

Reactivity Series
Potassium
Sodium
Calcium
Magnesium
Aluminium
Carbon
Zinc
Iron
Lead
Hydrogen
Copper
Silver
Gold

Addition of Sodium Hydroxide		
Cation	A few drops	In excess
Al^{3+}	White ppt	Ppt dissolves to give colourless soln
Ca^{2+}	White ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Cu^{2+}	Light blue ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Fe^{2+}	Green ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Fe^{3+}	Reddish-brown ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Pb^{2+}	White ppt	Ppt dissolves to give colourless soln
Zn^{2+}	White ppt	Ppt dissolves to give colourless soln
NH_4^+	No ppt	Ammonia gas evolved upon heating

Addition of Aqueous Ammonia		
Cation	A few drops	In excess
$*Al^{3+}$	White ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Ca^{2+}	No ppt	-

Addition of Aqueous Ammonia (cont)		
Cu^{2+}	Light blue ppt	Ppt dissolves to give dark blue soln
Fe^{2+}	Green ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Fe^{3+}	Reddish-brown ppt	Ppt is insoluble
$*Pb^{2+}$	White ppt	Ppt is insoluble
Zn^{2+}	White ppt	Ppt dissolves to give colourless soln
* Al^{3+} and Pb^{2+} can be identified by using aqueous potassium iodide (KI) which forms yellow ppt in the presence of lead.		

Amphoteric Metal Oxides
Zinc (Zn)
Aluminum (Al)
Lead (Pb)
Mnemonic is ZAP

Acidic Oxides			
Sulfur Trioxide	SO_3	Sulfuric Acid	H_2SO_4
*Sulfur Dioxide	SO_2	Sulphurous Acid	H_2SO_3
Nitrogen Dioxide	NO_2	Nitric Acid	HNO_3
*Dinitrogen Pentoxide	N_2O_5	Nitric Acid	HNO_3
Carbon Dioxide	CO_2	Carbonic Acid	H_2CO_3
*Phosphorus (V) Oxide	P_4O_{10}	Phosphoric Acid	H_3PO_4
*Phosphorus (III) Oxide	P_4O_6	Phosphorous Acid	H_3PO_3
*Manganese Heptoxide	Mn_2O_7	Perman-ganic Acid	$HMnO_4$
*Dichlorine Monoxide	Cl_2O	Hypochlorous Acid	$HOCl$
*Dichlorine Heptoxide	Cl_2O_7	Perchloric Acid	$HClO_4$
*Advanced (NIS)			

Basic Oxides	
All Group I and II metals (except Beryllium)	Li_2O , Na_2O , MgO , CaO , etc.
*Thallium (I) Oxide	Tl_2O
*Bismuth (III) Oxide	Bi_2O_3
*Advanced (NIS)	

Always Soluble	
Sodium	Na^+
Potassium	K^+
Ammonia	NH_4^+
Nitrate	NO_3^-
Mnemonic: SPAN	

Soluble Salts	
All halides	Except Pb and Ag compounds (e.g. $PbCl_2$)
All sulphates	Except Ba, Ca (sparingly soluble) and Pb (e.g. $BaSO_4$)

Insoluble Salts	
All Carbonates	Except SPA (Sodium, Potassium, Ammonium)
All Phosphates	Group I Metals and Ammonium compounds
All Hydroxides	Except SPCM (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium - sparingly soluble, Magnesium - very sparingly soluble)



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