**3.2** (a)  $250 \text{ mL} = 0.250 \text{ L}$ ;  $M = \frac{0.50}{0.250} = 2.0 \text{ M}$ . (b)  $\text{mol} = 2.0 \times 0.050 = 0.10 \text{ mol}$ .

**3.3**  $\text{mol} = 0.20 \times 0.500 = 0.10 \text{ mol}$ ;  $\text{mass} = 0.10 \times 40.0 = 4.0 \text{ g}$ .