

# ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER

1. What is electrolysis?

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2. Describe, in detail, how hydrogen is formed through the process of electrolysis.

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3. Write the balanced equation for the electrolysis of water.

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4. What is the ratio of the hydrogen gas and oxygen gas produced by electrolysis? Explain.

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5. Theoretically, how much pure water would be required to produce one kilogram of hydrogen.

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6. Complete the properties of the three main types of water electrolyzers in table below.

| Property                                                   | Alkaline Electrolyser | Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Electrolyser (PEM) | Solid Oxide Electrolyser (SOE) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Electrolyte                                                |                       |                                                 |                                |
| Electrode / Catalyst                                       |                       |                                                 |                                |
| Electrical Efficiency (kWh to produce 1kg H <sub>2</sub> ) |                       |                                                 |                                |
| Operating Temperature                                      |                       |                                                 |                                |
| Anode Half Reaction                                        |                       |                                                 |                                |
| Cathode Half Reaction                                      |                       |                                                 |                                |

7. Use the properties in the table above and complete the Venn diagram.



