# 4. LIMITING REACTANTS 

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## MMMM....CHEMISTRY CAKE!

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> | 3 cups of flour |
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| 2 cups of sugar |
| 2 litres of milk |
| $+\quad 6$ eggs |
| $=1$ chemistry cake |

## BE A CHEMISTRY-CAKE BOSS!

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1. How many cakes can you make?
2. Which ingredient ran out first and limited the number of cakes you could make?
3. What and how much of each ingredient is left over?
4. What does this assignment have to do with chemistry?

## INTRODUCING...THE ICE TABLE!

You have 20 cups of flour, 8 cups of sugar, 30 litres of milk and 48 eggs in your kitchen. What is the limiting ingredient? How much of each excess ingredient is left over?

|  | 3 F | $+2 \mathrm{~S}+2 \mathrm{M}+$ | $6 \mathrm{E} \rightarrow$ | 1 Cake |  |
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| $\mathrm{I}_{\text {nitial }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{\text {hange }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{E}_{\text {nd }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## EXAMPLE \# 1

14.0 mole Ga and 12.0 mole $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ react. Find the limiting reactant, the mass of excess reactant and product made.
$\ldots \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Oa} \rightarrow \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Ga}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$

EXAMPLE \#2
14.0 g of Al reacts with 94.0 g of $\mathrm{Br}_{2}$. Find the limiting reactant, the mass of the excess reactant and product.

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\ldots \mathrm{Al}+\ldots \mathrm{Br}_{2} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{AlBr}_{3}
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## EXAMPLE \#3

25.0 g of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ reacts with 94.0 g of $\mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$. Find the limiting reactant, the mass of the excess reactant and product.
$ـ_{-} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}+\ldots \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{Ca}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PO}_{4}\right)_{2}+\ldots \mathrm{HNO}_{3}$

