



Name: Answer key

worksheet: Acids & Alkalis

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**Question One:** Compare and contrast acids and alkalis by completing the following table.

	<b>Acids</b>	<b>Alkalis</b>
<b>pH range</b>	0 - 6.9	7.1 - 14
<b>What to look for in chemical formula</b>	H	OH
<b>Production of ions</b>	Hydrogen ions (H <sup>+</sup> )	Hydroxide ions (OH <sup>-</sup> )
<b>Taste</b>	Sour	Bitter
<b>Examples</b>	Lemon	Bleach

**Question Two:** Classify the following examples as acids, bases, or salts.

HBr – acid

KCl – salt

Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> – base

H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> – acid

HClO – acid

KNO<sub>2</sub> – salt

Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> – base

HFO<sub>4</sub> – acid

Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> – base

CaCO<sub>3</sub> – salt





**Question Three:** Name the following acids and alkalis.

HCl - Hydrochloric acid

HNO<sub>3</sub> – Nitric acid

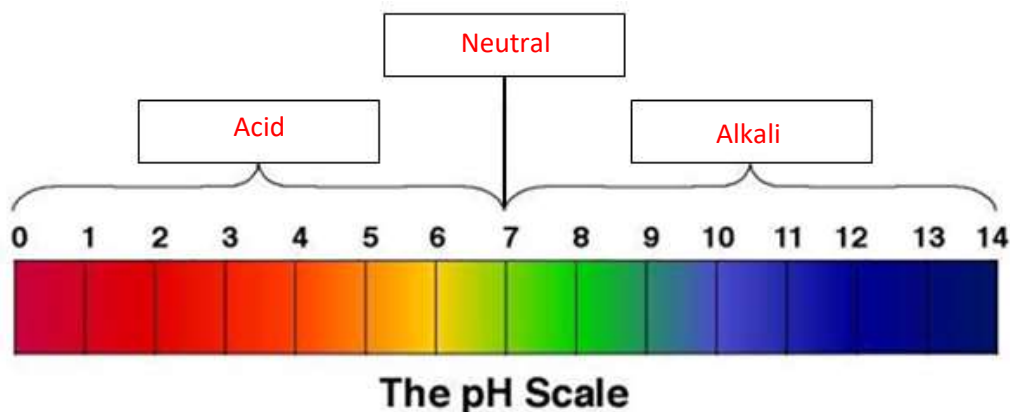
H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>- Sulfuric acid

NaOH – Sodium hydroxide

KOH – Potassium hydroxide

Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> – Magnesium hydroxide

**Question Four:** Use the pH scale to answer the following questions.



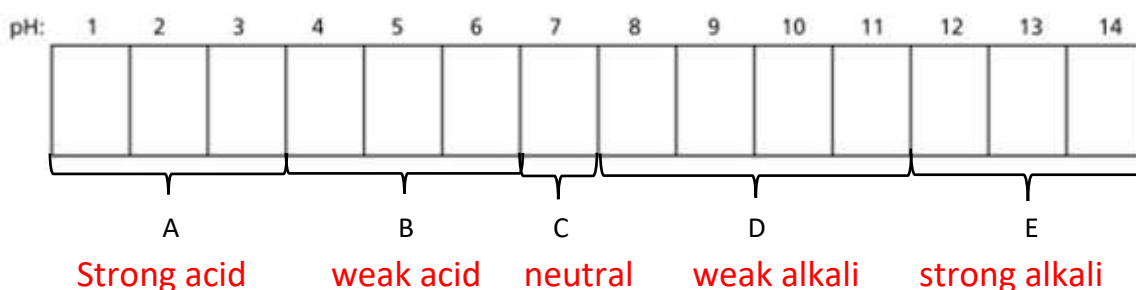
1. Fill in the boxes with the correct words.
2. How would you describe a substance with a pH of 6? Weak acid
3. Sodium hydroxide is a very strong base so it would have a pH of 13-14.
4. What pH would you expect a strong acid to have? 0-3
5. Neutral substances would have a pH of 7.





**Question Five:**

The pH scale demonstrates how strong an acid or an alkali is. The colors on a pH color chart show the color that universal indicator turns with acids and alkalis of different strengths.



a) Color the pH color chart below to show what color universal indicator turns with different strengths of acids and alkalis.



b) Identify the labels A to E, choosing from the words below:

***strong acid      weak acid      strong alkali      weak alkali      neutral***

**Question Six:**

Fill in the table below with the expected results of using **litmus paper**.

	Acidic solution	Neutral solution	Alkaline solution
Blue litmus paper	Turns Red	No change (Stays blue)	Stays Blue
Red litmus paper	Stays Red	No change (Stays red)	Turns Blue





**Question Seven :** Complete the following sentences.

- A neutralization reaction will always produce **salt and water**.
- A solution is neutral at pH **7**.
- An alkali is able to “cancel” out an acid. The chemical name for cancelling out the acid is **neutralization**.

**Question Eight:** Complete the following neutralization reactions.



Potassium must come from the base. Therefore, the base must be KOH.

Bromine must come from the acid. Therefore, the acid must be HBr.

