

Problem Set - Percent Composition #1 - Answers

Determine the Percent Composition of the following molecules:¹

1. C₂H₅F

$$C \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#C \equiv 2$$

$$H \Rightarrow 1.008 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#H \equiv 5$$

$$F \Rightarrow 19.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#F \equiv 1$$

$$MW = (2 \times C) + (5 \times H) + (1 \times F)$$

$$MW = (2 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 19.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$MW = 48.06 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 4.806 \times 10^1 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times AM / MW) \times 100$$

$$\%C = (2 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 48.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 49.98 \% ^2$$

$$\%H = (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole} / 48.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 10.49 \%$$

$$\%F = (1 \times 19.00 \text{ g/mole} / 48.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 39.53 \%$$

2. C₃H₅O

$$C \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#C \equiv 3$$

$$H \Rightarrow 1.008 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#H \equiv 5$$

$$O \Rightarrow 16.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#O \equiv 1$$

$$MW = (3 \times C) + (5 \times H) + (1 \times O)$$

$$MW = (3 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$MW = 57.07 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 5.707 \times 10^1 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times AM / MW) \times 100$$

$$\%C = (3 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 57.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 63.19 \%$$

$$\%H = (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole} / 57.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 8.83 \%$$

¹ Note: Use the Atomic Masses from the table on the inside front cover of the text book.

² Note: The number of atoms of each type is EXACT and the Atomic Weights of the elements used are all four significant figures. Therefore, the answers have four significant figures.

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$$\%O = (1 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole} / 57.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 28.04 \%$$

3. C_5H_5N

$$C \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#C \equiv 5$$

$$H \Rightarrow 1.008 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#H \equiv 5$$

$$N \Rightarrow 14.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#N \equiv 1$$

$$MW = (5 \times C) + (5 \times H) + (1 \times N)$$

$$MW = (5 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 14.01 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$MW = 79.10 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 7.910 \times 10^1 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times AM / MW) \times 100$$

$$\%C = (5 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 79.10 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 75.92 \%$$

$$\%H = (5 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole} / 79.10 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 6.37 \%$$

$$\%N = (1 \times 14.01 \text{ g/mole} / 79.10 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 17.71 \%$$

4. $C_6H_{12}O_6$

$$C \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#C \equiv 6$$

$$H \Rightarrow 1.008 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#H \equiv 12$$

$$O \Rightarrow 16.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#O \equiv 6$$

$$MW = (6 \times C) + (12 \times H) + (6 \times O)$$

$$MW = (6 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (12 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole}) + (6 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$MW = 180.156 \text{ g/mole} = 180.2 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 1.802 \times 10^2 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times AM / MW) \times 100$$

$$\%C = (6 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 180.156 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 40.00 \%$$

$$\%H = (12 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole} / 180.156 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 6.71 \%$$

$$\%O = (6 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole} / 180.156 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 53.29 \%$$

5. $NaCl$

$$Na \Rightarrow 22.99 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#Na \equiv 1$$

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$$\text{Cl} \Rightarrow 35.45 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Cl} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{MW} = (1 \times \text{Na}) + (1 \times \text{Cl})$$

$$\text{MW} = (1 \times 22.99 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 35.45 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$\text{MW} = 58.44 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 5.844 \times 10^1 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times \text{AM} / \text{MW}) \times 100$$

$$\% \text{Na} = (1 \times 22.99 \text{ g/mole} / 58.44 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 39.33 \%$$

$$\% \text{Cl} = (1 \times 35.45 \text{ g/mole} / 58.44 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 60.66 \%$$

6. C_6CrO_6

$$\text{C} \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{C} \equiv 6$$

$$\text{Cr} \Rightarrow 52.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Cr} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{O} \Rightarrow 16.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{O} \equiv 6$$

$$\text{MW} = (6 \times \text{C}) + (1 \times \text{Cr}) + (6 \times \text{O})$$

$$\text{MW} = (6 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 52.00 \text{ g/mole}) + (6 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$\text{MW} = ~~220.06~~ \text{ g/mole} = 220.1 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 2.201 \times 10^2 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times \text{AM} / \text{MW}) \times 100$$

$$\% \text{C} = (6 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 220.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 32.75 \%$$

$$\% \text{Cr} = (1 \times 52.00 \text{ g/mole} / 220.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 23.63 \%$$

$$\% \text{O} = (6 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole} / 220.06 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 43.62 \%$$

7. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Fe}$

$$\text{C} \Rightarrow 12.01 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{C} \equiv 10$$

$$\text{H} \Rightarrow 1.008 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{H} \equiv 10$$

$$\text{Fe} \Rightarrow 55.85 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Fe} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{MW} = (10 \times \text{C}) + (10 \times \text{H}) + (1 \times \text{Fe})$$

$$\text{MW} = (10 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole}) + (10 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 55.85 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$\text{MW} = ~~186.03~~ \text{ g/mole} = 186.0 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 1.860 \times 10^2 \text{ g/mole}$$

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$$\% = (\# \times \text{AM} / \text{MW}) \times 100$$

$$\%C = (10 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mole} / 186.03 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 64.56 \%$$

$$\%H = (10 \times 1.008 \text{ g/mole} / 186.03 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 5.42 \%$$

$$\%Fe = (1 \times 55.85 \text{ g/mole} / 186.03 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 30.02 \%$$

8. MgO

$$\text{Mg} \Rightarrow 24.31 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Mg} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{O} \Rightarrow 16.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{O} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{MW} = (1 \times \text{Mg}) + (1 \times \text{O})$$

$$\text{MW} = (1 \times 24.31 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$\text{MW} = 40.31 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 4.031 \times 10^1 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times \text{AM} / \text{MW}) \times 100$$

$$\%\text{Mg} = (1 \times 24.31 \text{ g/mole} / 40.31 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 60.31 \%$$

$$\%\text{O} = (1 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole} / 40.31 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 39.69 \%$$

9. Na₂SiO₃

$$\text{Na} \Rightarrow 22.99 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Na} \equiv 2$$

$$\text{Si} \Rightarrow 28.09 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{Si} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{O} \Rightarrow 16.00 \text{ g/mole} \quad \#\text{O} \equiv 3$$

$$\text{MW} = (2 \times \text{Na}) + (1 \times \text{Si}) + (3 \times \text{O})$$

$$\text{MW} = (2 \times 22.99 \text{ g/mole}) + (1 \times 28.09 \text{ g/mole}) + (3 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole})$$

$$\text{MW} = ~~122.07~~ \text{ g/mole} = 122.1 \text{ g/mole} \Rightarrow 1.221 \times 10^2 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$\% = (\# \times \text{AM} / \text{MW}) \times 100$$

$$\%\text{Na} = (2 \times 22.99 \text{ g/mole} / 122.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 37.67 \%$$

$$\%\text{Si} = (1 \times 28.09 \text{ g/mole} / 122.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 23.01 \%$$

$$\%\text{O} = (3 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mole} / 122.07 \text{ g/mole}) \times 100 = 39.32 \%$$