

## Exercise 6.2

### Entropy and Microstates

1. The standard enthalpy of formation of a pure element\* is  $0 \frac{kJ}{mol}$ .  
The standard free energy of formation of a pure element\* is  $0 \frac{kJ}{mol}$ .  
The standard entropy for a pure element\* is **not**  $0 \frac{J}{mol \cdot K}$ . **Why not?**

*\*the most common allotrope of a pure element in its most common state at 25°C.*

2.

- (a) Suppose that you have two opaque jars which contain a total of 8 identical marbles. What is the entropy of this system? Express your answer as a multiple of  $k_B$ .
- (b) Suppose that you have two opaque jars which contain 4 red marbles and 4 blue marbles. What is the entropy of this system?
- (c) Does having two different kinds of marbles make a difference to the entropy of the system?

3.

- (a) A good rule of thumb is that the entropy of the system increases if a reaction produces more gas particles than it consumes (and that the entropy of the system will decrease if a reaction consumes more gas particles than it produces).

Why is this the case?

- (b) Usually, dissolving an ionic solid in water increases the entropy of the system.

Why is this the case?

- (c) In a few cases, dissolving an ionic solid in water decreases the entropy of the system.

What could cause that?