## Acids and Bases

## Acids

Arrhenius acids are compounds that add $\mathrm{H}+$ ions to water when in a solution.


HCl
Hydrochloric acid: a very strong acid.

In water it breaks up (dissociates) and adds $\mathrm{H}^{+}$ions.

## Bases

Arrhenius bases are compounds that add OH - ions to water when in a solution.


NaOH
sodium hydroxide:
a verystrong base.

In water it breaks up (dissociates) adding
$\mathrm{OH}-$ ions to the water.

Bronsted-Lowry
(conjugate) acids donate protons ( $\mathrm{H}+$ )


Many of our cleaning products are basic: ammonia (Windex); soap; bleach.
Bases taste bitter and feel slippery.

$\mathbf{p H}$-Measure of Acids and Bases

## Strong acids Acids Weak acids

Neutral Weak bases
Bases strong bases



Turns
blue Base!

Plants and animals need water close to neutral ( pH 7 ) to survive.

Due to pollution from combustion reactions, rain today can be acidic. Rain less than pH 5.6 we call acid rain.

Acid rain can kill plants, cause asthma and other physical problems 3.


Acid rain also eats away statues and historical landmarks.

The Roman ruins, the pyramids of Egypt, and other treasures of the world are being slowly dissolved away by acid rain. More damage has been done in the last century than in the last 2,000 years.

Without stopping pollution (and acid rain) these treasures may be lost forever.


