SUMMARY OF KEY IDEAS

Type of Reaction	Exothermic	Endothermic
Energy absorbed or released	Energy is released. Energy is a product of the reaction. Reaction vessel becomes warmer. Temperature inside reaction vessel increases.	Energy is absorbed. Energy is a reactant of the reaction. Reaction vessel becomes cooler. Temperature inside reaction vessel decreases.
Relative Energy of reactants & products	Energy of the reactants is greater than the energy of the products	Energy of the reactants is less than the energy of the products
Sign of △H	Δ H = H _(products) - H _(reactants) = negative (-ve)	$\Delta_{H}=H_{(products)}-H_{(reactants)}=positive (+ve)$
Writing the equation	$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)> 2NH_3(g) + 92.4 \text{ kJ}$ $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)> 2NH_3(g) \triangle H=-92.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$	$2NH_{3}(g) + 92.4 \text{ kJ}> N_{2}(g) + 3H_{2}(g)$ $2NH_{3}g> N_{2}(g) + 3H_{2}(g) \triangle_{H} = +92.4 \text{ kJ}$ mol^{-1}
Energy Profile	Energy of reactants (N ₂ & H ₂) is greater than the energy of the products (NH ₃). Energy is released. AH is negative. AH is measured from the energy of reactants to the energy of products on the Energy Profile diagram.	Energy of reactants (NH ₃) is less than the energy of the products (N ₂ & H ₂). Energy is absorbed. AH is positive. AH is measured from the energy of reactants to the energy of products on the Energy Profile diagram.