Including phases (states) in chemical equations:

state	symbol	example
solid	(s)	NaCl(s)
liquid	(I)	H ₂ O(I)
gas	(g)	NH₃(g)
aqueous*	(aq)	NaCl(aq)

*compounds dissolved in water

Determining Phases

Sometimes the phase is given in the description of the reaction. If not...

- Elements: Check Periodic Table
- Compounds: Check Solubility Table