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and occupies space.

element :- a substance
that cannot be broken
down to other substance
by chemical means.

compound: a substance
consisting of 2 or more diff
elements combined in a
fixed ratio.

CHEMISTRY FOR LIFE

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→ Elements present in human body

- 96.3% }
o oxygen
o carbon
o hydrogen
o Nitrogen

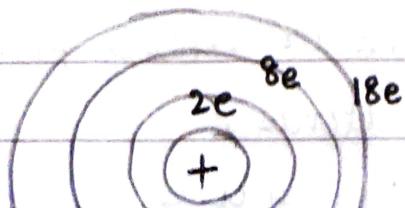
- 3.7 }
o Calcium
o Phosphorous
o Potassium
o Sulphur
o Sodium
o Chlorine
o Magnesium

o trace element: present < 0.01% of mass

eg - Boron, Iron, Iodine, zinc, Cu, Cr

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trace element: IRON

- 0.004%.
- used in energy processing
- transporting oxygen
in your body
- ONLY element needed
by all forms of life.

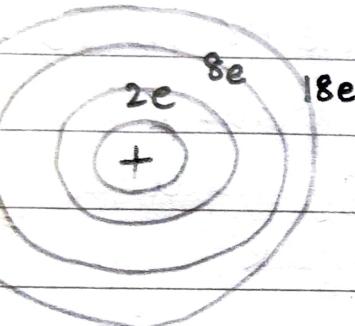
IODINE: only needed in

~ VERTEBRATES ~

deficiency causes **goitre**.

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(+ve charge)



atomic No \Rightarrow No. of protons

Mass No. = protons + neutrons

Isotopes : same no. of protons, different no. of neutron

- radioactive isotopes: ~~nucleons~~ nucleus decays spontaneously, giving off particles and energy.

• damages cellular molecules and thus poses serious problem to organisms.

radioactive isotopes: DANGERS

- uncontrolled exposure is LETHAL
- particles thrown off can damage, molecules, DNA
- RADON : 2nd lead of lung cancer in America
- THYROID CANCER ETC!!
- ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE !

- o the backbone of life is carbon (C) and is the most apt one
 - no one has similar properties (to form bonds)
 - AND is lighter than Carbon

- o molecular composition of life - 80% water
 - 20% dry → 50% proteins
 - formation of these molecules depend on the chemical properties of these elements
 - 15% carbohydrates
 - 10% lipids and fats
 - 15% nucleic acid

- o Valency: no. of unpaired electrons in the outer shell orbital of a shell
 - gives an opportunity for the elements to combine with another elements.

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the elements that make up
98% of living organism

Valency

- Hydrogen
- carbon
- Nitrogen
- oxygen
- Phosphorus
- Sulphur

1
4
3
2
3, 5
2, 4, 6

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ELECTRONEGATIVITY

- "The attraction of a particular element for the electrons of a covalent bond."
- the stronger EN → more pulling $\delta^- e^- \delta^+$
- if an element is bonded to more EN element, the e^- of the bond are not shared equally.

POLAR COVALENT BOND

- molecule: consists of two or more atoms held together by covalent bonds.
- the sharing of e^- in covalent bonds, is not always equal

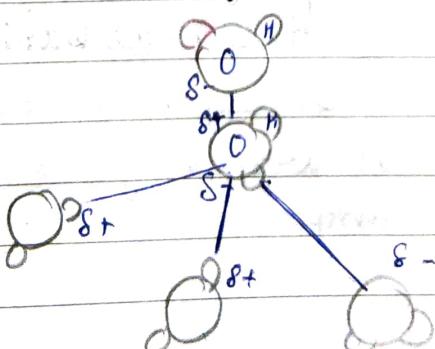
o ionic bond:

- transfer of electrons from one atom to another atom to form bond.
- the atoms forms ions (i.e. it should be in ionic form)
- strong bond unless disturbed.
- e.g. if one drop of water is added to NaCl, the ionic bond breaks.

o water and phospholipids:

- water can be found in three states → solid
→ liquid
→ gas
- water is the only **solvent** present in all three phases which interchange.

- Polar covalent bonds in water molecules result in H-bonding.



characteristics of H-bond

- they break and form with great frequency.
- each H-bond only lasts for a few trillionths of a second.
- new molecules are constantly formed.

- Cohesive and adhesive properties of water.
 - water molecules stay very close due to H-bonding
 - arrangement of molecules is always changing
 - At a given moment, 1 molecule linked to many.
 - this linkages make water more structured.
 - **cohesion**: hydrogen bonds hold the substance together. (stick together)
 - **adhesion** :- the clinging of one substance to another
- (the thinness of a plant's Adhesion of water to cell walls by hydrogen bond helps counter the downward pull of gravity.)*

s similar to surface tension

(enhances the adhesion of water to its cell walls, helping to counter the downward pull of gravity.)

~ Water transportation in plants ~

evaporation from leaves pulls water upwards from the roots through water conducting cells.

cohesion due to hydrogen bond b/w water molecules helps hold together the column of water within cell.

Cohesion in Trees:-

- transportation of water and nutrients from roots to their leaves.
- the evaporation of water from the leaves exerts a pulling force on water within the veins the leaves.

- Moderation of temperature by water :-
 - moderated air temp by absorbing heat.
 - water is an effective **heat bank** because it can absorb or release a relatively large amount of heat with only a slight change in its own temp.

