

# UNIT6-DAY1-LaB1230

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## Thinking Like a Chemist About Chemical Equilibrium

### UNIT 6 DAY 1

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What are we going to learn today?

Thinking Like a Chemist in the  
Context of the Chemical Equilibrium

Concept of Equilibrium Concentrations  
Law of Mass Action  
Equilibrium Constant,  $K$

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HW4 due Tue 9 AM  
LM13 Equilibrium Constant ← 1<sup>st</sup> then homework  
LM14 K and  $\Delta G$

Exams Grades Posted by Saturday

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### POLLING CLICKER 1

Indicate the level of agreement that you have with the following question:

You have a certain amount of intelligence, and you can't really do much to change it.

- A) Strongly Disagree
- B) Disagree
- C) Somewhat in between, depends
- D) Agree
- E) Strongly Agree

*grow your brain!  
Exercise it with  
mental work  
to increase  
intelligence*



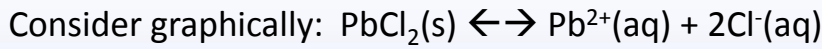
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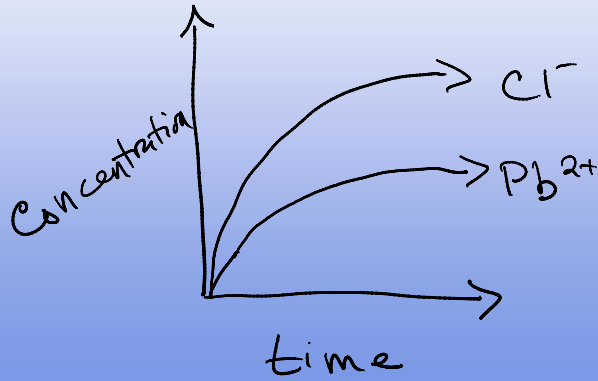
Consider graphically:  $\text{PbCl}_2(\text{s}) \leftrightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})$

Plot change in concentration with time *→ solids do not have concentrations*

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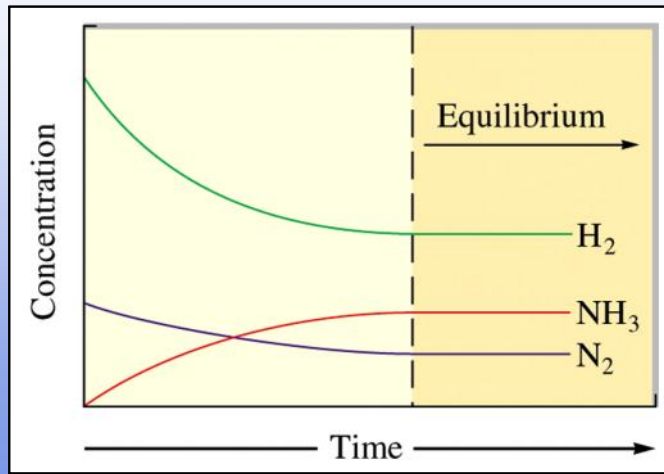
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Try to interpret what is going on in this graph.

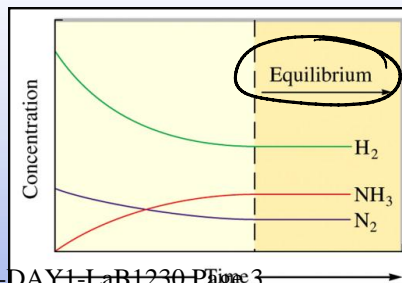
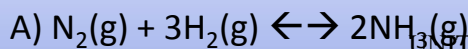
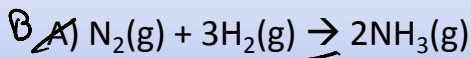
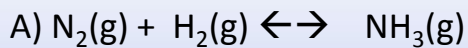


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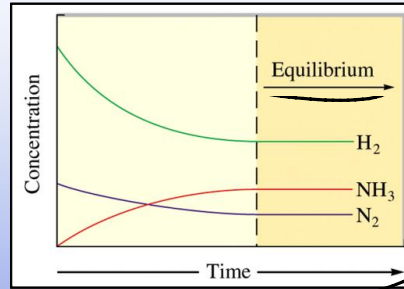
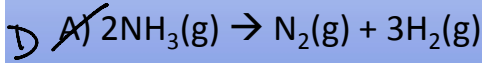
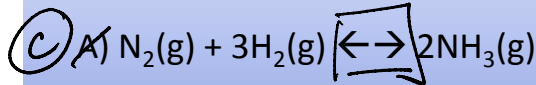
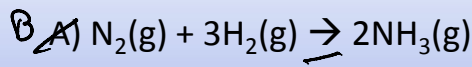
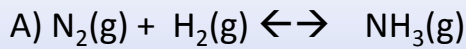
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The chemical reaction is:



The end is equilibrium

The chemical reaction is:



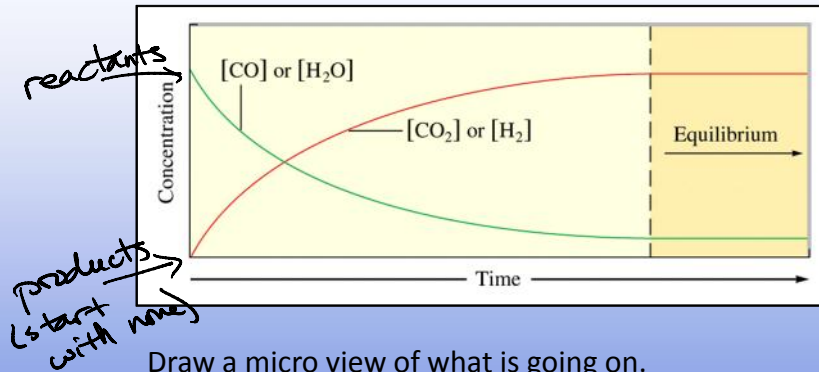
equilibrium

dynamic equilibrium

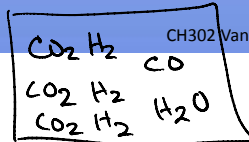
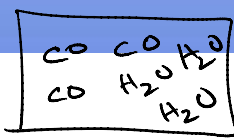
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Try to interpret what is going on in this graph.



Draw a micro view of what is going on.  
 Reactants and products are all in gas phase.  
 Use different colored (shading) spheres to model the atoms of different elements.

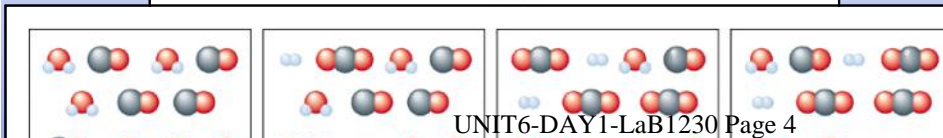
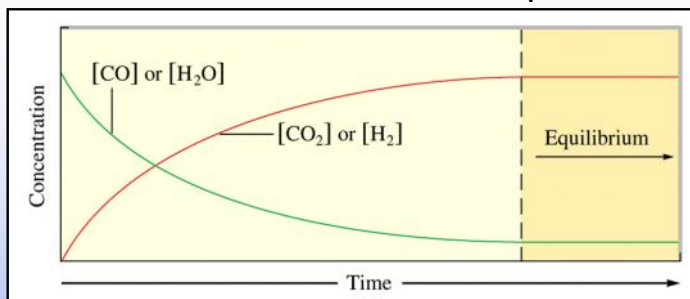


still some reactants but less!

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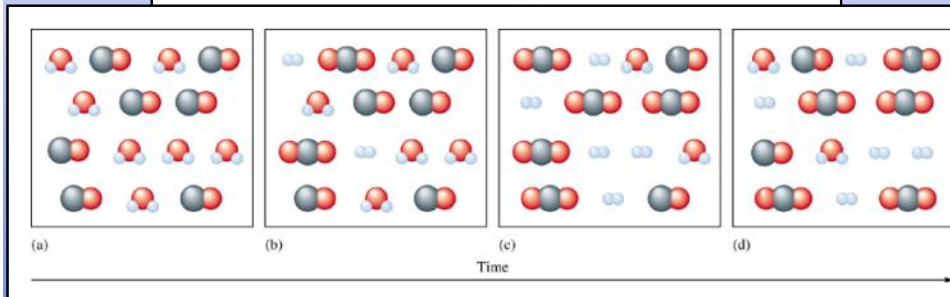
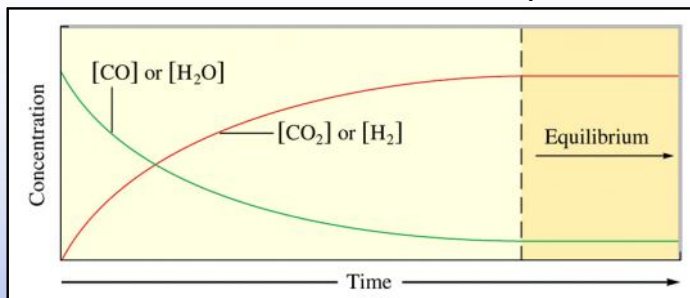
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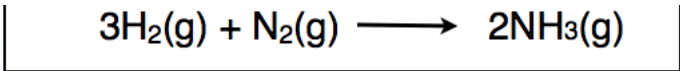
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LL. CLICKER 3



Imagine you start out with  
10 mole of  $\text{H}_2$  and 1 moles of  $\text{N}_2$

At equilibrium you find you have 1 mole of  $\text{NH}_3$   
How many moles of  $\text{H}_2$  are there at equilibrium?

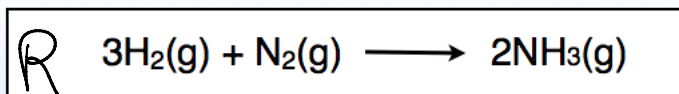
- A. 5 moles  $\text{H}_2$
- B. 7 moles  $\text{H}_2$
- C. 8.5 moles  $\text{H}_2$
- D. 9.5 moles  $\text{H}_2$

Given 1 mole  $\text{NH}_3$ , How much  $\text{H}_2$  did we use?

$$\frac{1 \text{ mol NH}_3}{2 \text{ NH}_3 \text{ mol}} \times \frac{3 \text{ H}_2 \text{ mol}}{1} = 1.5 \text{ mol H}_2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{initial } 10 \\ - \text{used } 1.5 \\ \hline 8.5 \end{array}$$

Keeping it straight (R)ICE diagram



Compound	Initial	Change	Equilibrium
$\text{H}_2$	10	-	$\emptyset$

from question  
know @  
equil. 1 mol  $\text{NH}_3$   
So.

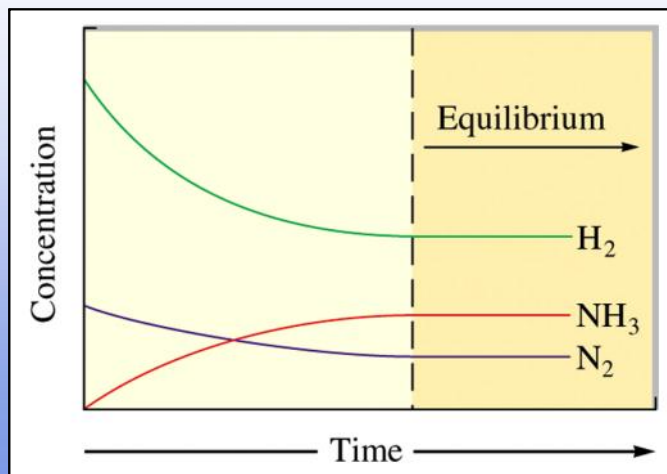
Compound	Initial	Change	Equilibrium
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$\text{I}$	10	1	$\emptyset$	$\sim$ So
$\text{C}$	$-3x$	$-x$	$+2x$	$2x = 1$
$\text{E}$	$10 - 3x$	$1 - x$	$2x$	$x = 0.5$
	$10 - 3(0.5)$	$1 - 0.5$	$2(0.5)$	
	8.5	0.5	1	

Think about what is going on toward the end – can we quantify end?.

At equilibrium concentrations

Do not change straight



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## The key idea

The ratios of the molecules stops changing  
We discover the ratio is a constant

We'll give the ratio a name

# K

The equilibrium constant  
It has to do with equilibrium  
It is a constant

Write K for the following generic reaction:



$$K = \frac{a_c^c \cdot a_D^m}{a_A^j \cdot a_B^l}$$

Activity  
↑  
fancy "A"

Principles of Chemistry II

(K is also unitless)

Unitless

So by definition we divide by 1M to get rid

What is Activity?

— related to how free energy is changing for a sol<sup>n</sup> this is concentration

SOLUTIONS:

$$a = \frac{[ ]}{1M}$$

express as Molar concentration

GASES:

SOLUTIONS:

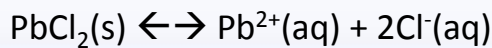
1 M as Molar concentration

GASES:  $a = \frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{1 \text{ atm}}$  or  $\frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{1 \text{ bar}}$  (not torr)   
  $P \leftarrow$  partial pressure

SOLID or LIQUID:  $a = 1$  free energy doesn't change w/ solids or liquids  $\rightarrow$  so activity is 1

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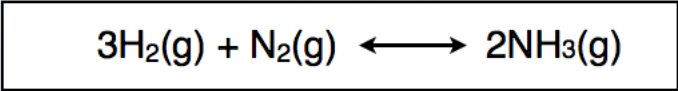


Write the equilibrium constant for this reaction:

$$K = \frac{a_{\text{Pb}^{2+}} \cdot a_{\text{Cl}^{-}}^2}{a_{\text{PbCl}_2}} = \frac{[\text{Pb}^{2+}]}{1 \text{ M}} \cdot \frac{[\text{Cl}^{-}]^2}{1 \text{ M}^2} = \text{Simplify}$$
$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]^2$$

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What is the expression for the equilibrium constant for this reaction?



- A.  $(P_{\text{NH}_3}) / (P_{\text{N}_2})(P_{\text{H}_2})$
- B.  $(P_{\text{N}_2})(P_{\text{H}_2}) / (P_{\text{NH}_3})$
- C.  $(P_{\text{NH}_3})^2 / (P_{\text{N}_2})(P_{\text{H}_2})^3$
- D.  $(P_{\text{N}_2})^3(P_{\text{H}_2}) / 2(P_{\text{NH}_3})$

$K$  depends on balanced



B.  $(P_{N_2})(P_{H_2})/(P_{NH_3})$

C.  $(P_{NH_3})^2/(P_{N_2})(P_{H_2})^3$

D.  $(P_{N_2})^3(P_{H_2})/2(P_{NH_3})$

on the  
equation

Law of Mass Action

at equilibrium  
mass action = K

- The law of mass action: at equilibrium the composition of the reaction mixture can be expressed in terms of an equilibrium constant, K, which is expressed as the ratio of the concentrations at equilibrium of the products raised to the stoichiometric coefficient divided by the concentrations of the reactants at equilibrium raised to the power of the stoichiometric coefficients.

not at  
equilibrium,  
mass action = Q

## THINK ABOUT K in Learning Module:

Chemical equation	Equilibrium constant
$a A + b B \rightleftharpoons c C + d D$	$K_1$
$c C + d D \rightleftharpoons a A + b B$	$K_2 = 1/K_1 = K_1^{-1}$ ← inverse
$na A + nb B \rightleftharpoons nc C + nd D$	$K_3 = K_1^n$

reverse

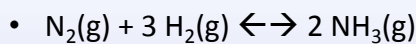
K  
multiple

Value of K depends on  
exact balanced eqn

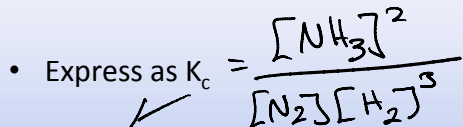
All in Learning Module

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## K in terms of pressure, $K_p$



gases can  
use either...



in sol<sup>n</sup>

$K_c$  &  $K_p$  are  
different values



$$K_p = \frac{P_{NH_3}^2}{P_{N_2} P_{H_2}^3}$$

use ideal gas law  
to derive relationship  
& switch b/w  $K_c$  &  $K_p$

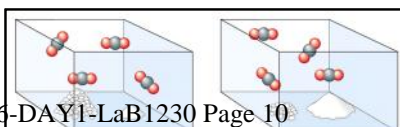
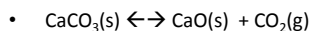
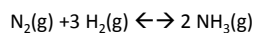
↳ from free energy in LM

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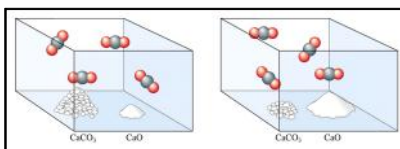
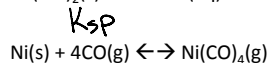
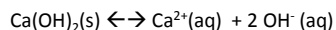
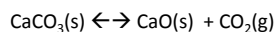
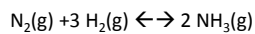
## Homogenous vs. Heterogeneous Equilibria

- Homogeneous – reactants and products are all in the same phase
- Heterogeneous – reactants and products are in different phases

What about  
water?



- Homogeneous – reactants and products are all in the same phase
- Heterogeneous – reactants and products are in different phases



- Write the equilibrium constants for these reactions.

pure liquids  
(like  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )  
has an activity of 1

$$K = \frac{\text{products}}{\text{reactants}}$$

What does the value of K tell us?

- $K > 1$  more products than reactants  
"product favored" at equilibrium
- $K < 1$  more reactants than products  
at equilibrium  
"favors reactants"

# Equilibrium does not depend on starting conditions

TABLE 6.1 Results of Three Experiments for the Reaction  $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$

Experiment	Initial Concentrations	Equilibrium Concentrations	$K = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[N_2][H_2]^3}$
I	$[N_2]_0 = 1.000\text{ M}$ $[H_2]_0 = 1.000\text{ M}$ $[NH_3]_0 = 0$	$[N_2] = 0.921\text{ M}$ $[H_2] = 0.763\text{ M}$ $[NH_3] = 0.157\text{ M}$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\text{ L}^2/\text{mol}^2$
II	$[N_2]_0 = 0$ $[H_2]_0 = 0$ $[NH_3]_0 = 1.000\text{ M}$	$[N_2] = 0.399\text{ M}$ $[H_2] = 1.197\text{ M}$ $[NH_3] = 0.203\text{ M}$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\text{ L}^2/\text{mol}^2$
III	$[N_2]_0 = 2.00\text{ M}$ $[H_2]_0 = 1.00\text{ M}$ $[NH_3]_0 = 3.00\text{ M}$	$[N_2] = 2.59\text{ M}$ $[H_2] = 2.77\text{ M}$ $[NH_3] = 1.82\text{ M}$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\text{ L}^2/\text{mol}^2$

all different

all same constant

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Each equilibrium has different concentrations, but the same value for Kc

## Really Easy problems

At equilibrium you find

$[H_2] = .1\text{ M}$ ,  $[N_2] = 0.2\text{ M}$ , and  $[NH_3] = .2\text{ M}$

Write K expression

$$K = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[H_2]^3 [N_2]} = \frac{(0.2)^2}{(0.1)^3 (0.2)} = 200$$

Reaction	$3H_2(g) + N_2(g)$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial			
Change			
Equilibrium			

Fairly Easy problem

Brackets are for equilibrium concentrations

Given  $K = 200$  and

$[H_2] = .2\text{ M}$ ,  $[N_2] = 0.4\text{ M}$ , and  $C_{NH_3} = .1\text{ M}$

fill in the rest

Concentration initially

1/  $[NH_3]^2$

Fairly Easy problem

Given  $K = 200$  and  
 $[H_2] = .2 M$ ,  $[N_2] = 0.4 M$ , and  $C_{NH_3} = .1M$   
 fill in the rest

$$K_c = 200 = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{(0.2)^3(0.4)}$$

$$[NH_3] = 0.8$$

Reaction	$3H_2(g) + N_2(g)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial	1.25		0.1
Change	$-3x$		$+2x$
Equilibrium	0.2		0.8

Concentration initially (not at equilibrium)

$$0.1 + 2x = 0.8$$

$$x = 0.35$$

Typical problem

Given  $K = 200$  and  
 $C_{H_2} = .2 M$ ,  $N_2 = 0.2 M$  what are the concentrations at equilibrium

Wolfram on Alpha or graphing calc.

Reaction	$3H_2(g) + N_2(g)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial	0.2		0
Change	$-3x$		$+2x$
Equilibrium	$0.2 - 3x$		$2x$

$$K = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[H_2]^3 [N_2]}$$

$$200 = \frac{(2x)^2}{(0.2 - 3x)^3 (0.2 - x)}$$

Solve for x w/ scientific calc...

Know how to set this up

$$x = 0.045$$

$$x = 0.211$$

x = imaginary

POLL: CLICKER 4

For the following reaction what is the change value for  $H_2O$ ?



R	$C_2H_6$	$O_2$	$CO_2$	$H_2O$
I	1.0	1.4	1.8	0
C	$-2x$	?	?	?

A.  $-2x$

B.  $+2x$

C.  $+3x$

D.  $+6x$

C -2x ? ? ?

A. - 2x

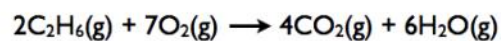
B. + 2x

C. + 3x

D. + 6x

POLL: CLICKER 5

For the following reaction what is the equilibrium value for CO<sub>2</sub>?



R	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O
I	1.0	1.4	1.8	0
C	-2x	?	?	?

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?

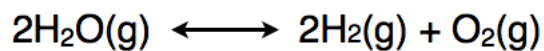
A. 1.8 - 2x

B. 1.8 + 2x

C. 1.8 + 4x

D. 1.0 + 6x

POLL: CLICKER 6



What is K for this reaction at 298K

- A. extremely small
- B. extremely large
- C. approximately one

## Explanation Space

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## What did we learn today?

Reactions don't always go 100 % to products.

Law of Mass Action

Concept of the "Activity" of reactant or product.

Quantify the extent of reaction using equilibrium constant,  $K$ .

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## Learning Outcomes

Set up mass action expression for equilibrium equation  
Determine if a system is at equilibrium and if not which  
Direction the reaction will shift to achieve equilibrium  
Know the difference between  $K_p$  and  $K_c$   
Determine new values for  $K$  when combining multiple reactions  
Set up and solve RICE table

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