



**KEEP
CALM
AND
USE
PENCIL!**

Rules for Balancing

- 1) Write the skeleton equation
- 2) Count atoms on each side of arrow
(look at the subscripts & the coefficients!)
- 3) Change coefficients so the atoms are balanced; NEVER change subscripts!
- 4) Make sure coefficients are in lowest ratio possible
- 5) Check your work!

Practice Problems (on handout)