

Equilibrium Practice 3: **Acids and Bases**

1. Describe the difference between a strong acid and a weak acid.
2. Which is a stronger acid, methanoic acid or ethanoic acid? Explain how you know.
3. Which is a stronger base, ammonia or hydrazine? Explain how you know.
4. For each acid-base reaction, identify the acid and its conjugate base, and the base and its conjugate acid.
 - (a) $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$
 - (b) $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{HF}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{F}^-(\text{aq})$
5. Hydrogen carbonate (HCO_3^-) is amphiprotic. Explain what *amphiprotic* means and illustrate the concept using hydrogen carbonate.
6. Describe the components of a buffer solution. Give an example, and use Le Châtelier's principle to explain how the buffer solution resists changes in pH.
7. Do the following for each solution.
 - i. Identify the substance as a strong acid, weak acid, strong base, or weak base.
 - ii. Write a chemical equation representing what happens to the substance in solution.
 - iii. Calculate the pH of the solution.
 - (a) 0.050 mol/L hydrobromic acid solution
 - (b) 0.050 mol/L aniline solution
 - (c) 0.050 mol/L lithium hydroxide solution
 - (d) 0.050 mol/L benzoic acid solution
 - (e) 0.050 mol/L ammonia solution
 - (f) 0.050 mol/L barium hydroxide solution
 - (g) 0.050 mol/L hydrocyanic acid solution