

# Unit 7- Balancing Act: Chemical Equations and Reactions

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s): **Chemistry in the Community (Chemcom)**  
Time Period: **March**  
Length: **6 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Transfer Skills

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Balancing Act: Chemical Equations & Reactions

## Enduring Understandings

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Understanding of regularities and patterns in the periodic table allows for predictions of interactions among the elements.

Matter is conserved in a chemical reaction.

Balanced equations allow you to determine the amount of product produced from a given amount of reactant.

By considering the reactants and the products of a equations the type of reaction can be determined.

## Essential Questions

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How do chemical reactions obey the law of conservation of matter?

How are the of atoms in an equation determined?

How is a balanced chemical equation written, and how does it illustrate the Law of Conservation of Matter?

To what extent are all chemical reactions the same?

## Content

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Vocabulary:

Chemical Reaction

Law of Conservation of Mass

Reactant

Product

Subscript

Coefficient  
Synthesis  
Decomposition  
Single and Double Replacement  
Combustion

## **Skills**

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Determine the number of atoms in a compound.

Identify the reactants and the products of a chemical equation.

Define the Law of Conservation of Mass.

Balance chemical equations.

Write formula equations for a given chemical reaction.

Identify types of chemical reactions.

## **Resources**

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## **Standards**

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SCI.9-12.5.1.12.B.1	Design investigations, collect evidence, analyze data, and evaluate evidence to determine measures of central tendencies, causal/correlational relationships, and anomalous data.
SCI.9-12.5.1.12.B.2	Build, refine, and represent evidence-based models using mathematical, physical, and computational tools.
SCI.9-12.5.1.12.B.3	Revise predictions and explanations using evidence, and connect explanations/arguments to established scientific knowledge, models, and theories.
SCI.9-12.5.1.12.B.4	Develop quality controls to examine data sets and to examine evidence as a means of generating and reviewing explanations.
SCI.9-12.5.2.12.B.1	Model how the outermost electrons determine the reactivity of elements and the nature of the chemical bonds they tend to form.
SCI.9-12.5.2.12.B.2	Describe oxidation and reduction reactions, and give examples of oxidation and reduction reactions that have an impact on the environment, such as corrosion and the burning of fuel.
SCI.9-12.5.2.12.B.3	Balance chemical equations by applying the law of conservation of mass.

