

Worksheet 2 -- Calculating $[H_3O^+]$, $[OH^-]$ pH and pOH

ANSWER KEY for 2 pages of worksheet.

Key relationships:

- Water very slightly dissociates into ions according to the following equation
 $2 H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^-$
- In water $[H_3O^+] = [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7} M$ at $25^\circ C$
- $K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$ at $25^\circ C$ -- known as the ion product of water
- $pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$
- $pOH = -\log [OH^-]$
- $pH + pOH = 14$

1.

A certain solution has $[H_3O^+] = 2 \times 10^{-5}$. Calculate the concentration of $[OH^-]$ and the pH of the solution

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$pH = \boxed{4.7}$$

$$[H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$2 \times 10^{-5} M [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[OH^-] = \boxed{5 \times 10^{-10} M}$$

2.

A certain solution has $[H_3O^+] = 5 \times 10^{-9}$. Calculate the concentration of $[OH^-]$ and the pH of the solution

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$pH = \boxed{8.3}$$

$$[H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$(5 \times 10^{-9}) [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[OH^-] = \boxed{2 \times 10^{-6} M}$$

3.

A certain solution has $[OH^-] = 4 \times 10^{-3}$. Calculate the concentration of $[H_3O^+]$ and the pH of the solution

$$[H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[H^+](4 \times 10^{-3}) = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[H^+] = \boxed{2.5 \times 10^{-12} M}$$

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$pH = -\log (2.5 \times 10^{-12})$$

$$pH = \boxed{11.6}$$

4.

A certain solution has $[OH^-] = 3 \times 10^{-11}$. Calculate the concentration of $[H_3O^+]$ and the pH of the solution

$$[H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[H_3O^+](3 \times 10^{-11}) = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \boxed{3.33 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$= -\log (3.33 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$pH = \boxed{3.48}$$

5.

A certain solution has $pH = 3.0$. Calculate the pOH, the concentration of $[H_3O^+]$ and the $[OH^-]$ of the solution

$$[H_3O^+] = \boxed{1 \times 10^{-3} M}$$

$$[OH^-] = \boxed{1 \times 10^{-11} M}$$

6.

A certain solution has $pH = 2.5$. Calculate the pOH, the concentration of $[H_3O^+]$ and the $[OH^-]$ of the solution

$$pH = 2.5$$

$$pOH = 14 - 2.5 = \boxed{11.5}$$

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$2.5 = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$10^{-2.5} = [H_3O^+] = 0.00316 M$$

$$[H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$(0.00316 M) [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[OH^-] = 3.16 \times 10^{-12}$$

7. A certain solution has $\text{pOH} = 2.0$. Calculate the pH , the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ and the $[\text{OH}^-]$ of the solution

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

$$\text{pH} + 2 = 14$$

$$\text{pH} = \boxed{12}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \boxed{10^{-12} \text{ M}}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \boxed{10^{-2} \text{ M}}$$

8. A certain solution has $\text{pOH} = 9.3$. Calculate the pH , the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ and the $[\text{OH}^-]$ of the solution

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

$$\text{pH} + 9.3 = 14$$

$$\text{pH} = \boxed{4.7}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$4.7 = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-4.7}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \boxed{2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$9.3 = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-9.3}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \boxed{5.01 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}}$$

9. A certain solution has $[\text{OH}^-]$ of 5×10^{-4} . Calculate the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$, the pH and the pOH of the solution

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] (5 \times 10^{-4}) = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \boxed{2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$= -\log (2 \times 10^{-11})$$

$$\text{pH} = \boxed{10.7}$$

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

$$10.7 + \text{pOH} = 14$$

$$\text{pOH} = \boxed{3.3}$$

10. A certain solution has $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of 5×10^{-12} . Calculate the $[\text{OH}^-]$, the pH and the pOH of the solution

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$5 \times 10^{-12} [\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \boxed{0.002 \text{ M}}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$= -\log (5 \times 10^{-12})$$

$$= \boxed{11.3}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$= -\log (0.002)$$

$$\text{pOH} = \boxed{2.7}$$