

Chemical Equations

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This flipchart follows the Glencoe Science textbook Tennessee Science Grade 8 and supports the following State of Tennessee standards:

SPI 0807.9.8 Interpret the results of an investigation to determine whether a physical or chemical change has occurred.

SPI 0807.9.10 Identify the reactants and products of a chemical reaction.

SPI 0807.9.11 Recognize that in a chemical reaction, the mass of the reactants is equal to the mass of the products (Law of Conservation of Mass).



Let's review **physical** and **chemical** changes

physical change

dissolving sugar in water
crushing a can
cutting bread
melting
freezing

chemical change

baking bread
nail rusting
leaves changing color
scrambling eggs
burning

A **chemical equation** shows us the chemical reaction that has occurred.



- ★ A chemical equation consists of **reactants** and **products** and tells us **how much** of each substance has been used.
- ★ We can use everyday words, chemical names, or molecular formulas to make a chemical equation.

Chemical Equations

1. Everyday Words:

baking soda + vinegar \longrightarrow liquid + gas + solid

2. Chemical Names:

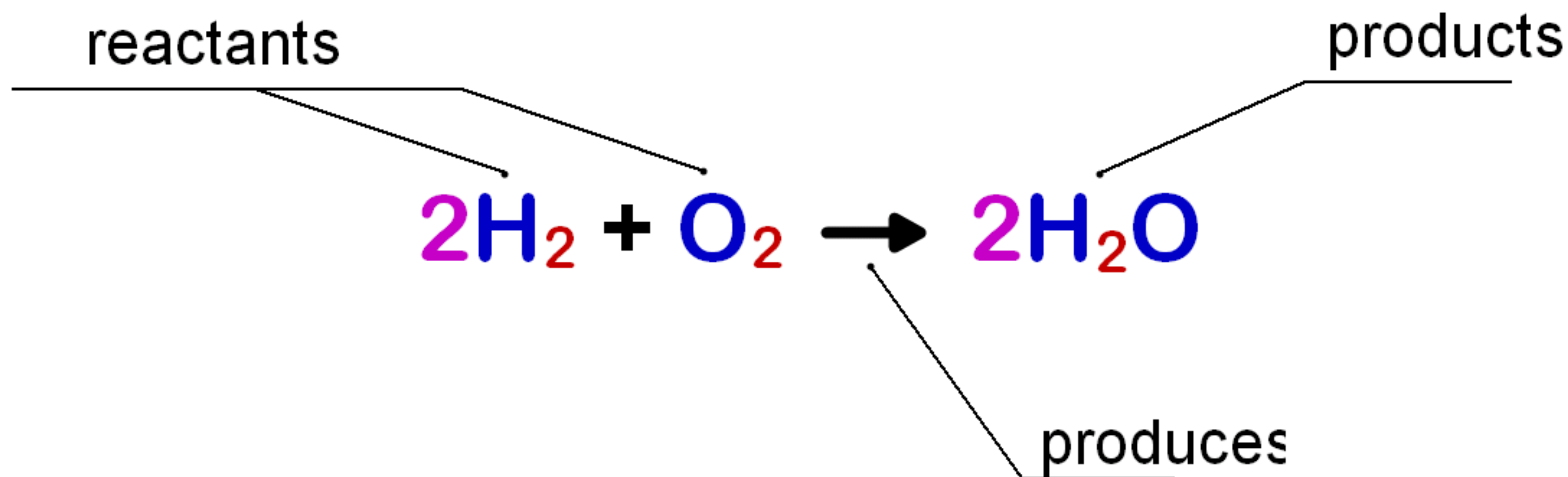
sodium bicarbonate + acetic acid \longrightarrow water +
carbon dioxide + sodium acetate

3. Molecular Formulas:

$\text{NaHCO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 +$
 $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$

