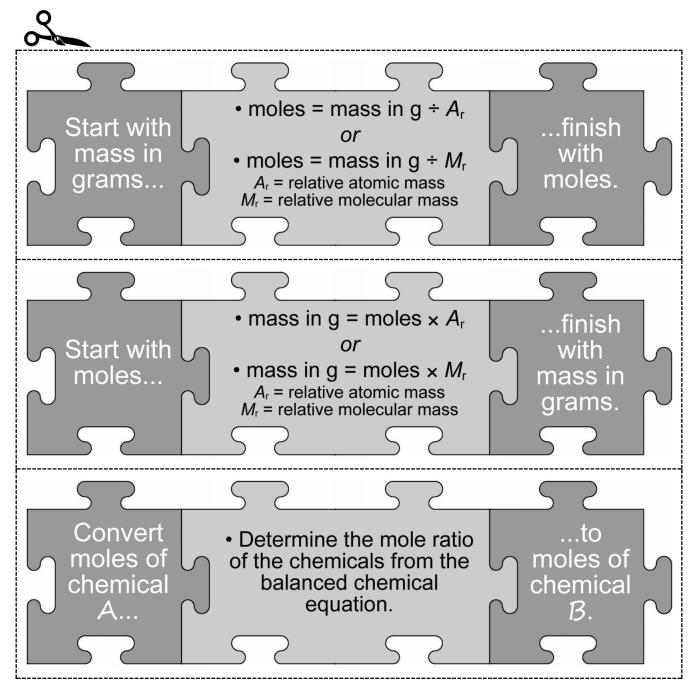
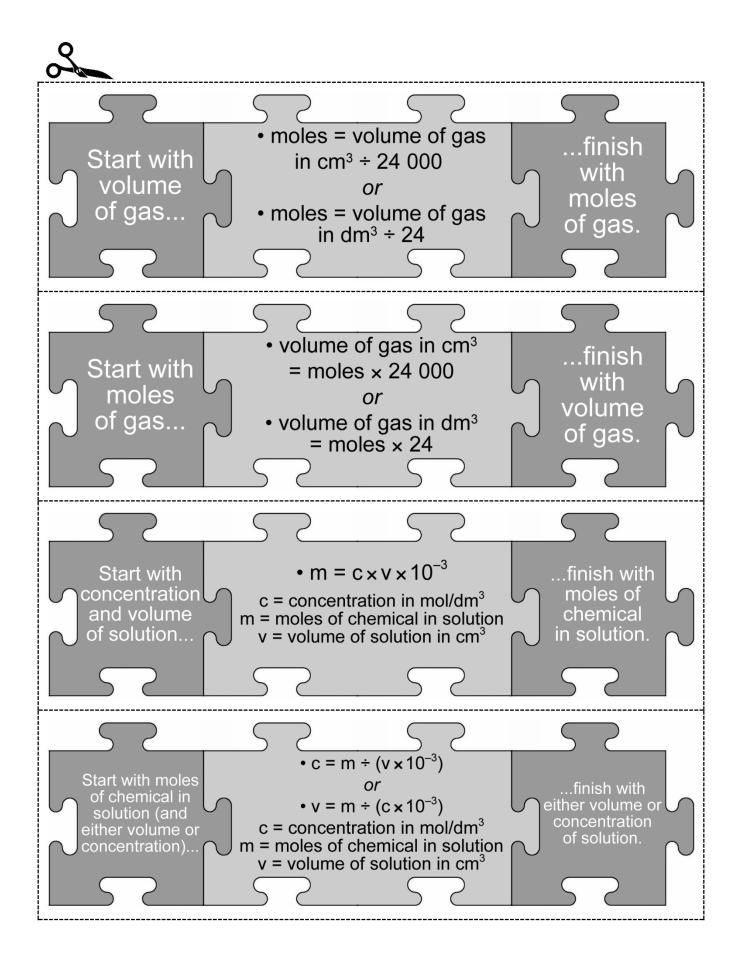


# Jigsaw Puzzle – A Strategy for Sequencing the Essential Steps of a Mole Calculation

#### Instructions:

Cut-out the jigsaw puzzle pieces given below. When answering a question that requires you to complete a mole calculation, arrange the relevant jigsaw puzzle pieces in order to help you sequence the essential steps of the calculation. Examples are given on page 3 and page 4.





