

**Worksheet # C43: Percent Composition,  
Empirical Formulas, and Molecular Formulas**

1. What is the percent composition of  $\text{SO}_2$ ?

S = \_\_\_\_\_ %

O = \_\_\_\_\_ %

2. What is the percent composition of calcium phosphate?

Ca = \_\_\_\_\_ %

P = \_\_\_\_\_ %

O = \_\_\_\_\_ %

3. Determine the empirical formula of a compound that is 52.11% carbon, 13.14% hydrogen, and 34.75% oxygen.

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4. Since iron can be either  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$  or  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$ , iron chloride can be either  $\text{FeCl}_2$  or  $\text{FeCl}_3$ . If a certain red compound is 34.43% iron and 65.57% chlorine, then which is it:  $\text{FeCl}_2$  or  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ?

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5. What is the empirical formula of a compound that is 34.6% gallium, 17.8% carbon, and 47.6% oxygen?

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6. What is the percent composition of potassium chlorate?  $K = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \%$   
(This is the white fireworks powder,  $KClO_3$ .)  $Cl = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \%$   
 $O = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \%$

7. What is the empirical formula of a compound that is 21.43% cobalt, 37.83% chromium, and 40.74% oxygen?

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8. The beautiful green mineral malachite is 57.48% copper, 5.43% carbon, 36.18% oxygen, and 0.913% hydrogen. What is its empirical formula?

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