

Summer Memory Work for Chemistry

Look at a Periodic Table while reading.

The columns of elements on the Periodic Table are **groups or families**; each has a family name ie Alkali Metals, Halogens, Nobles Gases. These groups are the vertical columns on the Periodic Table. The charges beside the symbols are an indication of whether atoms are giving or taking electrons; this is referred to as the **charge, valence number, or oxidation number**. It is important to **know symbols and spelling** ahead of time because we will use these to write formulas and then balance equations in our first meeting. *You do not need to know which elements are in which group from memory, but locating the symbol quickly on the Periodic Table will be extremely helpful. (Na is on the left, Br is on the right.)* I have broken these into weeks for you to study.

Week 1 Polyatomic Ions *Know the names, charges and exact formula for each. (The number of atoms is in the lower right corner of an atom; the overall charge on the group is in the top right. Read the next page***

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|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|---|--------------|--|
| Ammonium | NH ₄ ⁺ | Acetate | C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻ | Carbonate | CO ₃ ⁻² |
| Chlorate | ClO ₃ ⁻ | Chromate | CrO ₄ ⁻² | Dichromate | Cr ₂ O ₇ ⁻² |
| Hydroxide | OH ⁻ | Nitrate | NO ₃ ⁻ | Permanganate | MnO ₄ ⁻ |
| Phosphate | PO ₄ ⁻³ | Sulfate | SO ₄ ⁻² | | |

Week 2

Group IA

Alkali Family +1

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Lithium | Li |
| Sodium | Na |
| Potassium | K |
| Rubidium | Rb |
| Cesium | Cs |
| Francium | Fr |

Group IIA

Alkali Earth +2

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Beryllium | Be |
| Magnesium | Mg |
| Calcium | Ca |
| Strontium | Sr |
| Barium | Ba |
| Radium | Ra |

Group IIIA

Boron Family +3

| | |
|----------|----|
| Boron | B |
| Aluminum | Al |
| Gallium | Ga |
| Indium | In |
| Thallium | Tl |

Week 3

Group IVA

Carbon Family +/- 4

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Carbon | C |
| Silicon | Si |
| Germanium | Ge |
| Tin | Sn |
| Lead | Pb |

Group VA

Pnictide Family -3/+5

| | |
|------------|----|
| Nitrogen | N |
| Phosphorus | P |
| Arsenic | As |
| Antimony | Sb |
| Bismuth | Bi |

Group VIA

Chalcogen Family -2

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Oxygen | O |
| Sulfur | S |
| Selenium | Se |
| Tellurium | Te |
| Polonium | Po |

Week 4

Group VIIA

Halogen Family -1

| | |
|----------|----|
| Fluorine | F |
| Chlorine | Cl |
| Bromine | Br |
| Iodine | I |
| Astatine | At |

Group VIIIA

Noble Gases 0

| | |
|---------|----|
| Helium | He |
| Neon | Ne |
| Argon | Ar |
| Krypton | Kr |
| Xenon | Xe |

Other Common Elements

| | | | |
|----------|----|----------|----|
| Gold | Au | Copper | Cu |
| Silver | Ag | Nickel | Ni |
| Zinc | Zn | Uranium | U |
| Mercury | Hg | Cobalt | Co |
| Platinum | Pt | Tungsten | W |
| Radon | Rn | Iron | Fe |
| Chromium | Cr | Scandium | Sc |

Polyatomic Ions are groups of atoms that have a charge. In the structures below the dots or **x**s represent electrons. Just **look at these** with interest; we will study these after Christmas.

Ammonium NH_4^+

This formula for the polyatomic ion **ammonium** represents one nitrogen atom bonded to 4 hydrogen atoms and the group has a +1 charge. This is the only positively charged group.

Carbonate CO_3^{-2}

This formula for the polyatomic ion **carbonate** represents one carbon atom bonded to 3 oxygen atoms. The entire group has a -2 charge.

Acetate $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$

This formula for the polyatomic ion **acetate** represents 2 carbon atoms bonded to 3 Hydrogen atoms and 2 oxygen atoms. The entire group has a charge of -1.

