

MOLARITY

Molarity (M): the concentration of solute in a solution expressed as the number of moles of solute dissolved in 1L of solution.

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Litres of solution}}$$

To make a 1M solution of NaCl – dissolve 1 mole of NaCl (58.5g) in 1L of water.

What is the molarity of a solution if water is added to 2 moles of glucose to make 5L of solution?

$$\frac{2 \text{ mol glucose}}{5\text{L}} = 0.4\text{M (mol/L)}$$

Problem

1. A saline solution contains 0.9g of NaCl per 100 ml of solution what is its molarity?

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ mole} = 58.5\text{g} \\ ? \text{ mol} = 0.9\text{g} \end{array} \qquad 0.9/58.5 \times 1 = 0.015 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Litres of solution}} = \frac{0.015 \text{ mol}}{0.1\text{L}} = 0.15\text{M}$$

2. How many grams of solute are present in 1.5L of 0.2M Na₂SO₄ ?

$$\text{Molarity} \times \text{Litres} = \text{moles}$$

$$\frac{0.2 \text{ mol}}{1\text{L}} \times 1.5\text{L} = 0.3 \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ mole} = 142 \text{ g} \\ 0.3 \text{ mol} = 0.3 \times 142\text{g} = 42\text{g of Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \end{array}$$

3. How many grams of potassium iodide (KI) must you dissolve in 500 ml of water to produce a 0.06M solution? (5g)

4. A salt solution has a volume of 250 ml and contains 0.7 mol of NaCl. What is the molarity of the solution? (2.8M)
5. 2L of a solution contains 36g of glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆). What is the molarity of the solution? (0.1M)
6. How many moles of solute are in 250 ml of 2M CaCl₂? How many grams of CaCl₂ is this? (0.5 mol and 55g).
7. Calculate the number of moles and grams of solute in each solution.
 - a) 1L of 0.5M NaCl.
 - b) 500 ml of 2M KNO₃.
 - c) 250 ml of 0.1M CaCl₂.
 - d) 2L of 0.3M Na₂SO₄.

MAKING DILUTIONS

The number of moles of solute does not change when a solution is diluted.

Number of moles before dilution = Number of moles after dilution.

Moles of solute = $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$

M_1 and V_1 = the initial solution's molarity and volume.

M_2 and V_2 = the final solution's molarity and volume.

Problem

How would you prepare 100 ml of 0.4 M MgSO₄ from a stock solution of 2M MgSO₄?

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2 \quad V_1 = \frac{M_2V_2}{M_1} = \frac{0.4M \times 100 \text{ ml}}{2M} = 20 \text{ ml}$$

Add 80 ml of water to make up to 100ml.

You have the following stock solutions 2M NaCl, 4M KNO₃, and 0.5 M MgSO₄. Calculate the volumes you must dilute to make the following solutions.

- a) 500 ml 0.5M NaCl.
- b) 2L of 0.2M MgSO₄.
- c) 50 ml of 0.2M KNO₃.