

8E Combustion

1. Burning Fuels

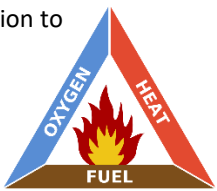


Fuel	A chemical substance from which stored energy can be transferred usefully to make things happen.
Fuel Cell	Used in hydrogen-powered vehicles, releasing energy from hydrogen.
Fuel Cell Word Equation Hydrogen + oxygen → water	
Reactants	The starting substances- on left of word equation.
Products	The new substances made- on right of word equation.
Combustion	Burning, usually in air. The reaction gives out energy which is transferred to the surroundings by heating or light.
Fossil Fuels	Fuels formed from living organisms that died millions of years ago- <i>petrol, diesel</i>
Hydrocarbons	Only contain carbon and hydrogen atoms- <i>petrol, diesel</i>
Combustion of Hydrocarbons	The carbon and hydrogen atoms react with oxygen. The carbon reacts to form carbon dioxide.
Carbon Dioxide	Carbon dioxide will turn limewater cloudy.


2. Oxidation

Oxidation	Reacting with oxygen.
Oxide	Compound formed by oxidation.

Metal Oxides	Formed when metals react with oxygen. <i>metal + oxygen → metal oxide</i>
Conservation of Mass	Mass is never gained or lost in a chemical reaction. The atoms in reactants just rearrange to form the products, no new atoms are made and none disappear.
Heating Zinc in Air	Forms a white powder zinc oxide. The mass will appear to increase because the zinc has combined with the oxygen in air.
Gas Products	If the product is a gas it may escape and make it seem like the mass has decreased.
Phlogiston	A substance scientists used to think explained why things burned that was then proven not to exist.

3. Fire Safety

Exothermic	A reaction that releases energy that we can feel as heat- <i>combustion</i>
Thermometer	Used to measure a change in the temperature.
Fire Triangle	Three factors allow combustion to occur. 
Putting Out a Fire	You must remove at least one of the three factors.
	Explosive Heating may cause an explosion.
	Flammable These substances catch fire easily.

	Oxidising These substances release oxygen.
Fire Extinguishers	Work by cooling a fire or stopping oxygen getting to the fuel.
Oil Fire	Water will sink through the oil and turn to steam making the fire spread out. Use foam or a fire blanket to keep oxygen away.
Electrical Fire	Water conducts electricity so you may get a serious shock. Turn off the electricity and use a powder or carbon dioxide extinguisher.

4. Air Pollution

Complete Combustion	Carbon burns in plenty of air only forming carbon dioxide.
Incomplete Combustion	Not enough oxygen for all the carbon to react with.
Products of Incomplete Combustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> carbon dioxide- linked to global warming carbon monoxide- poisonous gas soot- damage lungs and trigger asthma
Impurities	Small amounts of other substances in fuels.
Sulfur Dioxide	Formed when hydrocarbons have a sulfur impurity.
Nitrogen Oxide	Formed by high engine temperatures causing nitrogen and oxygen in air to react.
Pollutants	Something that can harm living things and damage the environment.
Catalytic Converter	Found in cars to react carbon monoxide with more oxygen forming carbon dioxide. Also breaks down nitrogen oxides.

Acid Rain	Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides rise into the air and dissolve in water vapour. The rain is now more acidic.
Controlling Acid Rain	Neutralisation reactions used to remove acidic gases from chimney smoke. Acidic soil /water can be neutralised by adding calcium carbonate.

5. Global Warming

Greenhouse Gases	Trap energy from the Sun in the atmosphere <i>e.g. carbon dioxide</i>
Greenhouse Effect	Energy trapped by greenhouse gases is transferred back to the Earth's surface causing it to warm up.
Earth's Temperature Over Time	The temperature of the Earth has fluctuated over time it is rising rapidly now though.
Global Warming	Increase in global temperature due to more greenhouse gases in the air and the greenhouse effect.
Climate Change	Resulting from global warming- changes to weather patterns, more storms, flood, droughts, etc.
Evidence	There is now lots of evidence for global warming. average temperatures are increasing and ice caps are melting.

Lesson	Memorised?
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