

Molarity Review

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{moles}}{\text{Liters}}$$

Examples:

1. What is the molarity of 350.0 mL solution that contains 50.00 grams of sodium hydroxide?

To solve:

Turn 350.0 mL to L:

$$(x) \text{ L} = 350.0 \text{ mL} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ L} \\ 1000 \text{ mL} \end{array} \right. = 0.3500 \text{ L}$$

Turn 50.00 g of sodium hydroxide into moles:

$$(x) \text{ mol} = 50.00 \text{ g NaOH} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ mol} \\ 40.00 \text{ g} \end{array} \right. = 1.250 \text{ mol}$$

Now calculate molarity:

$$M = \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} = \frac{1.250 \text{ mol}}{0.3500 \text{ L}} = 3.571 \text{ M}$$

2. How many grams of sodium hydroxide are needed to make 50.00 mL of a 0.40 M solution?

(Remember that $0.40 \text{ M} = \frac{0.40 \text{ mol}}{1 \text{ L}}$; which has 2 SF)

To solve:

One problem method:

$$(x) \text{ g} = 50.00 \text{ mL} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ L} \\ 1000 \text{ mL} \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 0.40 \text{ mol} \\ 1 \text{ L} \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 40.00 \text{ g} \\ 1 \text{ mol} \end{array} \right. = 0.80 \text{ g}$$

Another method:

Solve for moles:

$$M = \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \quad 0.40 \text{ M} = \frac{X \text{ mol}}{0.0500 \text{ L}} \quad X \text{ mol} = 0.020 \text{ mol}$$

Now solve for g:

$$(x) \text{ g} = 0.020 \text{ mol} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 40.00 \text{ g} \\ 1 \text{ mol} \end{array} \right. = 0.80 \text{ g}$$