### **Reactions and Rates**

# Activity 1: Introduction to reactions

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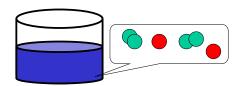
#### Observe this reaction

What makes you think that there was a reaction?

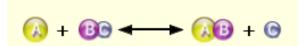
Draw what you think is happening on a molecular scale

## Learning Goal

1. Describe reactions in terms of a simple molecular model.



Describe what you think this means:



#### Observe the model:

- 1. How does your idea compare to the model?
- 2. What does "reaction" mean to you?
- 3. Does a "reaction" always occur?

What do you think the programmer was trying to show by using different colors?



Students will be able to:

- 2. Describe reactions in terms of molecular models with illustrations.
- 3. Differentiate between dissolving and reacting
- 4. Use the molecular model to explain why reactions are not instantaneous.
- 5. Use the molecular model to explain why reactions have less than 100% yields.

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Observe the reaction:

What makes you think that there was a reaction?

Magnesium+hydrochloric acid ↔ magnesium chloride+hydrogen gas

## Draw what you think is happening on a molecular scale

The actual reaction looks like this:

$$Mg + 2HCl \leftrightarrow MgCl_2 + H_2$$

Draw what you think could be happening.

Like this, but many more "balls":

$$Mg + 2HCl \leftrightarrow MgCl_2 + H_2$$

Observe the demonstrations and identify which are reactions.

Sketch what is happening on a molecular level.

$$NaCl_{(s)} \leftrightarrow Na^+_{(aq)} + Cl^-_{(aq)}$$



