Driving Forces Notes

Acid/Base (Neutralization)

- The driving force of these chemical changes is proton (H⁺) transfer.
- The reactants in these reactions will lose or gain protons (hydrogen ions) and form water and a salt as products.

HX + MOH ----- MX + HOH

Video: 08 Acid-Base Reactions

Oxidation/Reduction (REDOX)

- The driving force of these chemical changes is electron transfer.
- The reactants in these reactions will lose or gain electrons and change their charge as they form the products.
- Easy ways to remember

OIL RIG Oxidation is loss (of e-) Reduction is gain (of e-)

LEO the lion goes GER Lose electrons = oxidation, Gain electrons = reduction



reduction 0 2 Ag $Cu_{(s)} + 2 \text{ Ag NO}$ + Cu(NO (s) oxidation

Video: Introduction to Oxidation Reduction (Redox) Reactions