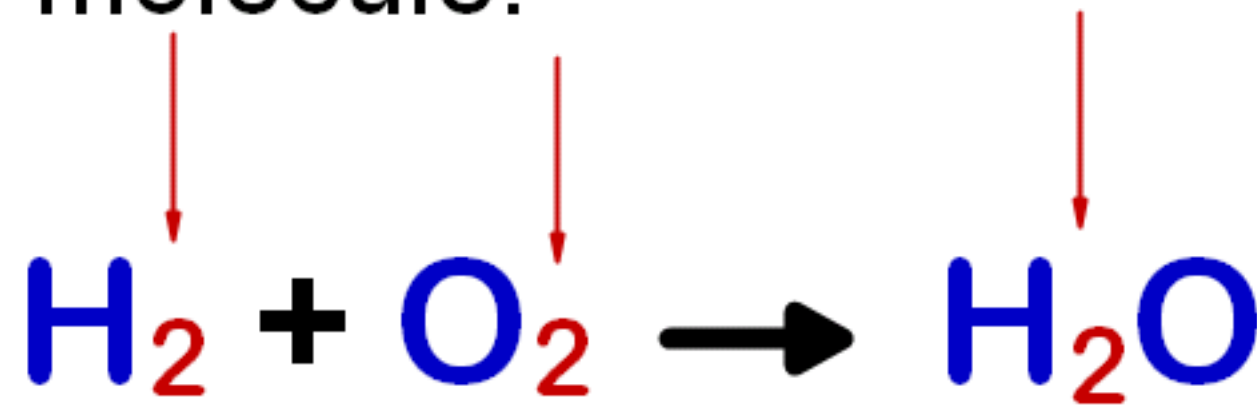
Molecular formulas consist of **chemical symbols** and **subscripts**

- ★ When we put these all together to make a chemical equation, we must also balance it by adding **coefficients**



Q. What does the **subscript** tell us?

A. The number of  of that element that are in the molecule.



How many hydrogen atoms are in the molecule H_2 ?

2

How many oxygen atoms are in the molecule

O_2 ? 2

How many hydrogen atoms are in the molecule

H_2O ? 2

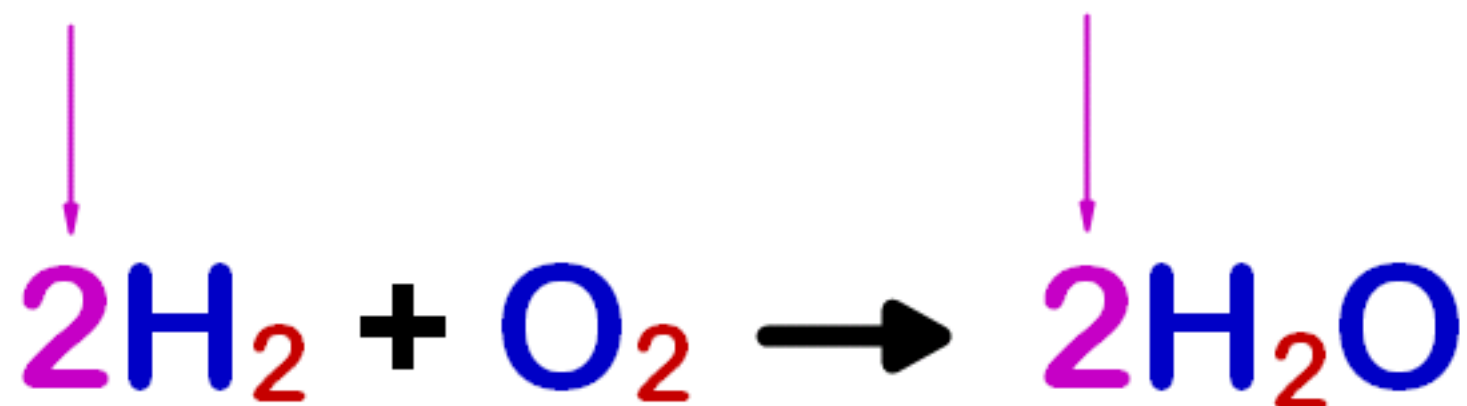
How many oxygen atoms are in the molecule

