

Subject	Year	Term
Chemistry	13	2 and 3
Topic		
5.1.1 How Fast?		
Content (Intent)		
<b>Prior Learning (Topic)</b> GCSE: C6. Year 12:1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.2.2 Rates		
<p><b>Orders, rate equations and rate constants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to use the terms: rate of reaction, order, overall order, rate constant, half-life, rate-determining step</li> <li>• Be able to deduce orders from experimental data and a rate equation from orders of the form: rate = <math>k[A]^m[B]^n</math>, where m and n are 0, 1 or 2</li> <li>• Calculate the rate constant, k, and related quantities, from a rate equation including determination of units</li> </ul> <p><b>Rate graphs and orders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deduce from a concentration–time graph the order (0 or 1) with respect to a reactant from the shape of the graph.</li> <li>• Calculate the reaction rates from the measurement of gradients (<b>see also 3.2.2 b</b>).</li> <li>• Determine from a concentration–time graph of a first order reaction a measurement of constant half-life, <math>t_{1/2}</math> and from the half life, the rate constant.</li> <li>• Deduce from a rate–concentration graph the order (0, 1 or 2) with respect to a reactant from the shape of the graph</li> <li>• Determination of the rate constant for a first order reaction from the gradient</li> <li>• Know the techniques and procedures used to investigate reaction rates by the initial rates method and by continuous monitoring, including use of colorimetry (<b>see also 3.2.2 e</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rate-determining step</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to predict a rate equation that is consistent with the rate-determining step</li> <li>• Be able to construct possible steps in a reaction mechanism from the rate equation and the balanced equation for the overall reaction</li> </ul> <p><b>Effect of temperature on rate constants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give an explanation of the effect of temperature change on the rate of a reaction and hence the rate constant (<b>see 3.2.2 f–g</b>)</li> <li>• Use the Arrhenius equation to determine <math>E_a</math> and A graphically using: <math>\ln k = -E_a/RT + \ln A</math> derived from the Arrhenius equation.</li> </ul>		
<b>Future Learning (Topic)</b> 5.2.2 Electrode potentials 5.2.3 Enthalpy and entropy		
How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determining an order</li> <li>2. Determining a rate equation by graph or data</li> <li>3. Finding a rate constant</li> <li>4. Rate determining step</li> <li>5. Arrhenius equation</li> </ol>	<p>- 2 x standard homework (Grade given. Written feedback. Response expected.)</p> <p>-1 x end of unit test (Grade given. Verbal feedback to class and individuals.)</p> <p>PAGs 9 and 10</p>	

**Practical work**

Determining the rate equation for reaction between Mg and HCl and/or thiosulfate and HCl

PAGs 9 and 10

**Written examples**

Presentations

Worked through examples

Past paper question examples and answers

Explanation of how to determine an order and a rate equation from a graph or data.

Explanation of how to determine the rate constant unit and value from a graph or rate equation.

Explanation of how to suggest a feasible mechanism from rate equation and reaction equation.

Construction and use of graphs to determine a value for half life,  $E_a$  and A

Demonstrating how to use a calculator to determine A

**How can parents help at home?**

Look at the topic specific resources on the VLE

Use appropriate websites: MachemGuy, Allery Chemistry, Chemistry World – by Royal Society of Chemistry, ChemGuide.

Take an interest! Ask your children what they have learnt and be curious about their learning.

**Helpful further reading/discussion****Reading**

Text book: A level chemistry for OCR by Rob Ritchie and Dave Gent. Chapter 18 p.272-294

The Science of Everyday Life by Marty Jopson  
Why Chemical Reactions Happen by Keeler and Wothers

**Vocabulary Lists**

rate of reaction  
order  
overall order  
rate constant  
half-life  
rate-determining step  
exponential  
gradient  
pre-exponential factor  
Activation energy

**Careers Links**

Medicine  
Veterinary science  
Material science  
Biomedical sciences  
Environmental science  
Toxicologist  
Pharmacist  
Dentist  
Forensic science  
Patent law