

PERIODICITY AND NOMENCLATURE

"...I have tried to base a system on the magnitudes of the atomic weights of the elements. My first attempt in this respect was the following: I chose the smallest atomic weights and arranged them according to the sizes of their atomic weights. This showed that there existed a periodicity in the properties of these simple substances and that even according to their atomicity [valence] the elements followed one another in the arithmetical sequence of their atomic weights." Dimitri Ivanovich Mendeleev (Mendeleev), 1869

"The periodicity in the properties of the elements is connected with the continuing build up and completion of the various electron groups that takes place with increasing atomic number." Niels Henrik David Bohr, 1923 (Nobel Prize in Physics in 1922 "for his services in the investigation of the structure of atoms and of the radiation emanating from them".)

1A (1)																		8A (18)
1 H 1.0079	2A (2)											3A (13)	4A (14)	5A (15)	6A (16)	7A (17)	2 He 4.0026	
3 Li 6.941	4 Be 9.0122											5 B 10.811	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.007	8 O 15.999	9 F 18.998	10 Ne 20.180	
11 Na 22.990	12 Mg 24.305	3B (3)	4B (4)	5B (5)	6B (6)	7B (7)	(8)	8B (9)	(10)	1B (11)	2B (12)	13 Al 26.982	14 Si 28.086	15 P 30.974	16 S 32.065	17 Cl 35.453	18 Ar 39.948	
19 K 39.098	20 Ca 40.078	21 Sc 44.956	22 Ti 47.867	23 V 50.942	24 Cr 51.996	25 Mn 54.938	26 Fe 55.845	27 Co 58.933	28 Ni 58.693	29 Cu 63.546	30 Zn 65.39	31 Ga 69.723	32 Ge 72.64	33 As 74.922	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.789	
37 Rb 85.468	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.906	40 Zr 91.224	41 Nb 92.906	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc (98)	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29	
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.33	71 Lu 174.97	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.84	75 Re 186.21	76 Os 190.23	77 Ir 192.22	78 Pt 195.08	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po (209)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)	
87 Fr (223)	88 Ra (226)	103 Lr (262)	104 Rf (261)	105 Db (262)	106 Sg (266)	107 Bh (264)	108 Hs (277)	109 Mt (268)	110 Ds (281)	111 Rg (272)	112 (285)	113 (284)	114 (289)	115 (288)	116 (292)			
Lanthanides		57 La 138.91	58 Ce 140.12	59 Pr 140.91	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm (145)	62 Sm 150.36	63 Eu 151.96	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tb 158.93	66 Dy 162.50	67 Ho 164.93	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93	70 Yb 173.04			
Actinides		89 Ac (227)	90 Th 232.04	91 Pa 231.04	92 U 238.03	93 Np (237)	94 Pu (244)	95 Am (243)	96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (251)	99 Es (252)	100 Fm (257)	101 Md (258)	102 No (259)			

Major Classification

metals
nonmetals
metalloids

Periods

Groups
main group
transition
lanthanides
actinides

Main Group Elements

alkali metals
alkaline earth metals
chalcogens
halogens
noble gases

Electronegativity

Nomenclature of Typical Ions

fluoride	F^-	hydroxide	OH^-
chloride	Cl^-	hydride	H^-
bromide	Br^-	sulfide	S^{2-}
iodide	I^-	nitride	N^{3-}
oxide	O^{2-}	azide	N_3^-
peroxide	O_2^{2-}	cyanide	CN^-
superoxide	O_2^-		
carbonate	CO_3^{2-}	sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
hydrogen carbonate	HCO_3^-	hydrogen sulfate	HSO_4^-
nitrite	NO_2^-	thiocyanate	SCN^-
nitrate	NO_3^-	chromate	CrO_4^{2-}
phosphate	PO_4^{3-}	dichromate	$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$
hydrogen phosphate	HPO_4^{2-}	permanganate	MnO_4^-
dihydrogen phosphate	$H_2PO_4^-$	hypochlorite	ClO^-
arsenate	AsO_4^{3-}	chlorite	ClO_2^-
sulfite	SO_3^{2-}	chlorate	ClO_3^-
hydrogen sulfite	HSO_3^-	perchlorate	ClO_4^-
hydronium	H_3O^+	mercury(I)	Hg_2^{2+}
ammonium	NH_4^+		

Positive Ions (Cations)¹

Monatomic		Polyatomic
Only One Ion Possible	More Than One Ion Possible	
<p>Rule: Name of element + "ion".</p> <p>Examples: Na⁺ sodium ion Mg²⁺ magnesium ion H⁺ hydrogen ion Al³⁺ aluminum ion Ag⁺ silver ion Zn²⁺ zinc ion Cd²⁺ cadmium ion</p> <p>Comment: The number of positive charges is <i>not</i> indicated in the name because it is not necessary, e.g., Group I elements (1+) and Group II elements (2+).</p>	<p>Rule: (a) Newer rule: positive charges indicated by a roman numeral.</p> <p>Examples: Fe²⁺ iron(II) ion Fe³⁺ iron(III) ion Cu⁺ copper(I) ion Cu²⁺ copper(II) ion</p> <p>(b) Older rule (but still used): Latin stem for the element + "ous" for the lesser charge and + "ic" for the greater charge. (We will use newer rule.)</p> <p>Examples: Fe²⁺ ferrous ion Fe³⁺ ferric ion</p>	<p>Rule: Special cases.</p> <p>Examples: NH₄⁺ ammonium ion H₃O⁺ hydronium ion Hg₂²⁺ mercury(I) ion</p> <p>Comment: Hg₂²⁺ is Hg⁺ - Hg⁺ but Hg⁺ does not exist, therefore mercury(I) ion is Hg₂²⁺. (Hg²⁺ is mercury(II) ion, but that is a monatomic ion.)</p>