H_2O ? 1



Q. What does the **coefficient** tell us?

A. The number of of the substance reacting or being produced.



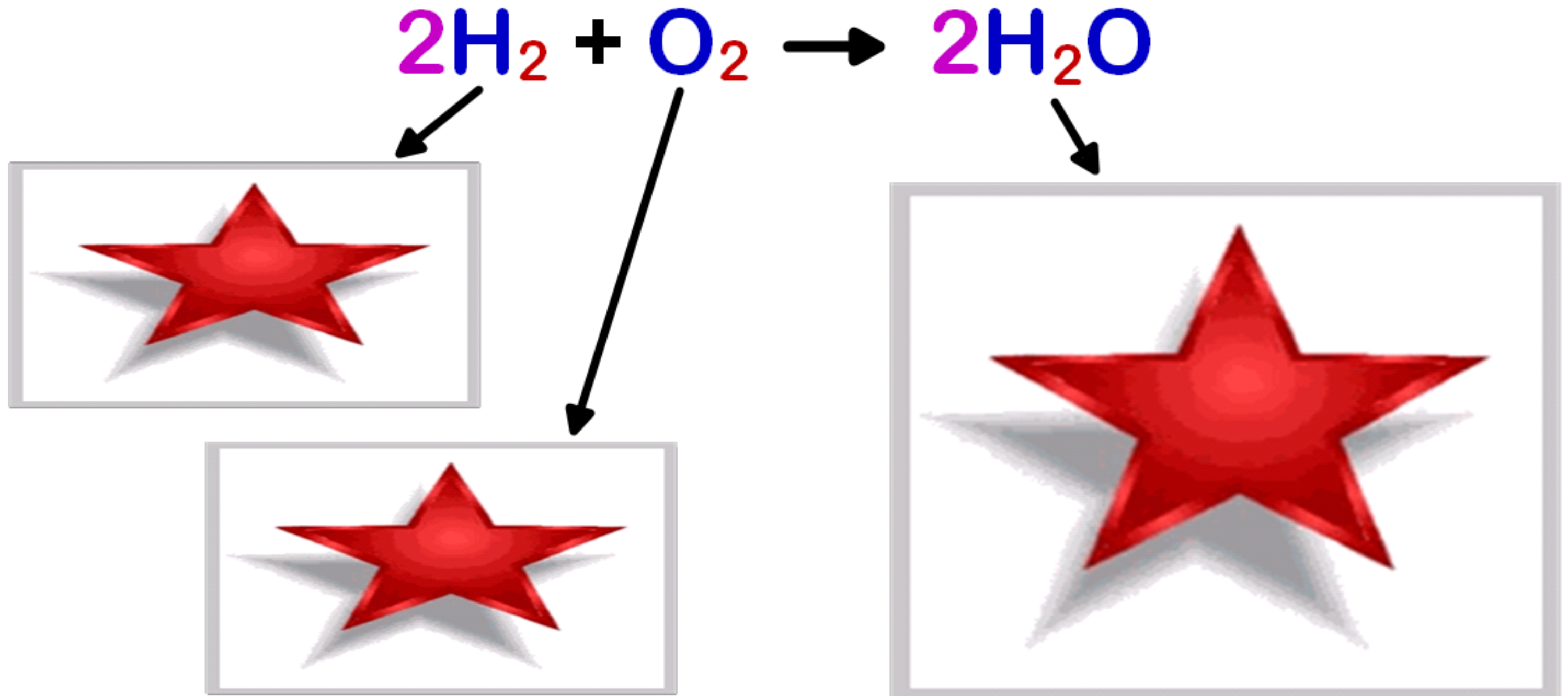
How many molecules of H₂ are there?

