# Chemical Properties of Halogen

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### **Chemical Properties**

- Oxidizing Agent and Reducing Agent
- Displacement Reaction
- Bleaching Agent
- Reaction with Chlorine Water

### 1. Oxidizing Agent & Reducing Agent

Halogens	Atomic Size	Attraction	Ability to Gain electron (Oxidizing Power)	Ability to Lose electron (Reducing Power)	Q1. Tick the Most Powerful Oxidizing Agent	Q2. Tick the Most Powerful Reducing Agent
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#### 2. Displacement Reaction

- The halogen at the top will displace the halogen ion below it.
- Halogen at the top are more reactive and halogen at the bottom is least reactive.



### 2. Displacement Reaction

$$2KBr + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2KCl + Br_2$$

i. 
$$2KI + CI_2 \rightarrow$$
  
ii.  $2KCI + I_2 \rightarrow$ 

- In the above reaction, there are two halogen chlorine and bromine.
- ▶ We know that chlorine is more reactive than bromine.
- ► Hence, Chlorine displaces Bromine from KBr with the production of bromine.

- ▶ Halogen is used as bleaching agent to remove coloured matter.
- In the bleaching action of chlorine, it is due to the oxidation of coloured matter

(You may refer page number 117 for the raw jute bleaching)

- Oxidation:
- ▶ It is also defined as the process of adding oxygen.

### Mechanism of Bleaching Action of Chlorine <u>Step1</u>

- Water combines with chlorine to forms chlorine water
- Chlorine water contains TWO acids

(Hydrochloric acid: HCl

and <u>hypochlorous acid</u>: HClO)

 $\vdash$   $H_2O + Cl_2 \rightarrow HCl + HClO$ 

### Mechanism of Bleaching Action of Chlorine <u>Step2</u>

- ► HCIO is unstable
- So, to become stable it decomposes to give hydrochloric acid (HCI) and nascent oxygen [O]
  - ► HCIO → HCI + [O]

### Mechanism of Bleaching Action of Chlorine <u>Step3</u>

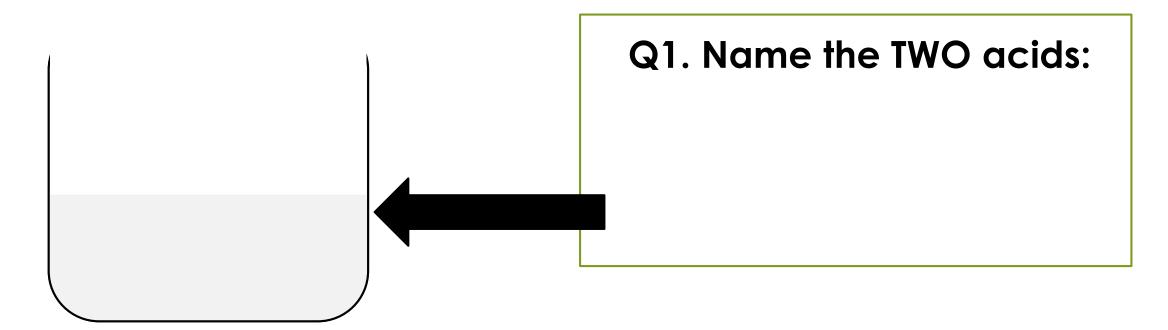
Nascent oxygen oxidises the coloured matter to a colourless matter and the process is known as bleaching.

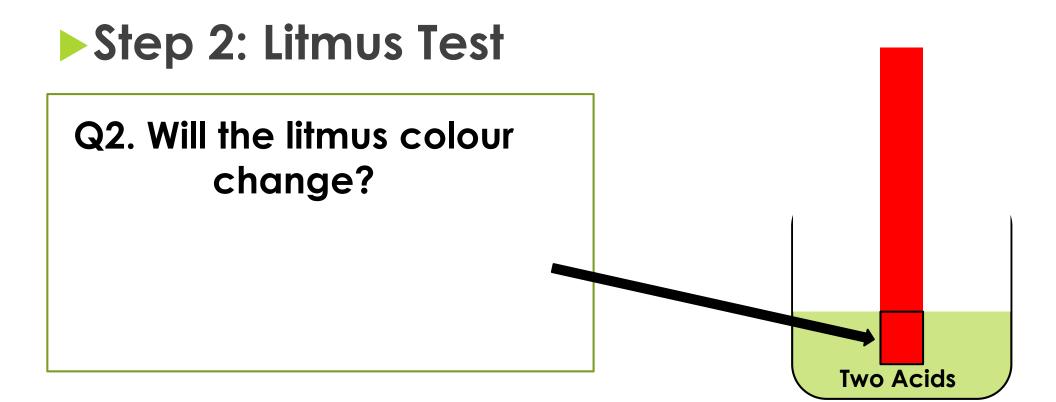
Coloured matter + [O] → Colourless compound

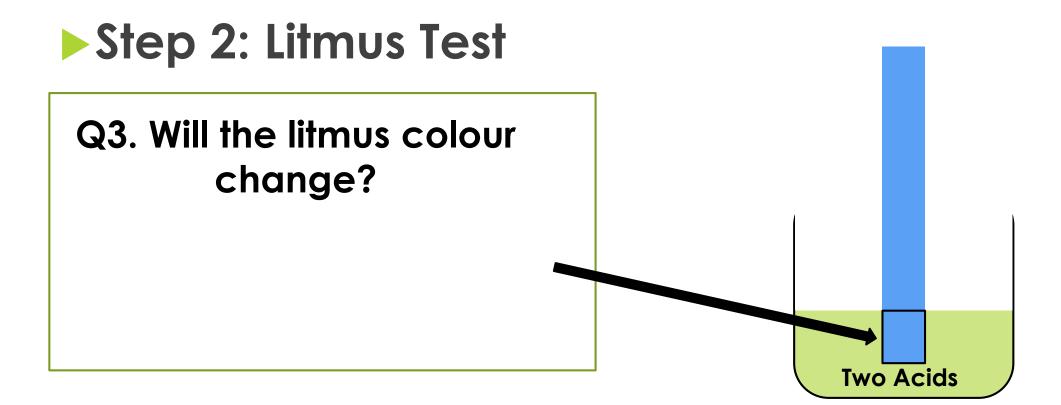
#### 4. Reaction with Chlorine Water

- Chlorine water contains two acids
  - Hydrochloric acid: HCl and
  - Hypochlorous acid: HCIO

