Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions

Energy and Chemical Reactions

- <u>Chemical Energy</u> Energy stored in the chemical bonds of a substance.
- Chemical reactions always involve energy changes.
- Making bonds and breaking bonds involve energy changes.

Activation Energy

• The energy required to break the bonds in the reactants for a chemical reaction to occur.



We must supply energy to break bonds

Endothermic and Exothermic reactions

Step 1: Energy must be <u>SUPPLIED</u> to break chemical bonds of reactants:

Step 2: Energy is <u>RELEASED</u> when new chemical bonds are created:





A reaction is <u>EXOTHERMIC</u> if more energy is **RELEASED** than **SUPPLIED**. If more energy is **SUPPLIED** than is **RELEASED** then the reaction is <u>ENDOTHERMIC</u>

Energy of Chemical Reactions

- Based on the type of energy (heat) change involved, chemical reactions are classified as either <u>exothermic</u> or <u>endothermic</u>.
 - -Exothermic: energy is released
 - Exo- = "exit"
 - Burning of gasoline



- -Endothermic: energy is absorbed
 - Endo- = "into"
 - Cooking of pancakes



Endothermic

- Heat (energy) taken in
- Temperature of the substance drops
- Products feel COLD





Endothermic Reactions

• You may see an endothermic reaction written like this...

REACTANTS + ENERGY PRODUCTS OR REACTANTS + HEAT PRODUCTS

<u>Exothermic</u>

- Heat (energy) given off
- Temperature of the substance rises
- Products feel HOT





Exothermic Reactions

• You may see an exothermic reaction written like this...

REACTANTS ----- PRODUCTS + ENERGY OR REACTANTS ------ PRODUCTS + HEAT

ENDOTHERMIC OR EXOTHERMIC?

 $\overline{6CO_2 + 6H_2O} + \overline{Energy} \longrightarrow \overline{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \overline{6O_2}$

ENDOTHERMIC!

 $CH_4 + 2O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O + Energy$

EXOTHERMIC!

Examples

<u>Exothermic</u>

• Burning a candle

- Rusting iron
- Mixing Epsom salts & water

<u>Endothermic</u>

- Photosynthesis
- Mixing vinegar & baking soda