

# 7.3: Molarity, Molality & Dilution

## Remember:

- Have your **7.3 notesheet** ready!
- You can **pause** the video anytime.
- You can **rewind** the video anytime.
- Write down **questions/comments** as you go for discussion in class.

**Are you ready???**



## Part I: Molarity and Molality

- the concentration of a solution can be measured in a variety of ways.
  - the words “**concentrated**” and “**dilute**” can describe a sol’n **without** specific numerical values. These are qualitative descriptions.
  - quantitative descriptions of concentration (numerical values) can be calculated from specific information about the solution, such as moles of solute and either volume or mass of solvent. **Molarity** (M) and **molality** (m) are two such values.

- Molarity (M) = the number of **moles** of solute per 1 **liter** of total solution.

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{liters of solution}} = \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

- Molarity involves a **molar** amount of solute, so if you are given something like grams, you must convert them into moles first.
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- once you have moles of solute and liters of solution, just divide. **Molarity unit = M**
- steps in the calculation:
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  2. decide which **rearrangement** of the formula you need to solve the problem
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  4. **plug in** the values and **solve!**

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$$\text{mol} = \underline{54.3 \text{ g}} \rightarrow \underline{.554 \text{ mol}}$$

$$L = \underline{2.3 \text{ L}}$$

$$54.3 \text{ g H}_3\text{PO}_4 \left| \frac{1 \text{ mol H}_3\text{PO}_4}{98.00 \text{ g H}_3\text{PO}_4} = \frac{.554 \text{ mol}}{\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4}$$

$$M = \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} = \frac{.554 \text{ mol}}{2.3 \text{ L}} = \boxed{.24 \text{ M}}$$



- **molality** (m) = the number of **moles** of **solute** per 1 **kilogram** of **solvent**.

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- molality involves a **molar** amount of solute, so if you are given something like grams, you must convert them into moles first.
- molality also involves the **mass** (in **kilograms**) of solvent, so if you are given something like grams, you must convert them into kilograms first.
- once you have moles of solute and kg of solvent, just divide. **Molality unit = m**
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  - therefore, if the temperature or pressure **remains the same**, Molarity is used as the measure of concentration.
  - however, **molality** does **not** involve volume, it involves **mass** (in kg), which does **not** fluctuate with changes in temperature or pressure.
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 \text{mol} = (3.7 \text{ m})(1.48 \text{ kg}) = \\
 5.476 \text{ mol}
 \end{array}$$

$$5.476 \text{ mol NaCl} \left| \frac{58.44 \text{ g NaCl}}{1 \text{ mol NaCl}} = \boxed{320.02 \text{ g NaCl}}$$



## Part II: Dilution Calculations

- most acids, bases, and other chemical solutions are sold in very concentrated form to save on shipping costs and storage space (smaller volume and mass). (Think of frozen concentrated orange juice.)
- however, most experiments call for very diluted versions of these solutions.
- to dilute a solution, you combine distilled water with the concentrated solution until the proper, lower-concentration solution is formed.
- there are four parts to the **dilution equation**:
  1.  $M_D$  = **Molarity** of the **diluted** (or desired) solution
  2.  $M_C$  = **Molarity** of the **concentrated** (or stock) solution
  3.  $V_D$  = **volume** of the **diluted** (or desired) solution
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$$M_C V_C = M_D V_D$$





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- in most cases, you need to calculate  $V_C$ , the **volume of the conc. sol'n**, so the formula will need to be rearranged like this:

$$V_C = \frac{M_D V_D}{M_C}$$

- in addition to the  $V_C$ , you will also need to know the **volume of distilled water** to use to dilute the concentrated solution. You can calculate this volume of water by using this equation:

$$V_W = V_D - V_C$$

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$$M_D = \frac{3.8 \text{ M}}{\quad} \quad V_C = \frac{M_D V_D}{M_C} = V_C = \frac{(3.8 \text{ M})(1.5 \text{ L})}{12 \text{ M}} = .475 \text{ L}$$

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$$V_D = \frac{1.5 \text{ L}}{\quad}$$

$$V_C = \frac{?}{\quad}$$

$$V_W = \frac{?}{\quad}$$

$$.475 \text{ L} \left| \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ L}} \right. = \mathbf{475 \text{ mL HCl}}$$

$$V_W = V_D - V_C = 1500 \text{ mL} - 475 \text{ mL} = \mathbf{1025 \text{ mL H}_2\text{O}}$$



- Make sure notesheet is **completely filled in**
- Preview the **funsheets** (7.3a and 7.3b)
- **Rewind and review** any parts that were not clear
- Bring both **notesheet** and **funsheet packets** to class

