- The atoms of molecules are held together by bonds. Therefore to break apart molecules one needs to break the bonds. Bonds are broken by adding energy.

<u>Ex.</u> - 2 HCl $_{(aq)}$ + energy \rightarrow H_{2 (q)} + Cl_{2 (q)}





- If atoms join together, they must give off excess energy to allow them to "stick" rather than simply colliding and flying apart.

<u>Ex.</u> - $H_{2(g)} + Cl_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2 HCl_{(aq)} + energy$



Reaction Proceeds \rightarrow

- *** If a reaction takes more energy to break bonds than it gives off to form bonds, then the reaction will require a **net** input of energy. ***

- *** If a reaction takes in less energy to break bonds than it gives off to form bonds the reaction will give off energy. ***
- An exothermic reaction GIVES OFF ENERGY (heat) to its surroundings. (energy on products side)

<u>Ex.</u> - $CH_{4 (g)} + 2 O_{2 (g)} \rightarrow CO_{2 (g)} + 2 H_2O_{(g)} +$



- An endothermic reaction ABSORBS HEAT from its surroundings. (energy on reaction side)



Reaction Proceeds \rightarrow

- Enthalpy, H, is the heat contained in a system.
- ΔH = change in enthalpy during a reaction.

- *** Enthalpy can be + or - . We usually say + before - and it energy is on the left it is written before being on the right. So . . . + and energy on the left are both first and - and energy on the right are last. When energy is on the left (endothermic) ΔH is +. ***