

CHEMISTRY I HONORS
LIMITING AND EXCESS REACTANTS

HOW MANY BURRITOS WILL WE MAKE?

1. Here is the “equation” for carne asada burritos: Makes 6 burritos
- 2 cups carne asada
 - 1/2 cup grated cheese
 - 2 cups guacamole
 - 1/3 cup diced tomatoes
 - 1 cup salsa
 - 6 flour tortillas

You open your refrigerator and find 2 dozen flour tortillas, 2 lbs of carne asada (1 lb = 1.5 cups), 1.5 cups grated cheese, 3.5 cups salsa, 3 cups of guacamole and 3 tomatoes (1 tomato = 1/2 cup diced tomatoes)

The Problem:

- A. How many delicious carne asada burritos can you make? (REMEMBER, you must follow the given equation -- no substitutions or deletions!!!)

- B. Which ingredient determined the number you could make? WHY?

- C. How much of each of the other ingredients will be used?

- D. How much of these other ingredients will be left over?

NOW try a similar problem with some "chemicals" (Oh, no!!)

Here's the recipe: $2 \text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + 1 \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})}$

You open your chemistry cabinet and find 1.5 moles of hydrogen gas and 0.8 moles of oxygen. Now for the problem

- A. How many moles of water can be made? (Again, remember, you must follow the recipe and use the correct proportions).

- B. Which ingredient was limiting and which was in excess?

- C. How much of the excess ingredient is left over?