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To solve this problem determine how much sodium chloride can be made from each of the reagents by themselves. When you work out how much sodium chloride can be made with 15 grams of copper (II) chloride, you find that 13.0 grams will be formed. When starting with 20 grams of sodium nitrate, 13.6 grams will be formed. <u>Since 13.0</u> grams is the smaller number, that's our answer. Please note that rounding differences may cause your answers to be slightly different, so if they are, don't panic.

- 3) What is the limiting reagent for the reaction in #2? <u>copper (II) chloride</u>
- 4) How much of the nonlimiting reagent is left over in this reaction?

Nonlimiting reagent remaining = 20 grams – 20 grams (13.0 / 13.6) = 0.88 grams

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11.3/13.0 x 100% = 86.9%