

Chemical Equilibrium

Section 18.1 Equilibrium: A State of Dynamic Balance

In your textbook, read about chemical equilibrium.

Complete each statement.

- When a reaction results in almost complete conversion of reactants to products, chemists say the reaction goes to _____.
- A reaction that can occur in both the forward and the reverse directions is called a(n) _____.
- _____ is a state in which the forward and reverse reactions balance each other because they take place at equal rates.
- At equilibrium, the concentrations of reactants and products are _____, but that does not mean that the amounts or concentrations are _____.
- Equilibrium is a state of _____, not one of _____.

In your textbook, read about equilibrium expressions and constants.

For each statement below, write *true* or *false*.

- _____ 6. The law of chemical equilibrium states that at a given pressure, a chemical system may reach a state in which a particular ratio of reactant to product concentrations has a constant value.
- _____ 7. The equation $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{I}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{HI}(\text{g})$ is an example of a homogeneous equilibrium.
- _____ 8. If an equilibrium constant has a value less than one, the reactants are favored at equilibrium.
- _____ 9. The value for K_{eq} is constant only at a specific volume.
- _____ 10. If the equilibrium constant for a reaction at 300 K is 49.7, the concentration of the reactants will be greater than the concentration of the products.
- _____ 11. A heterogeneous equilibrium means that reactants and products are present in more than one state.
- _____ 12. The product of the forward chemical reaction is HI, for the equilibrium expression:

$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\text{HI}]^2}{[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]}$$

Section 18.1 *continued*

In your textbook, read about determining equilibrium constants.

A chemist did two experiments to determine the equilibrium constant for the reaction of sulfur dioxide with oxygen to form sulfur trioxide. Use the table showing the results of the experiments to answer the following questions.

$2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ at 873 K			
Experiment 1		Experiment 2	
Initial concentrations	Equilibrium concentrations	Initial concentrations	Equilibrium concentration
$[\text{SO}_2] = 2.00M$	$[\text{SO}_2] = 1.50M$	$[\text{SO}_2] = 0.500M$	$[\text{SO}_2] = 0.590M$
$[\text{O}_2] = 1.50M$	$[\text{O}_2] = 1.26M$	$[\text{O}_2] = 0M$	$[\text{O}_2] = 0.0450M$
$[\text{SO}_3] = 3.00M$	$[\text{SO}_3] = 3.50M$	$[\text{SO}_3] = 0.350M$	$[\text{SO}_3] = 0.260M$

13. Write the equation to calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction.

14. Is this reaction an example of a homogeneous or heterogeneous equilibrium?

15. Calculate the equilibrium constant from the data obtained in experiment 1.

16. What is the equilibrium constant for the reaction in experiment 2?

17. Was it necessary to calculate both equilibrium constants? Why or why not?

18. What does this experiment show about the initial concentrations of products and reactants in a reversible reaction?

