Solubility Rules for some ionic compounds in water

	Soluble Ionic Compounds
1.	All sodium (Na ⁺), potassium (K ⁺) and ammonium (NH ₄ ⁺) salts are SOLUBLE.
2.	All nitrate (NO ₃ -), acetate (CH ₃ CO ₂ -), chlorate (ClO ₃ -), and perchlorate (ClO ₄ -) salts are SOLUBLE.
3.	All chloride (Cl ⁻), bromide (Br ⁻), and iodide (I ⁻) salts are SOLUBLE - EXCEPT those also containing: lead, silver, or mercury (I), (Pb ⁺² , Ag ⁺ , Hg2 ⁺²) which are NOT soluble.
4.	All fluoride (F ⁻) salts are SOLUBLE - EXCEPT those also containing: magnesium, calcium, strontium, barium, or lead (Mg ⁺² , Ca ⁺² , Sr ⁺² , Ba ⁺² , Pb ⁺²) which are NOT soluble.
5.	All sulfate (SO ₄ -2) salts are SOLUBLE - EXCEPT those also containing: calcium, silver, mercury (I), strontium, barium, or lead (Ca ⁺² , Ag ⁺ , Hg ₂ ⁺² , Sr ⁺² , Ba ⁺² , Pb ⁺²), which are NOT soluble.
	Not Soluble Ionic Compounds
6.	Hydroxide (OH) and oxide (O-2) compounds are NOT SOLUBLE - EXCEPT those also containing: sodium, potassium or barium (Na+, K+, Ba+2), which are soluble.
7.	Sulfide (S-2) salts are NOT SOLUBLE - EXCEPT those also containing: sodium, potassium, ammonium, or barium (Na+, K+, NH4+, Ba+2), which are soluble.
8.	Carbonate (CO ₃ -2) and phosphate (PO ₄ -3) salts are NOT SOLUBLE EXCEPT those also containing: sodium, potassium or ammonium (Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , NH ₄ ⁺) which are soluble.

4.3 ... Net I onic Equations ... Acids and Bases ... Example 1

- 1. Write the formula for the products and determine from 'Solubility Guidelines' whether the salt is soluble or not.
- 2. Balance the chemical equation.
- 3. I dentify the components that are actually in solution.

 Is the acid a strong one, if so it dissociates to produce H⁺ and what remains of the formula is the anion.

 Is the acid a weak one, if so it remains essentially undissociated in solution.
- 4. Remove the spectator ions.
- 5. What remains is the 'Net I onic Equation'.