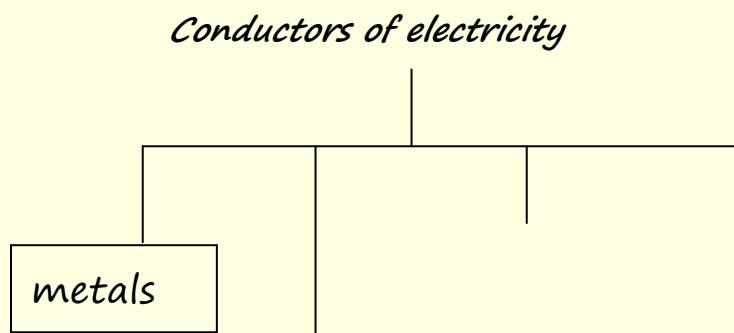


ELECTROLYSIS

OF MOLTEN IONIC COMPOUNDS

Answer all the questions below then check your answers.

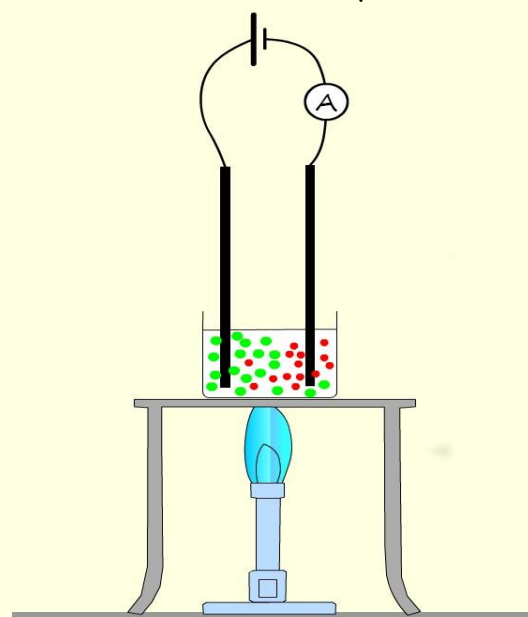
- 1 What is electrolysis?
- 2 Complete the diagram below, which shows the four groups of substances that conduct electricity. The first type of substance, metals, has been done for you already.



- 3 What type of structure do ionic compounds have?
- 4 Why do solid ionic compounds not conduct electricity?

5 The apparatus used in an electrolysis experiment is shown opposite. In this example lead chloride is being split up in the elements that make it up.

- a What elements make up lead chloride?
- b On the diagram label the positive anode and the negative cathode.
- c Complete the following:



Electrolysis is used to split up compounds containing _____ and non-metals

up into the elements that make them up. The positive electrode is called the _____ and the negative electrode is called the _____.

The metal always forms at the cathode and the non-metal always forms at the _____.

6 Complete the table below to show the products obtained at the anode and cathode when molten ionic compounds are electrolysed.

| molten ionic compound | cathode product | anode product |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| lead bromide | | |
| calcium oxide | | |
| aluminium oxide | | |
| lithium chloride | | |

- 7 The table below is similar to the one in question 6. However this time complete the table by writing ion-electron half equations for the cathode and anode reactions? (Remember the diatomic elements!)

| molten ionic compound | cathode product | anode product |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| lead bromide | $Pb^{4+} + 4e \longrightarrow$ | |
| calcium oxide | | $2O^{2-} - 4e \longrightarrow O_2$ |
| aluminium oxide | $Al^{3+} +$ | |
| Lithium chloride | | |

8. Where in the cell does reduction take place?

a. Where in the cell does oxidation take place?

