

# exothermic reaction *(ex-o-ther-mic-re-ac-tion)*

## Definition

n. A chemical reaction that releases energy by light or heat.

## Example Sentence

Combustion is an example of an **exothermic reaction** that releases heat.

## More Example Sentences

An **exothermic reaction** can often be identified by a rise in temperature.

## Synonyms

heat-releasing reaction; energy-liberating reaction;  
exergonic process

## Antonyms

endothermic reaction; energy-absorbing reaction;  
endergonic process

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