# **Example One**

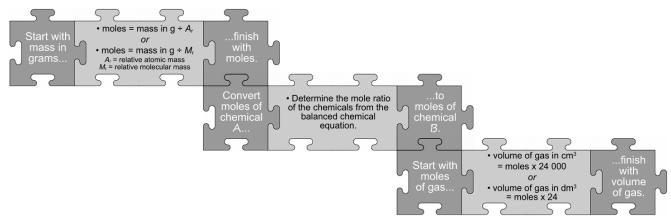
# Question:

The balanced chemical equation for the reaction between calcium carbonate and nitric acid is given below:

 $CaCO_3(s) \ + \ 2HNO_3(aq) \ \rightarrow \ Ca(NO_3)_2(aq) \ + \ H_2O(l) \ + \ CO_2(g)$ 

Calculate the volume of carbon dioxide gas, in cm<sup>3</sup>, produced when 15.0 g of powdered calcium carbonate reacts with excess dilute nitric acid.

#### Answer:



#### Step 1:

• Calculate moles of  $CaCO_3(s)$  used from the mass of  $CaCO_3(s)$  in grams and the  $M_r$  of  $CaCO_3(s)$ :

moles of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) = mass of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) in grams  $\div$  *M*<sub>r</sub> of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s)

 $M_{\rm r}$  of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) = 40 + 12 + (3 × 16) = 100

 $\therefore$  moles of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) = 15.0  $\div$  100

= <u>0.150 mol</u>

# Step 2:

• Determine the mole ratio between CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) and CO<sub>2</sub>(g) from the balanced chemical equation. From the balanced chemical equation, 1 mol of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) produces 1 mol of CO<sub>2</sub>(g)  $\therefore$  0.150 mol of CaCO<sub>3</sub>(s) will produce  $\frac{1}{1} \times 0.150 = 0.150$  mol of CO<sub>2</sub>(g).

### Step 3:

• Convert moles of CO<sub>2</sub>(g) into a volume of CO<sub>2</sub>(g) in cm<sup>3</sup>:

volume of CO<sub>2</sub>(g) in  $cm^3$  = moles of CO<sub>2</sub>(g) × 24 000

= 0.150 × 24 000

= <u>3 600 cm<sup>3</sup></u>

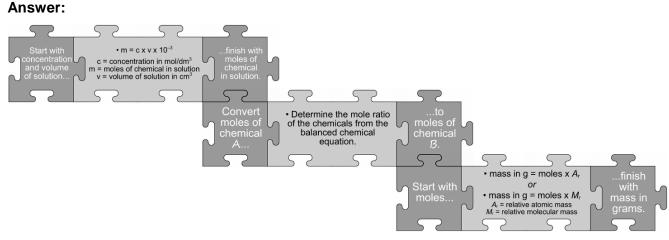
# Example Two

# Question:

The balanced chemical equation for the reaction between aqueous calcium chloride and aqueous silver nitrate is given below:

 $CaCl_2(aq) + 2AgNO_3(aq) \rightarrow Ca(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2AgCl(s)$ 

Calculate the mass in grams of AgCl(s) formed when 40.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.20 mol/dm<sup>3</sup> CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) are added to excess AgNO<sub>3</sub>(aq).



# Step 1:

• Calculate moles of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) used from the concentration and volume of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq):

moles of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) = concentration of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) in mol/dm<sup>3</sup> × volume of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) in cm<sup>3</sup> × 10<sup>-3</sup> =  $0.20 \times 40.0 \times 10^{-3}$ 

= <u>0.00800 mol</u>

# Step 2:

 $\bullet$  Determine the mole ratio between CaCl\_2(aq) and AgCl(s) from the balanced chemical equation.

From the balanced chemical equation, 1 mol of  $CaCl_2(aq)$  produces 2 mol of AgCl(s)

 $\therefore$  0.00800 mol of CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) will produce  $\frac{2}{1} \times 0.00800 = 0.0160 \text{ mol}$  of AgCl(s).

# Step 3:

• Convert moles of AgCl(s) into a mass in grams:

mass of AgCl(s) in grams = moles of AgCl(s)  $\times$  *M*<sub>r</sub> of AgCl(s)

 $M_{\rm r}$  of AgCl(s) = 108 + 35.5 = 143.5

- $\therefore$  mass of AgCl(s) in grams = 0.0160 × 143.5
- = 2.296 g

= <u>2.30 g</u> (to 3 s.f.)