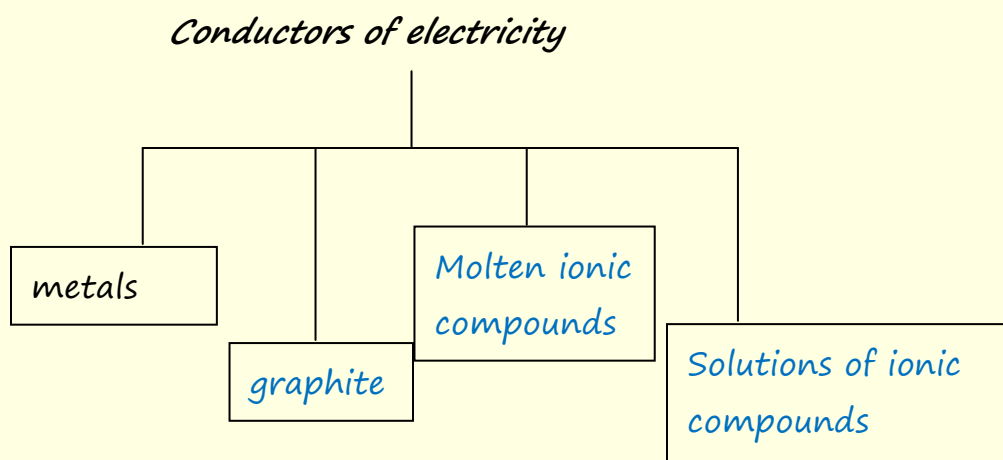
b. What is a redox reaction?

Answers

1 What is electrolysis?

Using electricity to split up ionic compounds into the elements that make them up

2 Complete the diagram below which shows the four substances which conduct electricity. The first type of substance, metals, has been done for you already.



3 What type of structure do ionic compounds have?

Giant lattice structures

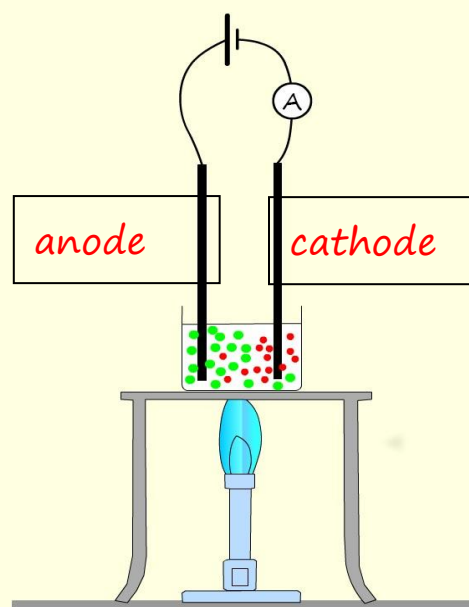
4 Why do solid ionic compounds not conduct electricity? *The ions are trapped within the lattice and cannot move freely*

5 The apparatus used in an electrolysis experiment is shown opposite. In this example lead chloride is being split up in the elements that make it up.

a What elements make up lead chloride?

lead and chlorine

b On the diagram label the positive anode and the negative cathode.



c Complete the following:

Electrolysis is used to split up compounds containing metals and non-metals up into the elements that make them up. The positive electrode is called the anode and the negative electrode is called the *cathode*. The metal always forms at the cathode and the non-metal always forms at the *anode*.

6 Complete the table below to show the products obtained at the anode and cathode when molten ionic compounds are electrolysed.

| molten ionic compound | cathode product | anode product |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| lead bromide | lead | bromine |
| calcium oxide | calcium | oxygen |
| aluminium oxide | aluminium | oxygen |
| lithium chloride | lithium | chlorine |

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| molten ionic compound | cathode product | anode product |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| lead bromide | $Pb^{4+} + 4e \longrightarrow Pb$ | $2Br^{-} - 2e \longrightarrow Br_2$ |
| calcium oxide | $Ca^{2+} + 2e \longrightarrow Ca$ | $2O^{2-} - 4e \longrightarrow O_2$ |
| aluminium oxide | $Al^{3+} + 3e \longrightarrow Al$ | $2O^{2-} - 4e \longrightarrow O_2$ |
| lithium chloride | $Li^{+} + e \longrightarrow Li$ | $2Cl^{-} - 2e \longrightarrow Cl_2$ |

7. Where in the cell does reduction take place? *Cathode, reduction is gain of electrons*
- a. Where in the cell does oxidation take place? *Anode, oxidation is loss of electrons*
- b. What is a redox reaction? *Reaction where one substance is oxidised and another is reduced.*