

Reactants			Products			
SOLID SODIUM	LIQUID WATER		SODIUM HYDROXIDE in solution		HYDROGEN GAS	
Na (s)	H ₂ O (l)		NaOH (aq)		H ₂ (g)	
What kind of particles? atoms	Molecules (atoms in)		ions		molecules	
# protons in each _11_	H atom _1_ protons	O atom _8_ protons	Na ⁺ ion 11_ protons	OH ⁻ ion O atom 8 p 8 e-	H atom _1_	H atom _1_ protons
# electrons in each _11_	_1_ electrons	_8_ electrons	10_ electrons	H atom 1 p 1 e-	_1_ electrons	_1_ electron
net charge _0_	_0_ net chg	_0_ net chg	+1_ net chg	Plus 1 extra e- Net chg -1	_1_ electrons	_0_ net chg
Arrangement Atoms are as close as they can get in fixed positions	Water molecules as close as they can get and free to move		Ions in solution – Na ⁺ ions are dissociated (split) from OH ⁻ ions moving freely in the water.		Molecules are far apart and free to move in the gas.	
Attractions Metallic bond Sea of free moving electrons charged by all the atoms	Hydrogen atom shares unequally electrons with oxygen atoms in polar covalent bonds Water molecules are attracted to each other's oppositely charged ends- dipole-dipole attractions		The Na ⁺ ion is attracted to negative-end (oxygen end) of water molecules by ion-dipole attractions . The OH ⁻ ion is attracted to positive-end (hydrogen end) of water molecules by ion-dipole attractions .		Hydrogen atoms are ___ nonpolar covalently ___ bonded to hydrogen atoms to make hydrogen H ₂ molecules. Hydrogen molecules are far apart due to their weak attractions – since they have NO oppositely charged ends (induced dipole-induced dipole attractions).	

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ANALYSIS OF THE REACTION OF SODIUM WITH WATER

THE CHANGES SODIUM

SODIUM before	SODIUM after	Notes-
What kind of particle? Atom – neutral Charge = 0	What kind of particle? Ion - charged Charge = +1	What happened to the sodium? Sodium atom LOST ELECTRON to become a sodium ion
How many protons? 11	How many protons? 11	
How many electrons? 11	How many electrons? 10	
Na (s) → Na⁺ (aq) + 1 e⁻		Chemistry term for this change oxidation

WATER MOLECULES

water before	water after	Notes-
H ₂ O molecules (H-O-H)	H ₂ molecules (H-H) And OH ⁻ ions (O-H ⁻)	What happened to the water? The water molecules broke apart – the bond between H-O must have broken to separate the H from O-H

The ionization of water occurs in water all the time as a reversible reaction.



Every once in a while two water molecules collide with enough kinetic energy to break the polar covalent bond between the O-H. When this happens the oxygen (who was pulling harder on e⁻ pair so e⁻ pair spent more time there) keeps the e⁻ pair. This forms an OH⁻ ion. Meanwhile, the hydrogen is left with no electrons forming a hydrogen ion (H⁺)

This reaction is **reversible** – it goes both ways. At equilibrium the rate of forward reaction (ionization of the water)

is equal to

the rate of the reverse reaction (the ions getting together to make water molecules). So conditions remain constant – the number of ions and molecules stays the same.

HYDROGEN IONS

hydrogen before	hydrogen after	Notes-
What kind of particle? Ions in equilibrium with water	What kind of particle? H₂ molecules in the gas	What happened to the hydrogen? Hydrogen (H ⁺) ions become H ₂ molecules
How many protons? 1 proton	How many protons? 1 proton in each H atom	
How many electrons? 0 electrons	How many electrons? 1 electron in each H atom	
$2 \text{H}^+ (\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2 (\text{aq})$		Chemistry term for this change reduction