

Common Ions

CATIONS					
+1		+2		+3	
ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺	cadmium(II)	Cd ²⁺	cobalt(III) (blue)	Co ³⁺
copper(I) (green)	Cu ⁺	chromium(II)	Cr ²⁺	chromium (III)	Cr ³⁺
hydronium	H ₃ O ⁺	copper(II) (blue)	Cu ²⁺	iron(III)	Fe ³⁺
silver	Ag ⁺	cobalt(II) (blue)	Co ²⁺	lead(III)	Pb ³⁺
		iron(II)	Fe ²⁺	nickel(III)	Ni ³⁺
		lead(II)	Pb ²⁺	vanadium(III)	V ³⁺
		mercury(I)	Hg ₂ ²⁺		
		mercury(II)	Hg ²⁺		
		manganese(II)	Mn ²⁺		
		nickel(II) (green)	Ni ²⁺		
+4				+7	
tin(IV)	Sn ⁴⁺	tin(II)	Sn ²⁺	manganese(VII)	Mn ⁷⁺
lead(IV)	Pb ⁴⁺	vanadium(II)	V ²⁺		
vanadium(IV)	V ⁴⁺	zinc	Zn ²⁺		
ANIONS					
1-		2-		3-	
acetate	CH ₃ COO ⁻ C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻	carbonate	CO ₃ ²⁻	phosphite	PO ₃ ³⁻
hypobromite	BrO ⁻	chromate (yellow)	CrO ₄ ²⁻	phosphate	PO ₄ ³⁻
bromite	BrO ₂ ⁻			arsenate	AsO ₄ ³⁻
bromate	BrO ₃ ⁻				
perbromate	BrO ₄ ⁻				
hypochlorite	ClO ⁻	dichromate (orange)	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻		
chlorite	ClO ₂ ⁻	hydrogen phosphate	HPO ₄ ²⁻		
chlorate	ClO ₃ ⁻	oxalate	C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻		
perchlorate	ClO ₄ ⁻	peroxide	O ₂ ²⁻		
cyanide	CN ⁻	sulfite	SO ₃ ²⁻		
dihydrogen phosphate	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	sulfate	SO ₄ ²⁻		
formate	HCOO ⁻	thiosulfate	S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻		
hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate)	HCO ₃ ⁻				
hydrogen sulfite (bisulfite)	HSO ₃ ⁻				
hydrogen sulfate (bisulfate)	HSO ₄ ⁻				
bisulfide	HS ⁻				
hydroxide	OH ⁻				
nitrite	NO ₂ ⁻				
nitrate	NO ₃ ⁻				
hypoiodite	IO ⁻				
iodite	IO ₂ ⁻				
iodate	IO ₃ ⁻				
periodate	IO ₄ ⁻				
permanganate (purple)	MnO ₄ ⁻				
thiocyanate	SCN ⁻				

Memorization Quiz on this material

STUFF I Need to Memorize in AP Chemistry

Solubility Rules of Common Ionic Compounds in Water at 25°C

Soluble Compounds	Exceptions
alkali metals (H ⁺ , Li ⁺ , Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Rb ⁺ , Cs ⁺) ammonium ion (NH ₄ ⁺)	
nitrate (NO ₃ ⁻), bicarbonates (HCO ₃ ⁻), chlorates (ClO ₃ ⁻), perchlorates (ClO ₄ ⁻), acetates (CH ₃ COO ⁻)	
halides (Cl ⁻ , Br ⁻ , I ⁻) fluorine ion (F ⁻)	Ag ⁺ , Hg ₂ ²⁺ and Pb ²⁺ (APH) Pb ²⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , Sr ²⁺ , Ba ²⁺ and Mg ²⁺ (CBS/PM)
sulfates (SO ₄ ²⁻)	Ag ⁺ , Hg ₂ ²⁺ , Pb ²⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , Sr ²⁺ and Ba ²⁺ (CBS/APH)
Insoluble Compounds	Exceptions
carbonates (CO ₃ ²⁻), chromates (CrO ₄ ²⁻), oxalate (C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻), sulfides (S ²⁻), sulfites (SO ₃ ²⁻), phosphates (PO ₄ ³⁻),	alkali metal ions and NH ₄ ⁺
hydroxides (OH ⁻) and peroxides (O ₂ ²⁻)	alkali metal ions and NH ₄ ⁺ *Ca ²⁺ , *Sr ²⁺ and Ba ²⁺ (CBS)

Polyatomic Elements (Diatomic)

hydrogen	H ₂
nitrogen	N ₂
oxygen	O ₂
fluorine	F ₂
chlorine	Cl ₂
bromine	Br ₂
iodine	I ₂

Metric Prefixes

kilo-	k	10 ³
deci-	d	10 ⁻¹
centi-	c	10 ⁻²
milli-	m	10 ⁻³
micro-	μ	10 ⁻⁶
nano-	n	10 ⁻⁹

8 Strong Acids (H⁺) (all other acids are weak)

hydrochloric acid	HCl
hydrobromic acid	HBr
hydroiodic acid	HI
perchloric acid	HClO ₄
hydronium ion	H ₃ O ⁺
nitric acid	HNO ₃
periodic acid	HIO ₄
sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄

8 Strong Bases (OH⁻) (all other bases are weak)

lithium hydroxide	LiOH
sodium hydroxide	NaOH
potassium hydroxide	KOH
rubidium hydroxide	RbOH
cesium hydroxide	CsOH
calcium hydroxide	*Ca(OH) ₂
strontium hydroxide	*Sr(OH) ₂
barium hydroxide	Ba(OH) ₂

*Limited solubility