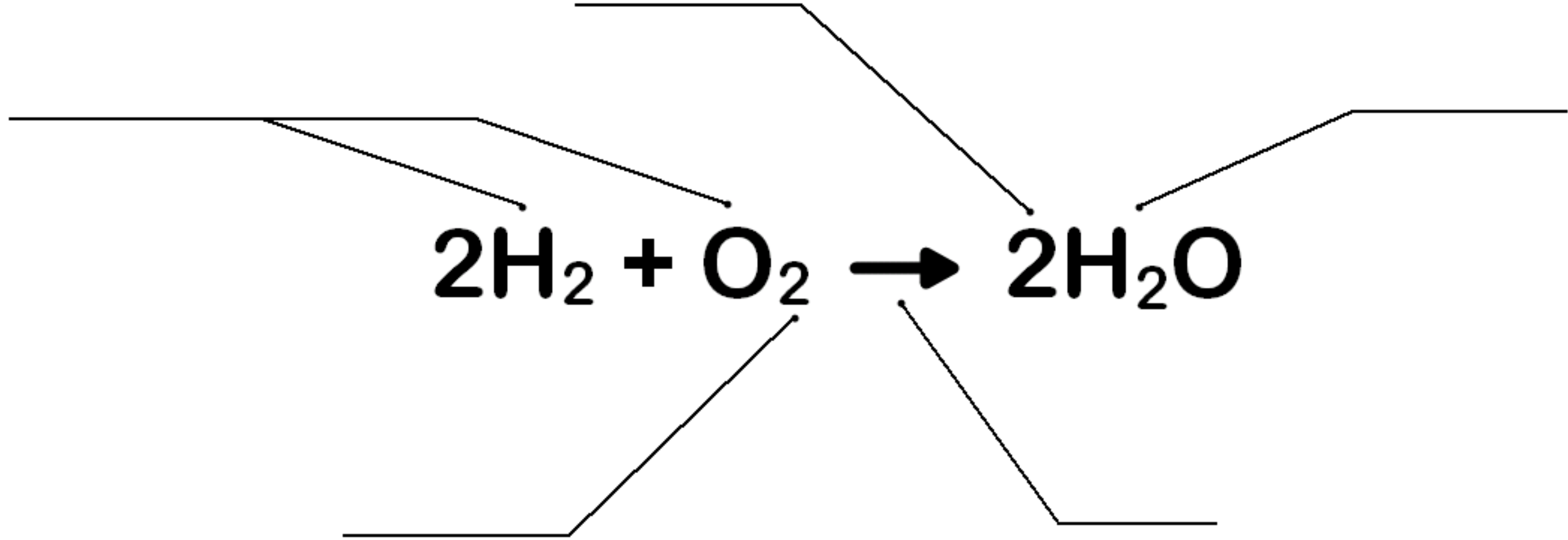
How many molecules of O₂ are there? 1

How many molecules of H₂O are there? 2

So...

to find the total number of atoms of each element
multiply the coefficient by the subscript.





