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Lab report (2) / Surface area and reaction rate

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Grade 8CS all sections

1) Writing a fully focused research question

What is the effect of -----**changing the surface area of a solid (calcium carbonate)** ----- **on the rate of chemical reaction**-----measured by ----**the mass loss**---- in ----**a specific time**-----?

2) **Hypothesis:** *Outline a hypothesis to predict the outcome of the experiment and explain it using logical scientific reasoning (what do you think is going to happen).*

If the **_surface area of a solid** _____ **changes** _____
(State the IV) (increase, decrease, or change)

then the **_rate of reaction (mass loss)** _____ will **change** _____
(State the DV) (increase, decrease, stay the same, or change)

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3) Scientific explanation for hypothesis *(This is the explanation to the previous hypothesis. Why do you think that your hypothesis is correct? Explain it in detail with reasons and causes.*

If equal masses of powdered marble and marble chips are added separately to equal volume of 1.0M hydrochloric acid at the same temperature, it is observed that the powdered marble takes less time to react with the acid while the marble chips take a longer time. This is because when the marble is powdered the total surface area of marble in contact with the acid increases and hence more effective collisions are made between the molecules of the acid and the particles of the marble. The overall effect is therefore an increase in reaction rate. On the other hand, the reaction between the acid and marble chip is slow because a limited area of the chip is in contact with the dilute acid hence there are fewer effective collisions between the acid and the marble particles.

4) Manipulating the variables:

| Controlled Variable | How will you keep this controlled? Stating the values and the equipment that you will be using | How could it affect your results if not controlled? |
|--|---|--|
| Same volume of acid/ Same mass of marble chips | Using measuring cylinder/ using a top-pan balance | Different amount of the product will be produced. |
| Same concentration of acid | Use the same sample (bottle) of the acid | More particles will be involved in the reaction. |
| Same temperature | Using a thermometer | Particles will have more kinetic energy, so they will have stronger collisions and higher rate of reaction |

5) Materials and Method:

- State your materials [number needed + units] (Be descriptive, example: 10cm³ graduated cylinder)

..... g calcium carbonate

..... ml hydrochloric acid

cotton

conical flask

top-pan balance

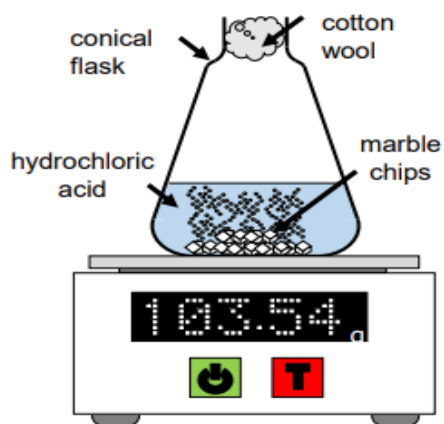
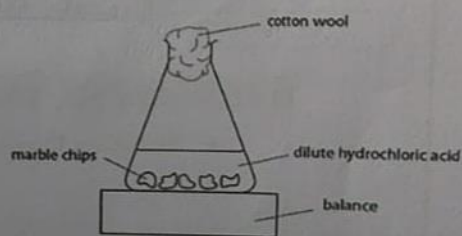
stopwatch.

- Method: What are the steps of the investigation?

1. Place aboutcm³ ofM hydrochloric acid (an excess) in a conical flask on a top pan balance and place a piece of cotton wool in the neck of the flask.

(The cotton wool prevents the acid from splashing on the pan).

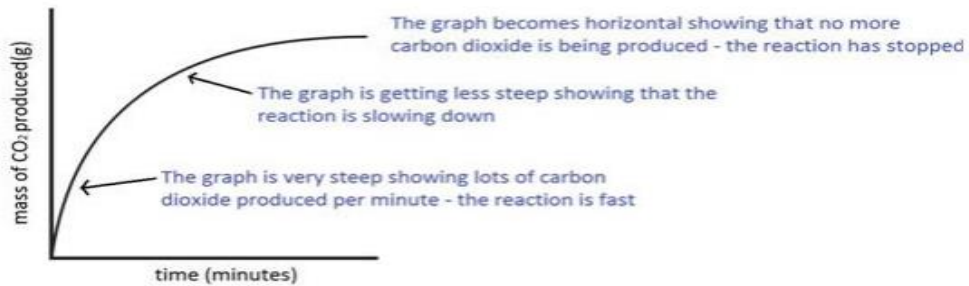
2. Addg lumps of marble. Note the total mass and immediately start the stop-watch.
3. Record the mass every 10 seconds in the table below
4. Repeat the experiment using powdered marble and take the same measurements.



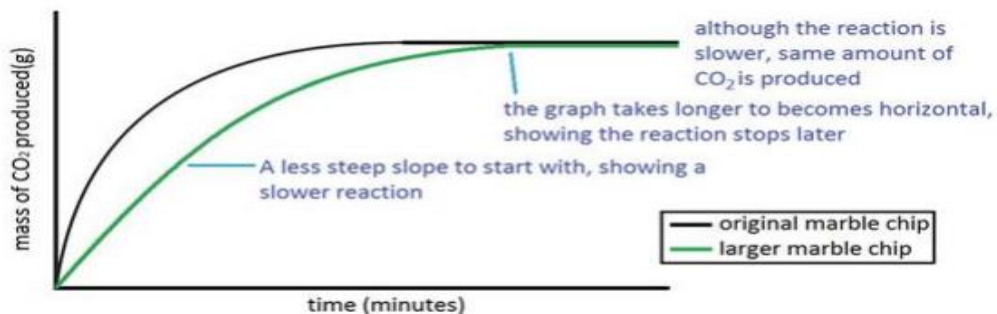
6) Results

- Data

| Time (sec) | Mass of large marble chips and acid (g) | Mass of small marble chips and acid (g) |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| 0 | 103.54 | 103.54 |
| 20 | 103.52 | 103.50 |
| 40 | 103.51 | 103.49 |
| 60 | 103.50 | 103.48 |
| 80 | 103.49 | 103.48 |
| 100 | 103.48 | 103.48 |
| 120 | 103.48 | 103.48 |
| Total Mass loss (g) | 0.06 | 0.06 |



- On the same graph paper plot the results of the reaction between the small marble chips and hydrochloric acid.



7) Conclusion and evaluation:

- Restating the purpose (hypothesis)

If the surface area of a solid changes, then the mass loss will change.

- Interpret your data and describe a conclusion based on your results.

The table shows that it took the small marble chips (powder) 20 seconds to lose 0.05g of CO₂ where it took the large lumps 60 seconds to lose the same mass of CO₂. Also, it took the powder marble chips 60 seconds to finish the reaction and 100 seconds to finish the reaction using the large lumps.

- Determine whether the original hypothesis was supported or rejected by the investigation?

It was supported.