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• In an experiment, 5.0 g of magnesium was dissolved in excess hydrochloric acid to give magnesium ions and hydrogen gas. Write a balanced equation for the reaction that occurred.

Marks 3

$$Mg(s) + 2H^{+}(aq) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + H_{2}(g)$$

What amount of hydrogen gas (in mol) is produced in the reaction?

The molar mass of Mg is 24.31 g mol⁻¹. 5.0 g therefore corresponds to:

number of moles = mass / molar mass = $5.0 \text{ g} / 24.31 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 0.21 \text{ mol}$

From the chemical equation, each mol of Mg that reacts will give one mol of H_2 . Hence,

number of moles of $H_2 = 0.21$ mol.

Answer: 0.21 mol