Acid Base Neutralization

Acids:

- contain H^{1+} ion
- taste sour
- can react with metals to produce corrosion and hydrogen gas

Bases:

- contain OH¹⁻ ion
- taste bitter
- feel slippery

A neutralization reaction between an acid and an equivalent amount of base produces a salt and water. It becomes neutral.

Word Equation: hydrochloric acid + sodium hydroxide → sodium chloride + water

 Chemical Equation:

HCl + NaOH \rightarrow NaCl + H₂O

 H_2SO_4 + 2NaOH \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2 H_2O