

**CONCEPT REVIEW  
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# Balancing chemical equations

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Complete this concept review handout and keep it as a record of what you have learned.

## Definitions

- The law of conservation of mass states that \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Balancing a chemical equation consists \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Stoichiometry is \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Signs pointing to the occurrence of a chemical change

- \_\_\_\_\_
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## Rules to apply when balancing chemical equations

- \_\_\_\_\_
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### Example of interpreting a chemical equation

Chemical equation	$\text{CH}_4(g)$	+	$2 \text{O}_{2(g)}$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{CO}_{2(g)}$	+	$2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$
Interpretation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Total number of atoms of each element before and after the reaction

Before the chemical reaction		After the chemical reaction	
Reactants	Number of atoms	Product	Number of atoms
$\text{N}_2 + 3 \text{H}_2$	_____	$2 \text{NH}_3$	_____

### Different interpretations of the chemical equation for the synthesis of water

Chemical equation	$2 \text{H}_{2(g)}$	+	$\text{O}_{2(g)}$	$\rightarrow$	$2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
Interpretation 1	Two hydrogen molecules	react with	one oxygen molecule	to form	two water molecules.
Interpretation 2	Two moles of hydrogen molecules	react with	_____	to form	_____
Interpretation 3	4 g of hydrogen	react with	_____	to form	_____
Interpretation 4	1 g of hydrogen	reacts with	_____	to form	_____