A 451 ml sample of HClO 4 has a pH of 0.2887 . If 531 mL of distilled water was added to the HClO 4 solution what would the new pH of the solution be?

## Solution

$\mathrm{HClO}_{4} \rightleftarrows \mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$
$c_{1}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)=c_{1}\left(\mathrm{H}^{+}\right)=c_{1}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}\right)$
$\mathrm{pH}_{1}=0.2887$
$c_{1}\left(\mathrm{H}^{+}\right)=10^{-\mathrm{pH}}=10^{-0.2887}=0.5144 \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$
$c_{1}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)=0.5144 L$
$\mathrm{V}_{1}=0.451 \mathrm{~L}$
$\mathrm{V}_{2}=0.451 L+0.531 L=0.982$
$\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)=c_{1} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{1}=0.5144 \mathrm{~L} \cdot 0.451 \mathrm{~L}=0.2319 \mathrm{mols}$
$c_{2}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)=\frac{\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)}{\mathrm{V}_{2}}=\frac{0.2319 \mathrm{~mol}}{0.982 \mathrm{~L}}=0.2361 \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$
$c_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}^{+}\right)=c_{2}\left(\mathrm{HClO}_{4}\right)=0.2361 \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{L}$
$\mathrm{pH}_{2}=-\log \left(c_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}^{+}\right)\right)=0.6269$ (new pH )
Answer: new $\mathrm{pH}=0.6269$

