

A gas is compressed to a volume of  $3.0 \text{ m}^3$ , under a pressure of  $15 \text{ atm}$  at a temperature of  $20^\circ \text{ C}$ . Assume  $T$  remains constant. What volume will the gas occupy when it is allowed to expand to  $1 \text{ atm}$ ?

$PV = NkT$ , but  $N$  and  $k$  are constants, and we are told  $T$  is constant, too

$$(PV)_{\text{initial}} = (PV)_{\text{final}}$$

$$(15 \text{ atm} * 3.0 \text{ m}^3) = (1 \text{ atm} * V_{\text{final}})$$

$$V_{\text{final}} = 45 \text{ m}^3$$

The temperature of a gas in a glass container is increased from 300 K to 600 K. How will the pressure inside the container change?

Again,  $PV = NkT$ , where  $N$ ,  $k$ , and  $V$  are constant. Rearrange to get all constants on the same side:

$$T/P = V/Nk = \text{constant}$$

$$(T/P)_{\text{initial}} = (T/P)_{\text{final}}$$

$$(300\text{K} / P_{\text{initial}}) = (600\text{K} / P_{\text{final}})$$

$$P_{\text{final}} = (600 / 300) P_{\text{initial}}, \text{ or } 2 P_{\text{initial}}$$