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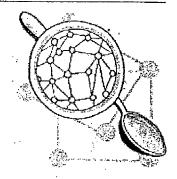
Notes: The Chemistry of life

Matter, Elements, Molecules, and Compounds

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What is matter? Matter is the stuff that makes up everything in the universe. Matter has mass and takes up space. Matter is made of atoms. Solids, liquids, gases, and plasma are all matter. When all atoms that make up a substance are the same, then that substance is an element. Elements are made of only one kind of atom. Because of this, elements are called "pure" substances. An atom is the smallest piece of an element that still has the properties of that element. For example, aluminum is a lightweight, shiny metal. If we took a piece of aluminum and cut it into small pieces, it would still be aluminum. It



- would still be a lightweight, shiny metal. The smallest piece would be called an atom. Atoms are so small they cannot be seen even with a microscope. Atoms consist of a nucleus that has protons and neutrons surrounded by electrons outside the nucleus.
- Atoms of different elements can combine to make new substances. A molecule is formed when two or more atoms join together chemically. If atoms combine that are of two or more different elements, we call that a compound. All compounds are molecules, but not all molecules are compounds. When two hydrogen atoms combine with one oxygen atom, it becomes the compound water. The oxygen we breathe is actually two atoms of oxygen combined, so it is a molecule of oxygen. We use abbreviations for elements, molecules, and compounds. These abbreviations are called chemical symbols. The chemical symbol for an oxygen molecule is O₂.
- The compound water has a chemical symbol of H₂O. This is like the "recipe" for water. It tells us that a water molecule is made of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen. Oxygen is a gas that we can't see, hear, smell, taste, or feel. But it's in the air we breathe, and without it we would die. Hydrogen, also a gas, is the lightest substance on Earth. When two atoms of hydrogen join together with one atom of oxygen, those two gases make a liquid compound we call water. Water, a liquid at room temperature, is a very different substance from the two gases that it is made of. Many different compounds can be made when different atoms combine.
- There are 93 elements that naturally occur on Earth. Many more have been made by scientists in a laboratory. With that many elements to form combinations, many millions of different molecules and compounds can be made. How is that possible? Think of our alphabet. The English alphabet has 26 letters. Those 26 letters can be combined in different ways to make millions of words. Atoms are like the letters of the alphabet and the compounds they make are like words.
- Now that you have learned the language of chemistry, you are ready to learn more about elements, atoms, and the ways they combine.



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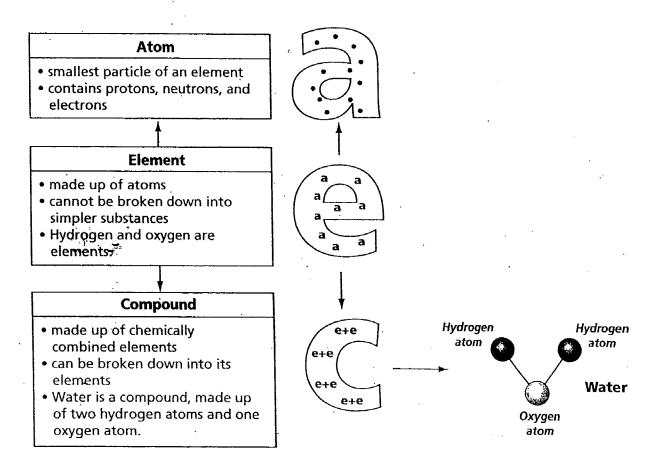
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7. How many element Earth? (A) 1,093 (B) 26 (C) 93 (D) 102	ts naturally occur on	8.	What is the lightest substance on Earth? A Water B Oxygen C Salt D Hydrogen



Content Mastery

Get the Big Picture

Read what is in the boxes and study the pictures. Then fill in the blanks in the statements below.



- 1. Elements are made up of _____
- 2. Inside the atoms are ______, and
- **3.** Elements combine to form ______.
- 4. Water can be broken down into ______ and ____

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Video Quiz

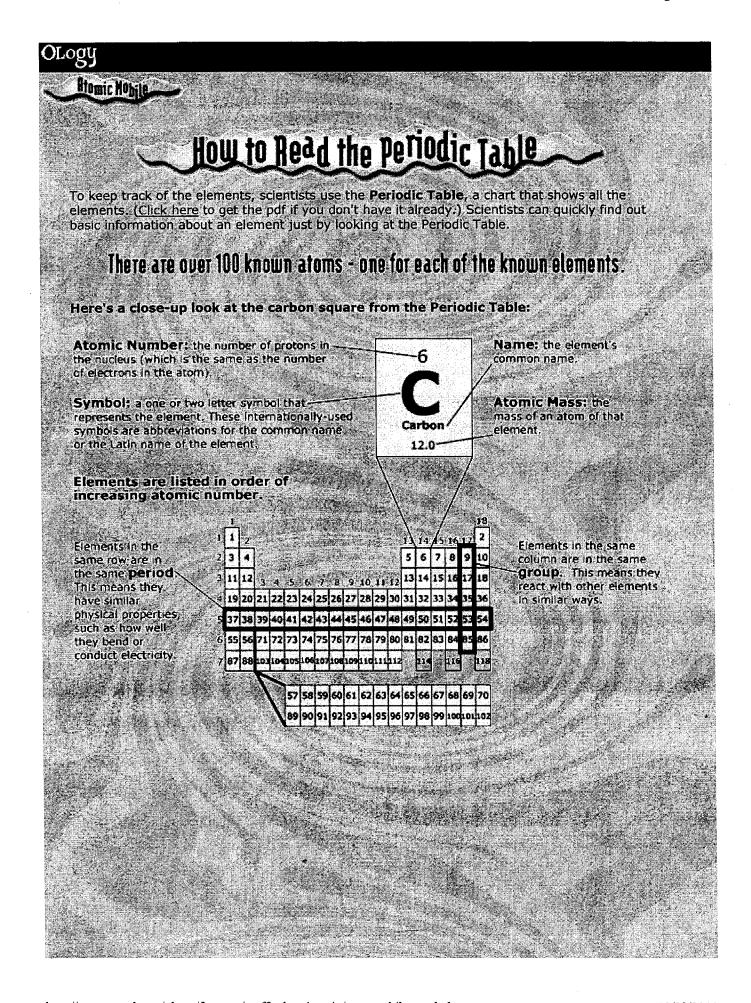
Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word from the list at the bottom of the page. Not all words from the list will be used.

