Acids & Bases – "Soo basic!"

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We just learned about acids and bases so let's practice our knowledge! With this practice, you will go from basic to expert!

- 1. Fill in the blank. Words may be used more than once!
 - a. A base is a substance that releases a hydroxide ion upon dissociation in water.
 - b. Blue litmus paper turn red when it comes in contact with an acid.
 - c. Dissociation occurs when a molecule is separated into two or more smaller molecules.
 - d. A substance is considered neutral when it has a pH of 7.
 - e. The conjugate base of an acid is formed when the acid donates a proton.

Acid
Base
Dissociation
Neutral
Acidic
Basic
Conjugate Acid
Conjugate Base

2. Short-answer:

a. What are strong and weak acids? Give one example of each?

A strong acid is one, which is almost completely dissociated in solution. Examples: Dilute nitric acid, dilute sulphuric acid and dilute hydrochloric acid. A weak acid is one, which is only partially ionized in solution (degree of dissociation is >30%). Examples: Acetic acid, carbonic acid and sulphurous acid.

b. Label the acids, bases, and their conjugates:

$$HF + H_2O \rightarrow F^- + H_3O^+$$

Acid: HF

Base: H2O

Conjugate Acid: H3O+

Conjugate Base: F-

$$HNO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+ + NO^{-2}$$

Acid: HNO2

Base: H2O

Conjugate Acid: H3O+

Conjugate Base: NO2-

$$HCN + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+ + CN^-$$

Acid: HCN

Base: H2O

Conjugate Acid: H3O+

Conjugate Base: CN-

c. What is the pH scale used for?

It is a scale measuring from 1 to 14. The pH number determines if the substance is acidic, neutral, or basic.

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of what dissociation looks like using your artistic creativity!