## The mole, $M_{r}, M$.

- To calculate masses of products and reactants using balanced chemical equations we use a unit called mole. One mole of a substance is the amount whose mass equals the molecular or atomic weight (in atomic mass units, amu) of the substance expressed in grams. This means that molecular weight of any substance in amu (from periodic table) is equal to molar weight (mass) in grams.

One mole is the amount of substance that contains the same number of particles (atoms, ions, molecules etc.) as there are carbon atoms in 12 g of carbon 12


- A mole of anything has $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ particles. This is called Avogadro's number, after Amedeo Avogadro, who first suggested that equal volumes of gas have equal numbers of molecules.
- The number of moles present in the certain mass of a substance can be figured out using the following equation

Number of moles $=$ mass of substance $/$ molar mass
$\mathrm{n}=\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{M}$
The unit for M (molar mass) is $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol}$ or $\mathrm{gmol}^{-1}$
Mass of substance (m) must be in grams.
Consider sulfur, if $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{r}}$ of S is 32.06

Molar mass of sulfur $32.06 \mathrm{gmol}^{-1}$
This means 32.06 g of S contains $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ sulfur atoms or 1 mole of sulfur. 64.12 g of sulfur contains 2 moles of sulfur.

- Knowing $A_{r}$ we can calculate relative molecular mass $M_{r}$ of the molecules.
$\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}$ is the sum of the relative atomic masses of the individual atoms making up a molecule.

What is relative molecular mass of methane?
$\mathrm{CH}_{4}$
$12.04\left(\mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{r}}\right.$ of C$)+4 \times 1.01\left(\mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{r}}\right.$ of H$)=16.08$

## Questions:

1. Work out the relative molecular masses $\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$ of the following compounds:
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C2}\mp@subsup{\textrm{H}}{5}{}\textrm{OH
PCl5
Mg}\mp@subsup{)}{(}{(PO
Na2S2O
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2. Calculate the number of moles in 5 g of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$. Calculate the number of moles in 128 g of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$.
