## Balancing equations card sort

magnesium
sodium
chlorine

## Instructions

1. Print the sheets onto separate sheets of paper.
2. Cut out the cards and sort them into four piles:

- all the metals
- all the non-metals
- all the compounds
- the plus and arrow cards

3. Work out how you can arrange the cards to make word and symbol equations.
4. Eleven reactions are possible with this kit:

- sodium with:
- oxygen
- chlorine
- magnesium oxide
- copper(II) oxide
- iron(III) chloride
- copper with oxygen
- magnesium with:
- oxygen
- iron(III) oxide
- iron with:
- oxygen
- chlorine
- copper(II) oxide

5. Make sure there are equal numbers of atoms of each element either side of the arrow.
6. Write out the word equations and balanced symbol equations you have made.
