

8. a) Iron (Fe) is the strongest reducing agent because it is always oxidized. It reduces all of the other metals.
- b) Gold (Au) is the weakest reducing agent because it is never oxidized.
- c) Using the voltages of the other metals with Pb.

Half-reaction	E°_{red} (volts)
$\text{Au}^{3+} + 3 e^{-} \leftrightarrow \text{Au}$	+ 0.80 v
$\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2 e^{-} \leftrightarrow \text{Pb}$	0.00 v
$\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2 e^{-} \leftrightarrow \text{Ni}$	- 0.10 v
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2 e^{-} \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}$	- 0.25 v