Negative Ions (Anions)¹

Monatomic	Oxoanions (Containing Oxygen)	Others and Exceptions	Oxoanions Containing Hydrogen
<p>Rule: Stem of the element name + "ide".</p> <p>Examples: H⁻ hydride ion F⁻ fluoride ion O²⁻ oxide ion N³⁻ nitride ion</p>	<p>Rule: least oxygen: hypo_ite ion less oxygen: _ite ion more oxygen: _ate ion most oxygen: per_ate ion</p> <p>Examples: ClO⁻ hypochlorite ion ClO₂⁻ chlorite ion ClO₃⁻ chlorate ion ClO₄⁻ perchlorate ion SO₃²⁻ sulfite ion SO₄²⁻ sulfate ion</p> <p>Comment: Halogens (except F) form all four ions. When only two of the four ions exist, they are the -ite and the -ate ions.</p>	<p>Rule: These items do not follow any rules: they must be memorized.</p> <p>Examples: OH⁻ hydroxide ion O₂²⁻ peroxide ion O₂⁻ superoxide ion CN⁻ cyanide ion N₃⁻ azide ion SCN⁻ thiocyanate ion AsO₄³⁻ arsenate ion MnO₄⁻ permanganate ion CrO₄²⁻ chromate ion Cr₂O₇²⁻ dichromate ion</p>	<p>Rule: H - oxoanion: "hydrogen" + name of oxoanion or "bi" + oxoanion H₂ - oxoanion: "dihydrogen" + name of oxoanion</p> <p>Examples: HCO₃⁻ hydrogen carbonate (or bicarbonate) ion HSO₄⁻ hydrogen sulfate (or bisulfate) ion HPO₄²⁻ hydrogen phosphate H₂PO₄⁻ dihydrogen phosphate ion</p> <p>Comment: H₂CO₃ is not named according to this rule because it is a compound and not an ion.</p>

¹ adapted from Gerhard Lind, *Journal of Chemical Education*, 69, 613 (1992)

Compounds (Metalloid Can Be Substituted for Nonmetal)¹

Ionic (Cation-Anion)	Compounds Containing Hydrogen			Covalent (Nonmetal-Nonmetal)
	H-Metal	H-Nonmetal	H-Oxoanion	
<p>Rule: Name of cation + name of anion (word "ion" dropped).</p> <p>Examples: ZnSO₄ zinc sulfate NaNO₂ sodium nitrite CaCl₂ calcium chloride Fe₃N₂ iron(II) nitride Li₂CO₃ lithium carbonate NH₄I ammonium iodide Cu(IO₃)₂ copper(II) iodate BaH₂ barium hydride</p> <p>Comment: The name does not indicate the numbers of cations and anions because there is only one possibility for the ions to combine to form a compound.</p>	<p>Rule 1: (without the presence of H₂O) hydrogen _ide</p> <p>Examples: HCl hydrogen chloride HF hydrogen fluoride H₂S hydrogen sulfide H₂Se hydrogen selenide</p> <p>Rule 2: (H acids) (when dissolved in H₂O) hydro_ic acid</p> <p>Examples: HCl hydrochloric acid HF hydrofluoric acid H₂S hydrosulfuric acid H₂Se hydroselenic acid</p> <p>Comment: (a) These H-containing compounds are named as if they were ionic. (b) Often the (aq) in the formulas of the acids is omitted when it is obvious from the context that they are acids.</p>	<p>Rule 1: (without the presence of H₂O) like ionic compounds: cation + anion hydrogen hypo_ite hydrogen _ite hydrogen _ate hydrogen per_ate</p> <p>Rule 2: (HO acids) (when dissolved in H₂O) hypo_ous acid _ous acid _ic acid per_ic acid</p> <p>Examples: HClO hypochlorous acid HClO₂ chlorous acid HClO₃ chloric acid HClO₄ perchloric acid HNO₂ nitrous acid HNO₃ nitric acid H₂SO₃ sulfurous acid H₂SO₄ sulfuric acid H₃PO₄ phosphoric acid</p> <p>Comment: The (aq) is usually omitted.</p>	<p>Rule: (a) Less electronegative element first² (exceptions: when one of the elements is hydrogen). (b) Greek prefixes specify number of atoms of each kind. (c) Prefix mono at beginning is dropped.</p> <p>Prefixes: 1 = mono 6 = hexa 2 = di 7 = hepta 3 = tri 8 = octa 4 = tetra 9 = nona 5 = penta 10 = deca</p> <p>Examples: SCl₆ sulfur hexachloride N₂O₄ dinitrogen tetroxide CO carbon monoxide CO₂ carbon dioxide NO₂ nitrogen dioxide N₂O dinitrogen monoxide</p> <p>Comment: Tetraoxide becomes tetroxide, monoxide becomes monoxide, etc., so that the name sounds better.</p>	

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² ordering of elements in formula of binary molecular compounds: order according to Group number, bottom to top, H, O need to be memorized:

	B	Si C	Sb As P N	H	Te Se S	I Br Cl	O	F
Group #:	3A	4A	5A		6A	7A		