## Answer on Question #69255, Chemistry, General Chemistry

Will a reaction occur spontaneously when the chemicals are put in contact with each other? If yes, balance.

Al and Ca<sup>+2</sup>

Fe<sup>+3</sup> and Zn

HCl and Ag

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and K

Na<sup>+1</sup> and Fe<sup>+2</sup>

## **Solution:**

- 1) Al and Ca<sup>+2</sup>. This reaction is impossible because Ca is more active than Al, according to the Metal Activity Series and its standard electrode potentials. That's why Al cannot replace Ca<sup>+2</sup> from its salt.
- 2) Fe<sup>+3</sup> and Zn. This reaction is possible because Zn is more active than Fe, according to the Metal Activity Series and its standard electrode potentials. That's why Zn can replace Fe<sup>+3</sup> from its salt:

$$2Fe^{+3} + Zn \rightarrow 3Zn^{+2} + Fe$$

- 3) HCl and Ag. This reaction is impossible because Ag is situated after H, according to the Metal Activity Series. That's why Ag cannot replace H<sup>+</sup> from this acid.
- 4) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and K. This reaction is possible because K is situated before H, according to the Metal Activity Series. That's why K can replace H<sup>+</sup> from this acid:

$$2K + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow K_2SO_4 + H_2 \uparrow$$

5) Na<sup>+1</sup> and Fe<sup>+2</sup>. For example, if we have reaction between sodium hydroxide NaOH and iron (II) chloride, it means between base and salt, so this reaction is possible:

$$NaOH + FeCl_2 \rightarrow Fe(OH)CI + NaCl$$

Or:

$$2NaOH + FeCl_2 \rightarrow Fe(OH)_2 ↓ + 2NaCl$$

Or if we have reaction between two different salts such as:

$$2NaCl + FeSO_4 \rightarrow FeCl_2 + Na_2SO_4$$

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