The Periodic Table & Chemical Reactions

Elements & Compounds

Elements are the simplest type of substance.

Compounds are made of 2 or more elements joined together.

Substances are made up of atoms. Atoms are the smallest type of particle in substances. **Elements** contain only one type of atom.

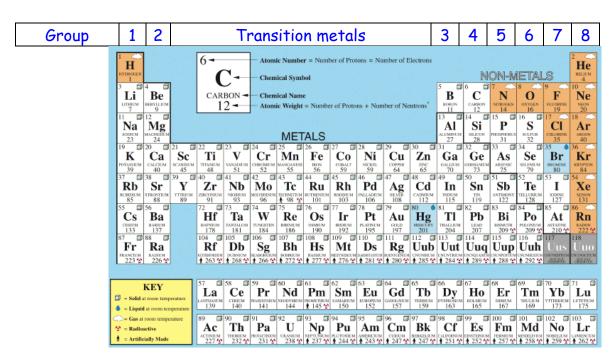


A molecule is made up of 2 or more atoms joined together.





Elements can exist as solids, liquids or gases. Every element known to man is listed in the <u>Periodic Table</u>. This is split into metals and non-metals.



Groups of the Periodic Table

The rows of elements are called periods.

The columns are called groups. Elements in the same group react in similar ways.

- Group 1 metals all react with water and are called the Alkali Metals.
- Group 2 metals are reactive with acid and are called the Earth Metals.
- Group 7 elements are reactive and are known as the Halogens.
- Group 8 elements are completely unreactive and are known as the Noble Gases.

<u>Properties of Metals and Non-metals</u>

Metals:

- Are shiny when polished.
- Can conduct electricity and heat.
- Are solids at room temperature (except mercury).

Non-metals:

- Can be solid, liquid or gas.
- Most have low melting points.
- Are poor conductors of electricity and heat.
- Solids are brittle.

Atomic Number, Names and Symbols

Every element has its own number, name and symbol. The number is called the <u>Atomic</u> <u>Number</u> and elements are listed in order of increasing atomic number.

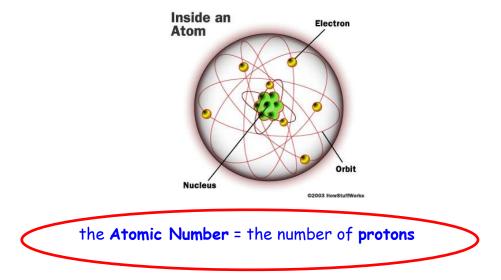
Every symbol has **one capital letter**. If a second letter is used it is a **small letter**. The symbol usually comes from the name. For example, **Carbon** has the symbol **C**. **Calcium** has the symbol **Ca** to tell it apart from Carbon. **Magnesium** has the symbol **Mg**.

Some symbols do not seem to come from the name, eg. **Iron**'s symbol is **Fe**, **Lead**'s is **Pb**. These have actually come from the **Latin** names of the elements.

Structure of the Atom

The atom is made up of 3 types of tiny particles:

- Protons
- Neutrons
- Electrons



If there is no charge on the atom:

the number of **protons** = the number of **electrons**

Particle (symbol)	Mass (a.m.u.)	Charge	Where it is found
Proton (p)	1	+1	nucleus
Neutron (n)	1	0	nucleus
Electron (e)	1/2000 = 0	-1	outside nucleus

Mass Number

The mass number = number of protons + number of neutrons

The number of outer electrons gives the group number of the element. For example, all the Group One elements react violently with water because they have only one outer electron.

Chemical Change versus Physical Change

A chemical reaction occurs when a **new substance** is formed. This cannot be easily reversed.

Baking a cake, frying an egg or striking a match are examples of chemical reactions in everyday life.

A physical change can be easily reversed, such as changing states of matter.



These changes are all reversible.

<u>Dissolving</u> a chemical is to make a solution is reversible as the solvent can be evaporated off. A saturated solution is one in which no more solid can dissolve.

Separating Mixtures

Mixtures can be easily separated as they are not chemically joined.

Iron can be separated from other elements using a <u>magnet</u>.

Soluble solids can be separated from liquids by <u>evaporation</u> of the liquid.

Insoluble solids can be separated from liquids by <u>filtration</u>.

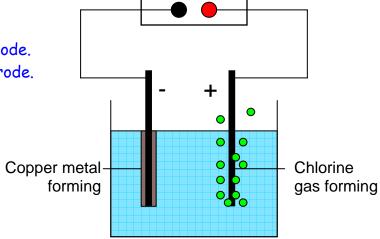
Liquids can be separated by <u>distillation</u>.

Electrolysis

Electrolysis is the reaction which breaks down a compound into its elements using electricity.

Electrolysis of copper chloride:

Copper forms on the negative electrode.
Chlorine forms at the positive electrode.



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Electrolysis of water produces hydrogen at the negative electrode and oxygen at the positive electrode. If collected these can be tested because:

- Hydrogen burns with a pop.
- Oxygen re-lights a glowing splint.

Writing Chemical Word Equations

We can write out any chemical reaction as a chemical word equation using just the **names** of the chemicals and some symbols.

The reactants go on the left and the products go on the right.



Example:

Magnesium reacts with hydrochloric acid to produce hydrogen gas and the compound magnesium chloride.

magnesium + hydrochloric acid → magnesium chloride + hydrogen

Identifying Chemical Reactions

A **new substance** is always formed. The following are things to look out for to tell us a chemical reaction has occurred:

- Colour change
- Gas give off
- Temperature change (getting hotter or colder)
- Solid forming (from 2 liquids)

Reaction Rate

The rate is the speed of a reaction. This is always measured over time.

The rate of a chemical reaction can be increased by:

- Increasing the temperature
- Increasing the concentration
- Decreasing the particle size
- Adding a catalyst

A catalyst is **not used up** during a reaction, so it can be re-used.

