Chemistry Lab: Chemical Reaction between Sodium Bicarbonate and Vinegar



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In this experiment you will learn about the chemical formulas of sodium bicarbonate and vinegar, and the individual elements these two compounds make up. You will also learn what a chemical equation is and what reactants and products are.

Materials:

Sodium bicarbonate Vinegar - Acetic Acid Graduated Cylinder Beaker Triple Beam Balance Spoon Flask Balloon Paper Cup (do not get this wet - keep it dry) Vernier Labquest Vernier temperature probe

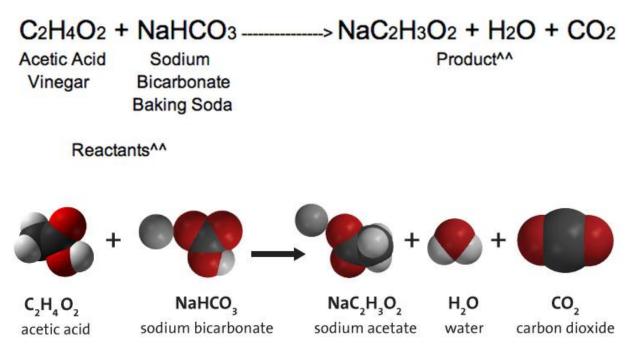
<u>Background:</u> Vinegar is acetic acid ($C_2H_4O_2$) and water. Acetic acid is made of 2 carbon atoms, 4 hydrogen atoms, and 2 oxygen atoms. Baking soda is sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃). Sodium bicarbonate is

made of 1 sodium ion, 1 hydrogen atom, 1 carbon atom, and 3 oxygen atoms.

Endothermic Reaction: A chemical reaction in which heat is absorbed and the temperature decreases.

Exothermic Reaction: A chemical reaction in which heat is released and the temperature increases.

Chemical Equation:



Procedures for Experiment #1:

- 1. Measure out 30 grams of sodium bicarbonate in a paper cup.
- 2. Measure out 40 milliliters of acetic acid in a graduated cylinder.
- 3. Pour the vinegar in your flask.
- 4. Pour the sodium bicarbonate in your flask IMMEDIATELY PUT YOUR BALLOON ON THE MOUTH OF YOUR FLASK SO IT FITS SNUGGLY.
- 5. <u>Observe and record what happens in the flask and the balloon.</u> <u>Describe in detail what is happening during this reaction: (Use</u> <u>red font in when writing your observations)</u>

Questions: (Insure your answers are in red font)

- 1. What are the two reactants in this equation?
- 2. What are the three products in this equation?
- 3. What are the solids in this chemical reaction?
- 4. What are the liquids in this chemical reaction?
- 5. What are the gasses in this chemical reaction?
- 6. How many Total atoms of each are in the reactants of this equation?
 - a. Sodium (Na):
 - b. Carbon (C):
 - c. Hydrogen (H):
 - d. Oxygen (O):
- 7. How many Total atoms of each are in the products of this equation?
 - a. Sodium (Na):
 - b. Carbon (C):
 - c. Hydrogen (H):
 - d. Oxygen (O):
- 8. What gas is given off or produced?

Procedures for Experiment #2:

- 1. Turn on your Vernier Labquest and insure the temperature probe is attached. Record the temperature of the air here after 2 minutes: _____
- 2. Take the balloon off and give to Mr. Hanson
- 3. Dump out the solution in your flask into the sink.
- 4. Measure 15 grams of sodium bicarbonate in your paper cup.
- 5. Measure out 20 milliliters of acetic acid in your graduated cylinder.

- 6. Pour the sodium bicarbonate into your flask.
- 7. Pour the acetic acid into your flask.
- 8. IMMEDIATELY: put the temperature probe into the flask and stir the solution with the probe. LOOOOOOOK! At the temperature on the Labquest computer, record the temperature after 2 minutes of stirring and keep the temperature probe end in the solution at all times.. Insure it is either the highest temperature or the lowest temperature recorded.

Questions:

1. What kind of chemical reaction is this? Explain why?