

Chemistry: The Ideal Gas Law

KEY

Directions: Solve each of the following problems. Show your work, including proper units, to earn full credit.

1. If 3.7 moles of propane are at a temperature of 28°C and are under 154.2 kPa of pressure, what volume does the sample occupy?

$$n = 3.7 \text{ mol}$$

$$T = 28^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 301 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 154.2 \text{ kPa}$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{L/mol} \cdot \text{K}$$

$$V = ? \text{ L}$$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P} \Rightarrow \frac{(3.7 \text{ mol})(8.314 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{L/mol} \cdot \text{K})(301 \text{ K})}{154.2 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$V = 60 \text{ L}$$

2. A sample of carbon monoxide at 57°C and under 0.67 atm of pressure takes up 85.3 L of space. What mass of carbon monoxide is present in the sample?

$$T = 57^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 330 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 0.67 \text{ atm}$$

$$V = 85.3 \text{ L}$$

$$n = ? \text{ mol}$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} \Rightarrow \frac{(0.67 \text{ atm})(85.3 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm/mol} \cdot \text{K})(330 \text{ K})} \Rightarrow 2.11 \text{ mol CO}$$

$$x \text{ g CO} = 2.11 \text{ mol CO} \left(\frac{28 \text{ g CO}}{1 \text{ mol CO}} \right) = 59 \text{ g CO}$$

3. At -45°C, 71 g of fluorine gas take up 6843 mL of space. What is the pressure of the gas, in kPa?

$$T = -45^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 228 \text{ K}$$

$$V = 6843 \text{ mL} \left(\frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} \right) = 6.843 \text{ L}$$

$$P = ? \text{ kPa}$$

$$n = 71 \text{ g F}_2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol F}_2}{38 \text{ g F}_2} \right) = 1.87 \text{ mol F}_2$$

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V} \Rightarrow \frac{(1.87 \text{ mol})(8.314 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{L/mol} \cdot \text{K})(228 \text{ K})}{6.843 \text{ L}}$$

$$P = 518 \text{ kPa}$$

4. At 971 mm Hg, 145 g of carbon dioxide have a volume of 34.13 dm³. What is the temperature of the sample, in °C?

$$P = 971 \text{ mm Hg} \left(\frac{1 \text{ atm}}{760 \text{ mm Hg}} \right) = 1.28 \text{ atm}$$

$$n = 145 \text{ g CO}_2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol CO}_2}{44 \text{ g CO}_2} \right) = 3.3 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

$$V = 34.13 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$T = ? \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T = \frac{PV}{nR} \Rightarrow \frac{(1.28 \text{ atm})(34.13 \text{ dm}^3)}{(3.3 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \text{ dm}^3 \cdot \text{atm/mol} \cdot \text{K})}$$

$$T = 161 \text{ K}$$

$$161 - 273 = \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

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$$T = -112^\circ\text{C}$$

5. At 137°C and under a pressure of 3.11 atm, a 276 g sample of an unknown noble gas occupies 13.46 L of space. What is the gas?

$$T = 137^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 410 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 3.11 \text{ atm}$$

$$V = 13.46 \text{ L}$$

$$n = ? \text{ mol of unknown gas}$$

$$\text{mass} = 276 \text{ g of unknown gas}$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} \Rightarrow \frac{(3.11 \text{ atm})(13.46 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm/mol} \cdot \text{K})(410 \text{ K})} \Rightarrow 1.24 \text{ mol gas}$$

$$x \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = \frac{276 \text{ g}}{1.24 \text{ mol}} \Rightarrow 222.6 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} \therefore \text{Radon gas}$$

Answers: 1. 60.0 L 2. 59 g CO 3. 517.6 kPa 4. -112°C 5. radon