

Study Guide or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Thermochem



First: determine what you're being asked to find: ΔH_{rxn} or something else?

1. Asked to find ΔH_{rxn} ? 3 Options!

Given?	Asked to find?	Use:
1. A lot of bond energies 2. A reaction without ΔH_{rxn}	ΔH_{rxn}	1. Draw the Lewis structures. 2. Use the following: $\Delta H_{rxn} = \Sigma(BE_{reactants}) - \Sigma(BE_{products})$
1. A lot of heats of formation (ΔH_f) 2. A reaction without ΔH_{rxn}	ΔH_{rxn}	$\Delta H_{rxn} = \Sigma\Delta H_f(\text{products}) - \Sigma\Delta H_f(\text{reactants})$
1. Multiple reactions with ΔH 2. A goal reaction without ΔH_{rxn}	ΔH_{rxn}	Hess's Law! Rearrange the equations to make the goal equation, then combine your new ΔH 's (remember, what you do to an equation you must do to ΔH !)
1. info to calculate q (using $mC\Delta T$ or $nC\Delta T$) 2. Moles/grams of a chemical	ΔH_{rxn}	$\Delta H_{rxn} = \frac{q}{\text{mol}_{rxn}}$

2. Asked to find something else? 3 Options!

Given?	Asked to find?	Use:
1. A reaction with ΔH_{rxn} 2. Either: a. g or mol of a substance b. energy change (J or kJ)	1. Either: a. g or mol of a substance b. energy change (J or kJ)	Stoich! Don't forget to convert between moles of your substance and moles_{rxn}
1. A phase change (vaporizing, condensing, freezing or melting) 2. ΔH_{vap} or ΔH_{fus}	Energy change (heat absorbed or released)	$q = n\Delta H$
1. A temperature change 2. Mass or moles of a substance 3. Heat capacity ($\frac{J}{g\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$ or $\frac{J}{\text{mol }^\circ\text{C}}$)	Energy change (heat absorbed or released)	$q = mC\Delta T$