- 1. A pure substance is the _____ throughout.
- 2. An ______ is a simple pure substance that cannot be changed into a simpler substance.
- 3. An ______ is the smallest piece of matter that cannot be commonly broken down.
- 4. _____ are the negatively charged particles in the atom.
- 5. The _____ is the center of an atom.
- 6. The electron _____ is the region where electrons would probably be found.
- 7. A ______ is a pure substance made of more than one element.
- 8. A ______ is two or more atoms that have bonded together.
- 9. Chemical _____ are used to represent elements.
- 10. Chemical ______ are used to represent chemical substances such as compounds.

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Using the Periodic Table:

Rules:

1. PROTONS (nucleus):

Atomic Number = the number of protons

2. NEUTRONS (nucleus):

Step 1: Round the atomic mass (an average) to the nearest whole number to find the **Atomic Mass Number**.

Step 2: Subtract the number of protons from the Atomic Mass Number to find the number of Neutrons.

3. ELECTRONS (energy shells):

Step 1: The number of electrons = the number of protons.

Step 2: Fill the energy shells from the innermost to the outermost:

- up to 2 electrons fit on the 1st energy shell
- up to <u>8</u> electrons fit on the 2nd energy shell
- up to $\underline{18}$ electrons fir on the 3^{rd} energy shell

The Atoms Family Atomic Math Challenge

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Atomic number equals the number of

_____or ____

Atomic mass equals the number of

Carbon

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Macromolecules

Macrormolecule	Elements that	Structure	Function it serves	Examples
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Carbohydrates	C – Carbon	Linked larger molecules	Immediate source of	Fructose (mono)
•	H – Hydrogen	in simple strands:	energy (mitocnondria)	Suciose (di)
	O - Oxygen	Monosaccharides		Glucose (mono)
		Dissaccharides		Glycogen (poly)
	1:2:1 ratio	Polysaccharides	-	Cellulose (poly)
	(Example: C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆)			
Drotains	C – Carbon	Amino acids are the	Structure and support;	Skin, nails, shells, fur
	H – Hydrogen	smaller sub-units of	help to build and maintain	
	O-Oxygen	proteins. They form	muscle tissue →	
	N - Nitrogen	branched molecules.	Includes enzymes;	
)		Enzymes speed up the	
			rate of chemical reactions	Sucrase (enzyme) breaks down
		·	in the body (metabolism)	sugar into fructose and glucose
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Linids	C – Carbon	Mostly strands of C, H	Long term energy storage;	Phospholipids – sub-units of the
3	H – Hydrogen	and O	do not dissolve in water;	cell membrane; aid in flexibility
	O – Oxygen	•	serve as hormones and are	of the cell.
	High proportion of C, H		used to build the cell	
	compared to O		membrane	
-	(Example: C ₅₇ H ₉₂ O ₉)			
Nucleic Acids	C – Carbon	Strands of ringed	They store the genetic	DNA and RNA
	H – Hydrogen	structures.	code of organisms that tell	
	O – Oxygen	Nucleotides are the sub-	the cell now to make	
	P – Phosphorous	Units of nucleic acids	חומוביווי	

Chapter 6

The Chemistry of Life, continued

In your textbook, read about the role of carbon in organisms.

Reinforcement and Study Guide

Section 6.3 Life Substances

For each of the fol	llowing statem	ents about car	bon, write <u>true</u>	or <u>talse</u>	•				
	1. Carbo	on atoms can be	ond together in st	raight cl	nains, branched	d chains, or rings.			
	2. Large	e molecules con	ntaining carbon a	toms are	called micron	nolecules.			
	3. Polyr	ners are formed	d by hydrolysis.						
	4. Cells	use carbohydra	ates for energy.						
Write each item b	elow under the	e correct head	ing.						
sucrose	glucose	starch	$C_6H_{12}O_6$						
cellulose	glycogen	fructose	$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$						
Monosacchar	ride	Diss	accharide]	Polys	accharide .			
5.		8.			10.				
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Complete the tabl	e by checking	the correct co	lumn for each d	escripti	on.				
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13. Made up of nu	ıcleotides								
14. Most consist of glycerol molec	•	ds bonded to a		,					
15. DNA and RN	'A								

21. Contain carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen

20. Used for long-term energy storage, insulation,

16. Contain peptide bonds

19. Made up of amino acids

and protective coatings

18. Commonly called fats and oils

17. Produce proteins

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