## **CONCEPT: BASES INTRODUCTION**

## **Intro to Bases**

- A base is any substance that can \_\_\_\_\_ an acid within a chemical reaction.
  - □ **Ionic Bases:** Ionic compounds containing a \_\_\_\_\_ cation connected to a basic anion.

Common Ionic Bases			
Hydroxides	Hydrides	Amides	Oxides
+	+	+	+

□ Covalent Bases (Neutral Amines): Compounds containing \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE**: Which of the following represents the possible structure of a base?

a) C(OH)<sub>4</sub>

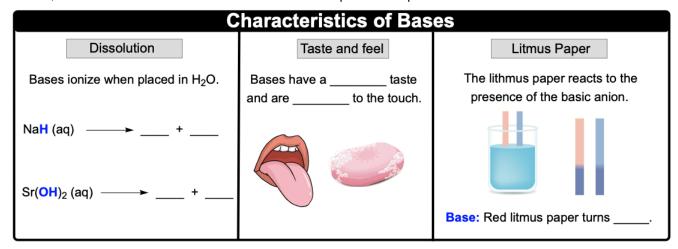
b) NH<sub>4</sub>+

c) KOH

d) HC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

## **Characteristics of Bases**

• Like acids, bases share certain similar characteristics when placed in aqueous solutions.



**EXAMPLE**: Which of the following is a characteristic of a strong base?

- a) It turns blue litmus paper red.
- b) It releases H+ ions in a solution.
- c) It removes OH ions in a solution.
- d) It can be used in the production of cleaning supplies.

PRACTICE: Which of the following compounds will turn a piece of red litmus paper to a bluish color?

a) HI

b) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>

c) CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

d) HOCN