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# **Qualitative Testing Factoid Sheet**

This is **NOT** an exhaustive list, but it does cover a LOT of what might commonly come up on a typical AP exam.

# Flame Test Colors

lon	Flame color	
Li <sup>+</sup> , Sr <sup>2+</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Red (various shades)	
Na⁺	Yellow/Orange	
K⁺	Lilac	
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	Green	
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Blue-green	

# **Transition metal ion colors**

	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+(	6	+7
Sc			Colorless					
Ti			Violet	Colorless				
V		Violet	Green	Blue	yellow			
Cr		Blue	Green			Yellow (CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	Orange (Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2</sup> ·)	
Mn		Pale pink		Brown		Dark (	Green	Purple
Fe		Pale green	Yellow/Brown					
Co		Pink	Orange/Yellow					
Ni		Green						
Cu	Colorless	Blue						
Zn		Colorless						

# **Common Precipitate colors**

WHITE	BLUE	YELLOW	BLACK	GREEN	RED/BROWN
AgCl	Many Copper (II) ppt's.	AgI	Many Sulfides	Many Fe(II) ppt's.	Many Fe(III) ppt's.
BaSO₄		Pbl <sub>2</sub>			
PbCl <sub>2</sub>					
Many non- transition metal hydroxides					
Many non- transition metal carbonates					
Many non- transition metal sulfates					

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#### **Common Tests for gases**

Gas	Test		
Hydrogen	Squeaky pop with lighted splint		
Oxygen	Re-lights glowing splint		
Carbon Dioxide	Turns limewater milky		
	Pungent odor, turns red litmus paper blue,		
Ammonia	gives dense white fumes in contact with conc.		
	HCI fumes		

# Common tests for cations and anions

lon	Test		
Carbonate and Hydrogen carbonate	Release CO <sub>2</sub> gas with acids		
Sulfate	White ppt. of BaSO <sub>4</sub> with barium ions		
Chloride	White ppt of AgCl with silver ions		
Bromide	Cream ppt. of AgBr with silver ions		
lodide	Yellow ppt. of AgI with silver ions		
Ammonium	NH <sub>3</sub> released with hydroxide ions		

# **Color Changes in REDOX reactions**

 $MnO_4^-(aq) \rightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq)$  (Dark Purple)  $\rightarrow$  (Pale Pink)  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) \rightarrow Cr^{3+}(aq)$  (Orange)  $\rightarrow$  (Green)

# **Acid/Base Indicator Color changes**

	ACID	BASE
Methyl orange	Red	Yellow
Methyl red	Red	Yellow
Litmus	Red	Blue
Universal	Red	Blue/Purple
Phenolphthalein	Colorless	Pink

# Miscellaneous other "color data"

<u>HALOGENS</u>: Fluorine gas – <u>pale yellow/green</u>, Chlorine gas – green, Bromine liquid – <u>orange/brown</u>, Iodine solid – dark purple

NO<sub>2</sub> gas - orange/brown