

BALANCING AN EQUATION

Key

Calcium and oxygen combine to form calcium oxide. A student's first attempt at balancing this equation is shown below. Look at the equation and answer the following questions:



In this equation:

1. How many calcium atoms are on the left side? 1
2. How many calcium atoms are on the right side? 1
3. How many oxygen atoms are on the left side? 2
4. How many oxygen atoms are on the right side? 1
5. Is the equation balanced? No

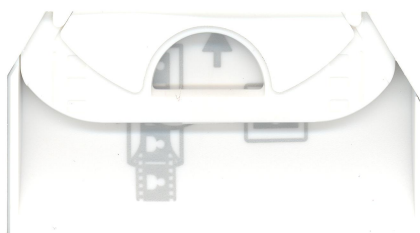
The student's second attempt at balancing this equation is written below. Answer the following questions:



In this equation:

6. How many calcium atoms are on the left side? 1
7. How many calcium atoms are on the right side? 2
8. How many oxygen atoms are on the left side? 2
9. How many oxygen atoms are on the right side? 2
10. Is the equation balanced? No

What could be done to completely balance the equation?



BALANCED OR UNBALANCED?

Ten equations are listed below. Some are balanced, some are unbalanced. Make a check (✓) in the correct box next to each equation.

	Equation	Balanced	Unbalanced
1.	$\text{Fe} + \text{S} \rightarrow \text{FeS}$	✓	
2.	$2\text{Mg} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{MgO}$		✓
3.	$\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$	✓	
4.	$\text{P}_4 + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$		✓
5.	$2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$		✓
6.	$4\text{Na} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Na}_2\text{O}$		✓
7.	$\text{CuO} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	✓	
8.	$2\text{Cu} + \text{S} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_2\text{S}$		✓
9.	$\text{Zn} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$	✓	
10.	$2\text{Na} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2$		✓

MATCHING

Match the correct term in column A with the description in column B. Write the correct answer in the space provided.

Column A	Column B
<u>D</u> 1. Coefficient	a. States that matter cannot be created or destroyed
<u>B</u> 2. Subscript	b. Small number after a symbol
<u>E</u> 3. Balanced equation	c. Does not obey Law of Conservation of Matter
<u>C</u> 4. Unbalanced equation	d. Number in front of a compound
<u>A</u> 5. Law of Conservation of Matter	e. Same number and kind of atoms on both sides of an equation