produces

reactants

products

coefficient

subscript

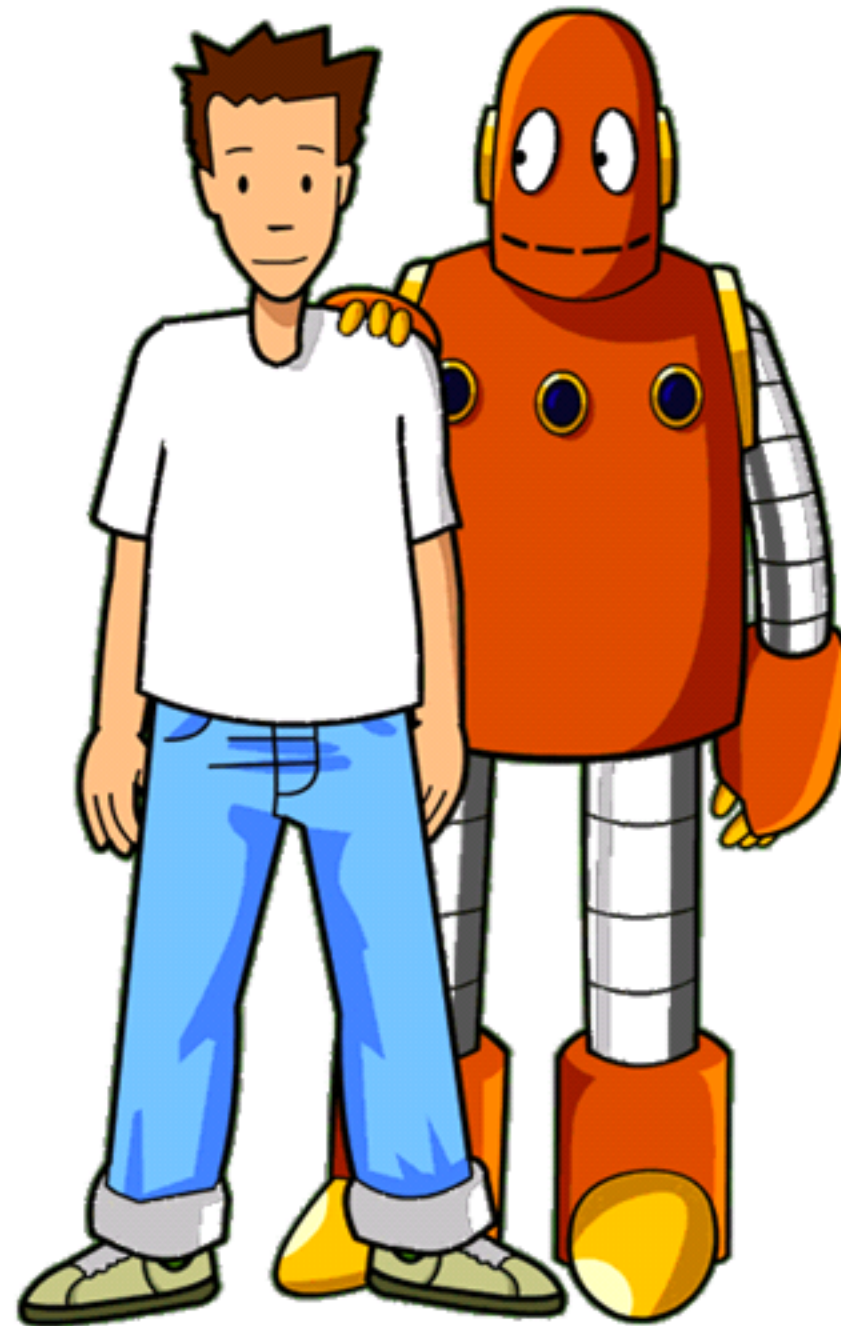


In the 1700s, French chemist Antoine Lavoisier proposed the Law of Conservation of Mass, which states that in a chemical reaction, the **mass** of the products is **equal** to the **mass** of the reactants.

What does this mean?

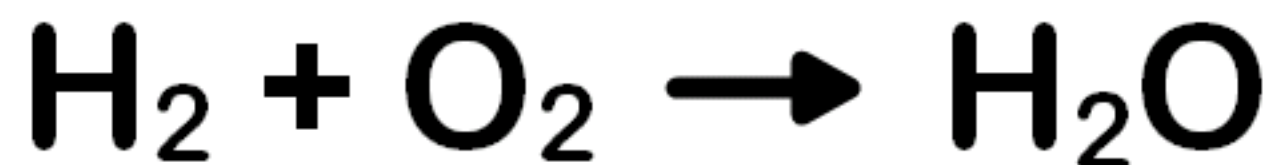


Let's see what Tim & Moby have to say about the Law of Conservation of Mass!



Now let's start balancing equations

Step 1 List each element that's on each side of the equation. (Remember to list the reactants and products separately.)



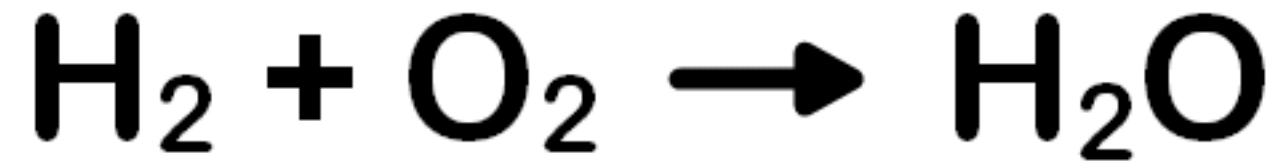
H

O

H

O

Step 2: Count the number of atoms of each element on each side of the equation.

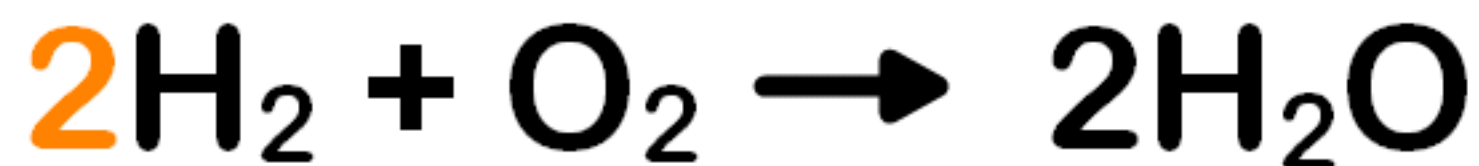


H	2	H	2
O	2	O	1

Step 3: Pick one element that is not balanced and **add a coefficient** to make both sides have the same number of atoms. Now multiply that coefficient throughout the molecule and adjust your totals.



Step 4: If not balanced yet, **continue adding coefficients** to get the same number of atoms of each element on each side.



Is it balanced? **YES!**

There are 4 hydrogen atoms and 2 oxygen atoms on each side. We did not create or destroy matter! Yeah!



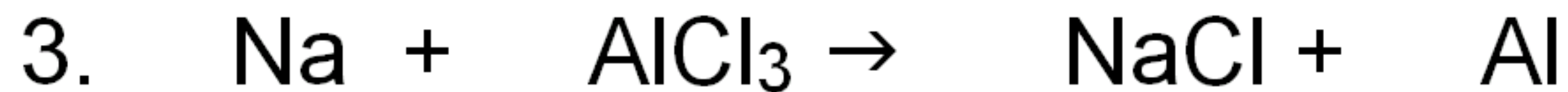
Now let's practice balancing some equations!



More practice!



Let's do it again!



One more time!

