

Toxic Reactions Chemical Equations

Name	
Date _	Period

Purpose

To interpret chemical equations involving toxins.

Materials

Toxic Reactions cards

Part I: Interpreting Chemical Equations

Chemical equation: $HCl(aq) + NaHCO_3(aq) \longrightarrow NaCl(aq) + H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$

Interpretation: A solution of hydrochloric acid reacts with a solution of sodium bicarbonate to produce a solution of sodium chloride, water, and bubbles of carbon dioxide gas.

Fill in the table based on the equation and interpretation.

Symbol	What it represents
HCl	
(<i>aq</i>)	
+	
NaHCO ₃	
\longrightarrow	

Symbol	What it represents
NaCl	
H ₂ O	
(1)	
CO ₂	
(g)	

- I. What are the reactants in this chemical reaction? What are the products?
- **2.** What visible evidence do you have that $CO_2(g)$ was formed? That NaCl(aq) was formed?
- **3.** What does the chemical equation tell you that your observations do not?
- 4. Predict what you would observe if you heated the liquid until all the water was gone.

Part 2: Toxins

1. Work with your partner to sort the Toxic Reactions cards into four groups based on some pattern or similar features you discover. Describe the four groups.

- 2. What are some substances that toxins react with in the body?
- 3. What do the toxins that affect the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs have in common?
- **4.** List the compounds that are the *products* of reactions that cause blood acidosis.
- 5. What do the substances that cause nerve damage have in common?
- **6.** Identify the solids that result in kidney stones.
- **7. Making Sense** Describe what information a chemical equation gives you.