## Balancing Chemical Equation Worksheet

## WHICH SPECIES ARE THE REACTANTS IN THE EQUATION PROVIDED?

WHAT INFORMATION IS GIVEN BY THE COEFFICIENTS IN THE EQUATION?

COUNT THE ATOMS OF C, H, AND O ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION. HOW MANY ARE THERE BEFORE AND AFTER THE REACTION?

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO USE COEFFICIENTS TO BALANCE THE EQUATION RATHER THAN CHANGING THE SUBSCRIPTS?

## HOW MANY ATOMS OF OXYGEN ARE REQUIRED TO REACT WITH 2 ATOMS OF MAGNESIUM IN THE REACTION: 2MG + O₂ → 2MGO?