



CC13: Groups in the Periodic Table

1. Group 1

Alkali metals	The name we give to group 1 – lithium, sodium, potassium and so on.
Group 1 symbols	Li – lithium Na – sodium K – potassium
Properties of alkali metals	- soft - relatively low melting points
Reaction of alkali metals with water	Metal + water → metal hydroxide + hydrogen E.g: sodium + water → sodium hydroxide + hydrogen $2\text{Na} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2$
Lithium and water	Floats. Bubbles (of hydrogen). Moves slowly.
Sodium and water	Floats. Melts. Bubbles (of hydrogen). Moves more quickly
Potassium and water	Floats. Melts. Bubbles (of hydrogen) catch fire (lilac flame) . Moves very quickly
Group 1 reactivity	Reactivity increases as you move down the group.
Explaining group 1 reactivity	When metals react they lose their outer electrons. Further down the group there are: - more shells of electrons - so the outer electrons are further from the nucleus - so outer electrons are less attracted to the nucleus - so outer electrons are easier to remove .
OPPOSITE PATTERN TO GROUP 7	

2. Group 7

Halogens	The name given to group 7 – fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.
Chlorine	Cl_2 . A pale green gas.
Bromine	Br_2 . A red-brown liquid.
Iodine	I_2 . A shiny purple-black solid.
Reaction of halogens with metals	Halogen + metal → metal halide E.g: Bromine + sodium → sodium bromide $\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{Na} \rightarrow 2\text{NaBr}$
Reaction of halogens with hydrogen	Halogen + hydrogen → hydrogen halide E.g: Chlorine + hydrogen → hydrogen chloride $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{HCl}$
Hydrogen halides	Hydrogen halides dissolve in water to form acids, for example hydrogen chloride makes hydrochloric acid.
Chlorine test	Chlorine gas turns damp blue litmus red then quickly bleaches it white .

3. Reactivity of halogens

Group 7 reactivity	Reactivity increases as you go up the group.
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Explaining group 7 reactivity

When non-metals react they complete their outer shells. Going up the group there are:

- **less** shells of electrons
- so the outer electrons are **closer** to the nucleus
- so outer electrons are **more attracted** to the nucleus
- so **more able to hold** an extra outer electron

OPPOSITE PATTERN TO GROUP 1

Displacement reactions

Reactions in which a more reactive metal displaces a less reactive metal from a salt eg:
 $\text{copper sulfate} + \text{zinc} \rightarrow \text{zinc sulfate} + \text{copper}$
Does not work backwards as copper is less reactive than zinc.

Displacement reactions of halogens

A **more** reactive halogen displaces a **less** reactive halide ion by taking its electrons.

E.g:
bromine + sodium iodide → iodine + sodium bromide
 $\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{NaI} \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{NaBr}$
[bromine more reactive]

Redox reactions of halogens

Displacement reactions are REDOX because the more reactive halogen **oxidises** the less reactive halide by **taking its electrons**. The more reactive halogen is reduced.

E.g:
 $\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{I}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Br}^- + \text{I}_2$

OIL RIG

Oxidation Is Loss (of electrons)
Reduction Is Gain (of electrons)

4. Group 0

Noble gases	The name given to group 0 – helium, neon, argon, krypton and xenon.
Melting point of noble gases	They are all gases at room temperature but the melting and boiling point increase down the group.
Reactivity of group 0	The noble gases do not (easily) do any reactions – they are inert.
Explaining reactivity of group 0	When elements react they try to complete their outer shells. Because group 0's outer shells are already complete, they do not react.
Uses of noble gases	- Helium is used in airships because it is inert and has low density - Argon is used in fire extinguishers because it is inert and denser than air. - Neon is used in lighting because it glows red when electricity is passed through it.