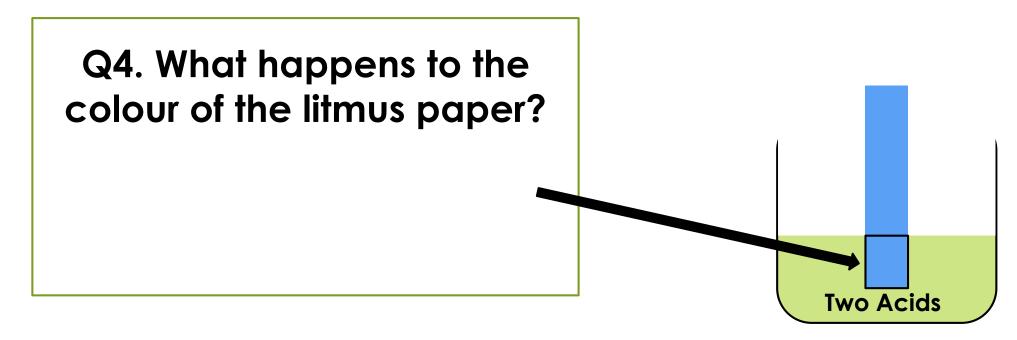
#### Step 1: Addition of Chlorine in Water





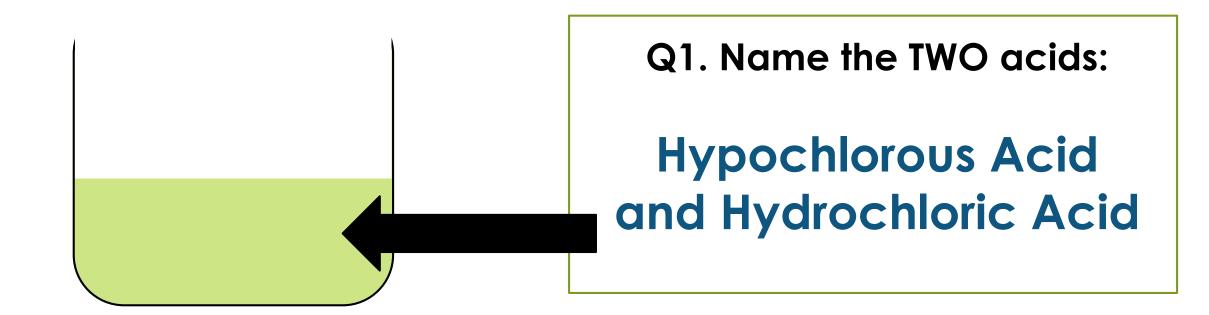


#### Step 3: Reaction

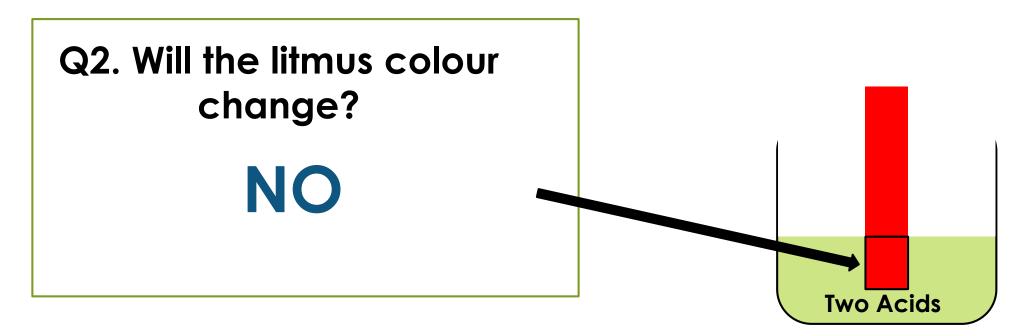


### **ANSWER**

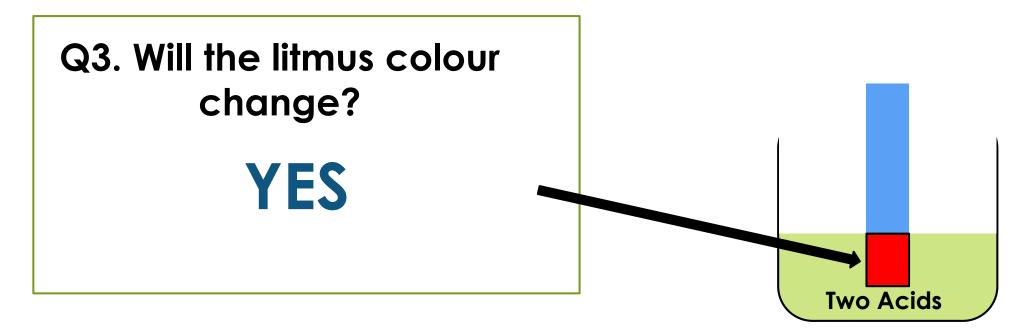
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#### Step 2: Litmus Test



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#### Step 3: Reaction

Q4. What happens to the colour of the litmus paper?

The litmus colour DECOLORISES or becomes COLOURLESS

