HW 22

## Water

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When nonmetal oxides react with water, they form acids. E.g.:
$\mathrm{SO}_{3}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$
2.

When metal oxides react with water, they form bases. E.g.:
$\mathrm{CaO}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$
Note, that the valency of Ca is 2 , oxidation number +2 , that is why the product $\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ has subscript 2 for OH group.
3.

Active metals (the metal activity series, see below) react with water or acid producing hydrogen and metal hydroxide or metal salt (if react with acid)
$2 \mathrm{~K}+2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}=\mathrm{H}_{2}+2 \mathrm{KOH}$
$\mathrm{Zn}+2 \mathrm{HCl}=\mathrm{H}_{2}+\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$

Metal activity series:

Li K Ba Ca Na Mg Al Zn Cr Fe Cd Co Ni Sn Pb H2Cu Hg Ag Pd Pt Au
"green" metals react with cold water, "blue" metals react with steam, other metals in the row do not react with water.

## Questions

1. Write down chemical reactions of the following oxides with water: $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.
2. There is an equal number of grams of Zn and Na . Which metal will produce more $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ in reaction with water? Write down the chemical equation and explain the answer.
3. There are 10 mL of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and 10 mL of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ in a close vessel. Which gas will remain in the vessel after the explosion? What will be the volume of the gas under normal conditions?