DEFINITIONS :-

Thermal energy : energy associated with the random movement of atoms and molecules.

Heat : transfer of thermal energy from warmer to cooler body of matter is defined as heat.

Temperature : measure of intensity of HEAT. The avg. speed of molecules in a body of matter.

Now can water do that?

- the specific heat of water = 1 Cal per gram per $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- water has higher specific heat wrt most substance
- ∵ of high specific heat, its temp. will not change easily (temp. will change less when it absorbs or loses heat)
- water's specific heat \sim hydrobonding.
 - heat absorbed to break H-bond
 - heat released when H-bond forms.
 - A calorie of heat causes a relatively small change in the temp of water because much of the heat is used to disrupt H-bond before the water molecules can begin moving faster.
 - when the temp of water drops slightly, many H-bond form, releasing a considerable amount of energy in the form of heat.

a - what is the relevance of water's high specific heat to life on earth

- oceans and seas:
 - coastal area have milder climate
 - they absorb a huge amount of heat from sun and their temp only rises a few temp. but later, heat is released
 - it also stabilizes ocean temperature for marine life.
 - because of water covers most of earth's surface, it keeps temp fluctuations on land and in water within limits that permit life.

floating of ice on liquid water :-

- water is a few substance that is less dense than a liquid.

what would happen if ice
didn't float on water?

② ice forms a thick "coat".
if it wouldn't float, then
eventually ponds, oceans, etc
would freeze solid.

This "blanket" of ice
prevents water from
freezing which allows
other aquatic life forms
to survive

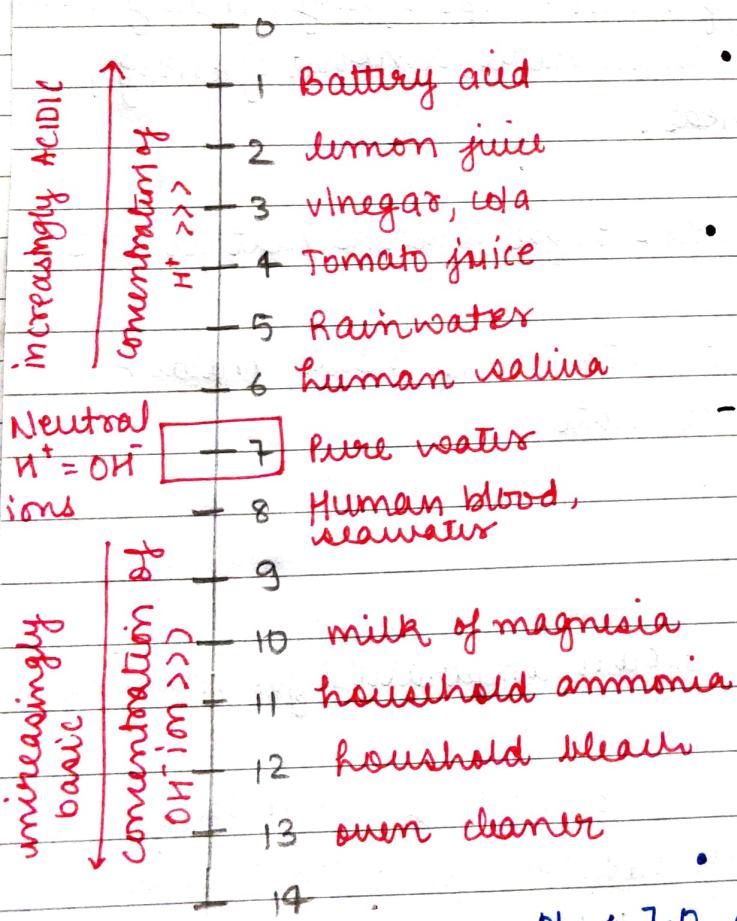
- why?

in ice each molecule is hydrogen-bonded to 4 neighbours in a 3-D crystal.

because the crystal is spacious, i.e. has fewer molecules than an equal volume of liquid water

- Water: the solvent for life
 - water is a good solvent
 - make reactions take place in an organism. for almost all of them, water is the solvent

→ The chemistry of life is sensitive to acidic and basic conditions



• Acid: a substance that donates H^+ ions to solutions.

• Base: a substance that donates OH^- ions to solution

- pH (potential of hydrogen) is used to measure how acidic or basic is a solution.

- each unit represents a 10-fold change in the concentration of H^+ or OH^- ion

• the pH of human blood = 7.4

• $pH < 7.0$ or $pH > 7.8 \Rightarrow$ DEATH

• How is pH maintained?

biological fluids contain buffers, substances that minimize the

change in pH. they accept H^+ when it is in excess and donating H^+ when it is depleted

→ Effects of rising atmospheric CO₂ on Coral reef ecosystem.

- CO₂ → main product of fossile fuel combustion
- 25% of CO₂ is absorbed by oceans
- ocean acidification: CO₂ in water, lower the pH
- calcification: process in which coral animals combine calcium and carbonate ions to form their calcium carbonate skeletons.
- as seawater acidifies, the extra H⁺ + CO₃²⁻ (carbonate ions)
→ HCO₃⁻ (bicarbonate ion)
this reaction reduces the carbonate ion conc available to corals.