# **Rates of Reaction**

#### Collision theory...

- Particles can only react if they collide with enough energy
- The energy requirement is called the activation energy
- If you increase the frequency of successful collisions, you increase the rate

# If you increase the temperature...

- At higher temperatures, particles have more kinetic energy and move faster
- AND more particles have activation energy
- There are more frequent successful collisions
- Therefore rate increases

#### If you increase the concentration...

- There are more particles in the same volume OR particles are closer together
- The frequency of **successful collisions** increases
- Therefore rate of reaction also increases

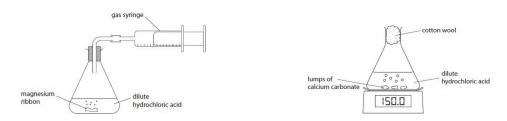
#### If you increase the surface area...

- The frequency of successful collisions increases
- Therefore rate of reaction also increases

### A catalyst...

- Increases the rate of reaction (1) without being used up itself (1) OR while remaining chemically unchanged (1)
- Works by providing an alternative route (1) with a lower activation energy (1)

## **Measuring Rates**



# **Rate Graphs**

