Recall: There are 3 categories of IONIC o	compounds that we deal with:	
 BINARY Ionic a. Simple Binary Ionic – sim 	ple ions (only single ion charges) – covered in Lesson 1 (review of	
Gr.10)		
b. Multivalent ions – more t	than one charge)	
	–also a review of Gr.10 (with one a couple of new ideas added)	
3. Hydrates		
POLYATOMIC IONS		
Definition: a group of covalently bonded	d atoms that has a net charge (positive or negative).	
	p of atoms that tend to stay together during most chemical reactions	
You will need to know the common poly their charges:	ratomic ions by memory. Please review the following polyatomic and	
Polyatomic/Radical with Ionic Charge	NAME of Polyatomic/Radical	
OH ¹⁻		
NH ₄ ¹⁺		
NO ₃ ¹⁻		
CIO ₃ ¹⁻		
CO ₃ ²⁻ SO ₄ ²⁻		
SO ₄ ²⁻		
PO ₄ ³⁻		
	Cyanide	
	Cyanate	
	hiocyanate	
	Thiosulfate	
	Chromate	
	Dichromate	
	Oxalate	
	Acetate	
	Permanganate	
Naming Examples:	Rules for NAMING Polyatomic Compounds:	
a) NaC ₂ H ₃ O ₂ :	· Name the METAL	
b) KOH :	Determine the Polyatomic.	
c) Ca(MnO ₄) ₂ :	Name the Polyatomic. Note: the ending may not end with -ide.	
Examples for Writing Formulas:	Rules for writing FORMULAS for Polyatomic Compounds:	
a) Potassium nitrate:		
b) Sodium sulfate:	of the metal.	
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Write the FORMULA for the POLYATOMIC and its

Criss-cross and reduce subscripts if possible. Make sure

CHARGE on top of the polyatomic.

you include BRACKETS where necessary

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c) Calcium phosphate: _____

But wait, there's more!

HYDROGEN RADICALS: Adding H⁺ to radicals causes the charge on the radical to change.

Examples:

Original Polyatomic + H+	NAME of the Polyatomic WITH Hydrogen Radical	
CO ₃ ²⁻ + 1H ⁺		

example: Name this: NaHCO ₃ :	
Give the formula for Potassium bisulfate:	

Almost done! Let's consider ONE MORE fun fact about polyatomics:

Deriving "ites" from "ates"

Per ate	ates	ites	Hypo ite
NO ₄ ¹⁻	NO ₃ ¹⁻	NO ₂ ¹⁻	NO ¹⁻
CIO ₄ ¹⁻	CIO ₃ ¹⁻	CIO ₂ ¹⁻	CIO ¹⁻
CO ₄ ²⁻	CO ₃ ²⁻	CO ₂ ²⁻	CO ²⁻
SO ₅ ²⁻	SO ₄ ²⁻	SO ₃ ²⁻	SO ₂ ²⁻
PO ₅ ³⁻	PO ₄ ³⁻	PO ₃ ³⁻	PO ₂ ³⁻

This is hard to remember! Let's use this pneumonic device: