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Periodic Table of the Elements

Main groups														Main	groups			
	1 ^a 1A ^b		1															18 8A
1	1 H Hydrogen 1.00794	2 2A											13 3A	14 4A	15 5A	16 6A	17 7A	2 He Helium 4.002602
2	3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182					Transitic	on metals					5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.0107	7 N Nitrogen 14.00674	8 O 0xygen 15.9994	9 F Fluorine 18.998403	10 Ne Neon 20.1797
3	11 Na 50dium 22.989770	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050	3 3B	4 4B	5 5B	6 6B	7 7B	8	9 - 8B-	10	11 1B	12 2B	13 Al Aluminum 26.981538	14 Si ^{Silicon} 28.0855	15 P Phosphorus 30.973762	16 S ^{Sulfur} 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.4527	18 Ar ^{Argon} 39.948
4	19 K 90tassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.95591	22 Ti ^{Titanium} 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr ^{Chromium} 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938049	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933200	28 Ni ^{Nickel} 58.6934	29 Cu ^{Copper} 63.546	30 Zn ^{Zinc} 65.39	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.61	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se selenium 78.96	35 Br ^{Bromine} 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80
5	37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium [98]	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd ^{Cadmium} 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn ^{Tin} 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe ^{Xenon} 131.29
6	55 Cs Cesium 132.90545	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57 *La Lanthanum 138.9055	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.9479	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os ^{Osmium} 190.23	77 Ir ^{Iridium} 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.078	79 Au Gold 196.96655	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98038	84 Po Polonium [209]	85 At Astatine [210]	86 Rn [222]
7	87 Fr Francium [223]	88 Ra 226.025	89 †Ac Actinium 227.028	104 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	105 Db Dubnium [262]	106 Sg Seaborgium [266]	107 Bh [267]	108 Hs Hassium [269]	109 Mt Meitnerium [268]	110 Ds Darmstadtium [281]	111 Rg Roentgenium [272]	112 Cn Copernicum	113 Uut	114 Fl Flerovium	115 Uup	116 Lv Livermorium	117 Uus	118 Uuo
	*Lanthanide series			series	58 Ce ^{Cerium} 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90765	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium [145]	62 Sm ^{Samarium} 150.36	63 Eu ^{Europium} 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92534	66 Dy _{Dysprosium} 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93421	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
†Actinide series		90 Th Thorium 232.0381	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03588	92 U Uranium 238.0289	93 Np Neptunium 237.048	94 Pu Plutonium [244]	95 Am Americium [243]	96 Cm ^{Curium} [247]	97 Bk Berkelium [247]	98 Cf Californium [251]	99 Es Einsteinium [252]	100 Fm Fermium [257]	101 Md Mendelevium [258]	102 No Nobelium [259]	103 Lr Lawrencium [262]			

Atomic masses in brackets are the masses of the longest-lived or most important isotope of certain radioactive elements.

^a The labels on top (1, 2, 3 ... 18) are the group numbers recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

^bThe labels on the bottom (1A, 2A, ... 8A) are the group numbers commonly used in the United States and the ones we use in this text.

^c The names and symbols of elements 113 and above have not been assigned.

^dDiscovered in 2010, element 117 is under review by IUPAC.

Further information is available at the Web site of WebElementsTM.

	Atomic Masses of the Elements						
	Based on the 2005 IUPAC Table of Atomic Masses						
Name	Symbol	Atomic Number	Atomic Mass	Name	Symbol	Atomic Number	Atomic Mass
Actinium*	Ac	89	227	Manganese	Mn	25	54.938049
Aluminum	Al	13	26.981538	Meitnerium*	Mt	109	268
Americium*	Am	95	243	Mendelevium*	Md	101	258
Antimony	Sb	51	121.760	Mercury	Hg	80	200.59
Argon	Ar	18	39.948	Molybdenum	Mo	42	95.94
Arsenic	As	33	74.92160	Neodymium	Nd	60	144.24
Astatine*	At	85	210	Neon	Ne	10	20.1797
Barium Daulailiana*	Ba	56	137.327	Niekal	N	93	58 6024
Berkelium*	BK D-	97	24/	Nichium	Nh	20	02 00638
Beryllium	Be	4	9.012182	Nitrogen	N	41	14 00674
Bismuth Dobrium*	BI	83	208.98038	Nobelium*	No	102	259
Bonnum	Bn	107	204	Osmium	Os	76	190.23
Boromina	D D.	25	70.004	Oxygen	0	8	15 9994
Codmium	DI	33	112 411	Palladium	Pd	46	106.42
Calaium	Cu	40	112.411	Phosphorus	P	15	30.973762
Californium*	Ca	20	251	Platinum	Pt	78	195.078
Carbon	C	90	12 0107	Plutonium*	Pu	94	244
Carbon	C	58	140 116	Polonium*	Po	84	209
Cesium	Ce	55	132 90545	Potassium	K	19	39.0983
Chlorine	C	17	35 4527	Praseodymium	Pr	59	140.90765
Chromium	Cr	24	51 9961	Promethium*	Pm	61	145
Cobalt	Co	27	58 933200	Protactinium	Pa	91	231.03588
Copernicium	Cn	112	50.755200	Radium*	Ra	88	226
Copper	Cu	29	63 546	Radon*	Rn	86	222
Curium*	Cm	96	247	Rhenium	Re	75	186.207
Darmstadtium*	Ds	110	271	Rhodium	Rh	45	102.90550
Dubnium*	Db	105	262	Roentgenium*	Rg	111	272
Dysprosium	Dv	66	162.500	Rubidium	Rb	37	85.4678
Einsteinium*	Es	99	252	Ruthenium	Ru	44	101.07
Erbium	Er	68	167.26	Rutherfordium*	Rf	104	261
Europium	Eu	63	151.964	Samarium	Sm	62	150.36
Fermium*	Fm	100	257	Scandium	Sc	21	44.955910
Flerovium	F1	114		Seaborgium*	Sg	106	266
Fluorine	F	9	18.9984032	Selenium	Se	34	/8.96
Francium*	Fr	87	233	Silver	51	14	28.0833
Gadolinium	Gd	64	157.25	Solium	Ag	47	22 080770
Gallium	Ga	31	69.723	Strontium	Sr	38	87.62
Germanium	Ge	32	72.61	Sulfur	S	16	32.066
Gold	Au	79	196.96655	Tantalum	Ta	73	180,9479
Hafnium	Hf	72	178.49	Technetium*	Te	43	98
Hassium*	Hs	108	277	Tellurium	Te	52	127.60
Helium	He	2	4.002602	Terbium	Tb	65	158.92534
Holmium	Ho	67	164.93032	Thallium	TI	81	204.3833
Hydrogen	H	1	1.00794	Thorium	Th	90	232.0381
Indium	In	49	114.818	Thulium	Tm	69	168.93421
Iridium	1 Tu	33 77	120.90447	Tin	Sn	50	118.710
Iron	Fe	26	55 845	Titanium	Ti	22	47.867
Krypton	ге Ки	20	83.80	Tungsten	W	74	183.94
Lanthanum	Af La	50	138 9055	Uranium	\mathbf{U}	92	238.0289
Lawrencium*	La Lr	103	262	Vanadium	V	23	50.9415
Lead	Ph	82	207.2	Xenon	Xe	54	131.29
Lithium	Ti	3	6 941	Ytterbium	Yb	70	173.04
Livermoriuum	Lv	116	0.711	Y ttrium	Y	39	88.90585
Lutetium	Lu	71	174.967	Zinc	Zn	30	65.39
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.3050	Zirconium	Zr	40	91.224

*This element has no stable isotopes. The atomic mass given is that of the isotope with the longest known half-life.



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PRACTICE 7.7

Calculate the percent composition of $Ca(NO_3)_2$.

PRACTICE 7.8

Calculate the percent composition of K_2CrO_4 .

Practice Problems

PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGY

For Calculating Percent Composition from Formula

- 1. Calculate the molar mass (Section 7.2).
- **2.** Divide the total mass of each element in the formula by the molar mass and multiply by 100. This gives the percent composition:

 $\frac{\text{total mass of the element}}{\text{molar mass}} \times 100 = \text{percent of the element}$

Problem-solving Strategy

Organization

We continue to emphasize the less theoretical aspects of chemistry early in the book, leaving the more abstract theory for later. This sequence seems especially appropriate in a course where students are encountering chemistry for the very first time. Atoms, molecules, and reactions are all an integral part of the chemical nature of matter. A sound understanding of these topics allows the student to develop a basic understanding of chemical properties and vocabulary.

Chapters 1 through 3 present the basic mathematics and the language of chemistry, including an explanation of the metric system and significant figures. We added a new section in Chapter 2 (2.7) on Percents to assist students in understanding how the concept is applied in chemistry. In Chapter 4 we present chemical properties—the ability of a substance to form new substances. Then, in Chapter 5, students encounter the history and language of basic atomic theory. In Chapter 8 we added a new section 8.3 "Why Reactions Occur" and revised the section discussing types of reactions extensively to better reflect the level and needs of our students.

We continue to present new material at a level appropriate for the beginning student by emphasizing nomenclature, composition of compounds, and reactions in Chapters 6 through 9 before moving into the details of modern atomic theory. Some applications of the Periodic Table are shown in early chapters and discussed in detail in Chapters 10 and 11. Students gain confidence in their own ability to identify and work with chemicals in the laboratory before tackling the molecular models of matter. As practicing chemists we have little difficulty connecting molecular models and chemical properties. Students, especially those with no prior chemistry background, may not share this ability to connect the molecular models and the macroscopic properties of matter. Those instructors who feel it is essential to teach atomic theory and bonding early in the course can cover Chapters 10 and 11 immediately following Chapter 5.

New to This Edition

In the Fifteenth Edition we have tried to build on the strengths of the previous editions. We have added a new author, **Cary Willard**, from Grossmont College in California. Cary revised the end-of-chapter materials and added exercises, including many applications in fields of interest for our students. She has focused on expanding and developing important and

meaningful media assets for the *WileyPLUS* course. Her focus has created deeper synergies between the content in print format and the electronic resources in our *WileyPLUS* course.

We continually strive to keep the material at the same level so that students can easily read and use the text and supplemental material to learn chemistry. With a focus on problem solving, student engagement, and clarity, some of the specific changes are highlighted below:

- Chemistry In Action boxes have been updated, and new boxes have been added to include different applications of the concepts in the text.
- Some of the older industrial chemistry applications have been removed and newer applications added as appropriate throughout the text.
- 229 Check Your Understanding Questions appear throughout the text to provide an opportunity for the students to determine their level of understanding of concepts. These are highlighted in the margins and refer the student to *WileyPlus* for completion.
- 178 Enhanced Examples are also located in *WileyPlus* and provide a more interactive experience and practice. Students receive immediate feedback on their answers and proceed stepwise through the example to its conclusion.
- 131 new Online Learning Modules movies provide a one-on-one learning experience that mimics the assistance an instructor provides in a help session. The modules are paired with in-text examples to provide an alternative way to learn problem solving.
- Each chapter is complemented by ORION, an adaptive learning module, available within *WileyPLUS*. These can be used individually for student review or can be assigned by instructors as a specific review assignment tailored to the chapters and sections on an exam.
- Chapters 19 and 20 (Introduction to Organic Chemistry and Introduction to Biochemistry) are now available online only. This provides an option for those desiring a shorter version of the text and for those wishing to cover this material in their course.
- The Putting It Together sections have been removed in order to provide a more flexible review source for students and instructors. This new resource is called Orion and is found on *WileyPlus*.
- New, modern design. The entire text has been redesigned to foster greater accessibility and increase student engagement. New icons and notes direct students to *WileyPlus* for more individual direct interaction with the material.
- Appendix II: Using a Scientific Calculator has been removed because most students begin using calculators in elementary school and there are so many kinds of calculators that specific instruction on their use is no longer possible.

Learning Aids

To help the beginning student gain the confidence necessary to master technical material, we have refined and enhanced a series of learning aids:

- Learning Objectives highlight the concept being taught in each section. These objectives are tied to Example, Practice Problems, Review Exercises, and Exercises to assist the student in mastering each concept module and objective.
- Important **terms** are set off in bold type where they are defined and are listed in gray at the beginning of each section. All **Key Terms** listed in the **Chapter Review** are also defined in the **Glossary**.
- Worked **examples** show students the how of problem solving using **Problem-Solving Strategies** and **Solution Maps** before they are asked to tackle problems on their own.
- **Practice problems** permit immediate reinforcement of a skill shown in the example problems. Answers are provided at the end of the chapter to encourage students to check their problem solving immediately.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING 7.6 Molecules and Formula Units WileyPLUS

ENHAN	CED EXAMPLE 7.6 WileyPLUS
How man	y oxygen atoms are present in 1.00 mol of oxygen molecules?
SOLUTIC	DN
Plan •	Oxygen is a diatomic molecule with the formula O ₂ . Therefore, a molecule of oxygen contains 2 oxygen atoms: $\frac{2 \text{ atoms O}}{1 \text{ molecule O}_2}$.
	Solution map: moles $O_2 \rightarrow$ molecules $O_2 \rightarrow$ atoms O
	The conversion factors needed are
	$\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules } O_2}{1 \text{ mole } O_2} \text{and} \frac{2 \text{ atoms } O}{1 \text{ molecule } O_2}$
Calculate	$= (1.00 \text{ mol} \cdot \Theta_2) \left(\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules } \Theta_2}{1 \text{ mole} \cdot \Theta_2} \right) \left(\frac{2 \text{ atoms } O}{1 \text{ molecule } \Theta_2} \right)$
	$= 1.20 \times 10^{24}$ atoms O
PRACT	TICE 7.2
What is the	ne mass of 2.50 mol of helium (He)?
PRACT	TICE 7.3
How man	iv atoms are present in 0.025 mol of iron?



• **Marginal notations** help students understand basic concepts and problem-solving techniques. These are printed in blue to clearly distinguish them from text and vocabulary terms.

LEARNING AIDS: MATH SKILLS For students who may need help with the mathematical aspects of chemistry, the following learning aids are available:

- A Review of Mathematics, covering the basic functions, is provided in Appendix I.
- Math Survival Guide: Tips and Tricks for Science Students, 2nd Edition, by Jeffrey R. Appling and Jean C. Richardson, a brief paperback summary of basic skills that can be packaged with the text, provides an excellent resource for students who need help with the mathematical aspects of chemistry.

Supplements Package

FOR THE STUDENT Study Guide by Rachael Henriques Porter is a self-study guide for students. For each chapter, the **Study Guide** includes a self-evaluation section with student exercises, a summary of chapter concepts, one or more "challenge problems," and answers and solutions to all **Study Guide** exercises.

Math Survival Guide: Tips and Tricks for Science Students, 2nd Edition, by Jeffrey Appling and Jean Richardson, is a paperback summary of basic skills, with practice exercises in every chapter.

Foundations of Chemistry in the Laboratory, 14th Edition, by Morris Hein, Judith N. Peisen, and Robert L. Miner includes 28 experiments for a laboratory program that may accompany the lecture course. Featuring updated information on waste disposal and emphasizing safe laboratory procedures, the lab manual also includes study aids and exercises.

FOR THE INSTRUCTOR Test Bank, by Harpreet Malhotra, includes chapter tests with additional test questions and answers to all test questions.

Computerized Test Bank. The test bank contains true-false, multiple-choice, and openended questions and is available in two formats.

Digital Image Library: Images from the text are available online in JPEG format. Instructors may use these to customize their presentations and to provide additional visual support for quizzes and exams.

Power Point Lecture Slides: Updated for this version by William Douglas Urban, these slides contain lecture outlines and key topics from each chapter of the text, along with supporting artwork and figures from the text.

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An Introduction to Chemistry



o you know how the beautiful, intricate fireworks displays are created? Have you ever wondered how a tiny seedling can grow into a cornstalk taller than you in just one season? Perhaps you have been mesmerized by the flames in your fireplace on a romantic

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evening as they change color and form. The spectacular colors of the aurora borealis shown above are the result of chemistry in our atmosphere. And think of your relief when you dropped a container and found that it was plastic, not glass. These phenomena are the result of chemistry that occurs all around us, all the time. Chemical changes bring us beautiful colors, warmth, light, and products to make our lives function more smoothly. Understanding, explaining, and using the diversity of materials we find around us is what chemistry is all about.

KEY TERM Chemistry

Key terms are highlighted in bold to alert you to new terms defined in the text.



A health care professional needs to understand chemistry in order to administer the correct dose of medication.

1.1 The Nature of Chemistry

LEARNING OBJECTIVE State the definition of chemistry and why the study of chemistry is important.

A knowledge of chemistry is useful to virtually everyone—we see chemistry occurring around us every day. An understanding of chemistry is useful to engineers, teachers, health care professionals, attorneys, homemakers, businesspeople, firefighters, and environmentalists, just to name a few. Even if you're not planning to work in any of these fields, chemistry is important and is used by people every day. Learning about the benefits and risks associated with chemicals will help you to be an informed citizen, able to make intelligent choices concerning the world around you. Studying chemistry teaches you to solve problems and communicate with others in an organized and logical manner. These skills will be helpful in college and throughout your career.

What is chemistry? One dictionary gives this definition: "**Chemistry** is the science of the composition, structure, properties, and reactions of matter, especially of atomic and molecular systems." A somewhat simpler definition is "Chemistry is the science dealing with the composition of *matter* and the changes in composition that matter undergoes." Neither of these definitions is entirely adequate. Chemistry and physics form a fundamental branch of knowledge. Chemistry is also closely related to biology, not only because living organisms are made of material substances but also because life itself is essentially a complicated system of interrelated chemical processes.

The scope of chemistry is extremely broad. It includes the whole universe and everything, animate and inanimate, in it. Chemistry is concerned with the composition and changes in the composition of matter and also with the energy and energy changes associated with matter. Through chemistry we seek to learn and to understand the general principles that govern the behavior of all matter.

The chemist, like other scientists, observes nature and attempts to understand its secrets: What makes a tulip red? Why is sugar sweet? What is occurring when iron rusts? Why is carbon monoxide poisonous? Problems such as these—some of which have been solved, some of which are still to be solved-are all part of what we call chemistry.

A chemist may interpret natural phenomena, devise experiments that reveal the composition and structure of complex substances, study methods for improving natural processes, or synthesize substances. Ultimately, the efforts of successful chemists advance the frontiers of knowledge and at the same time contribute to the well-being of humanity.

Thinking Like a Chemist

Chemists take a special view of things in order to understand the nature of the chemical changes taking place. Chemists "look inside" everyday objects to see how the basic

components are behaving. To understand this approach, let's consider a lake. When we view the lake from a distance, we get an overall picture of the water and shoreline. This overall view is called the macroscopic picture.

As we approach the lake we begin to see more detailsrocks, sandy beach, plants submerged in the water, and aquatic life. We get more and more curious. What makes the rocks and sand? What kind of organisms live in

> the water? How do plants survive underwater? What lies hidden in the water? We can use a microscope to learn the answers to some of these questions. Within the water and the plants, we can see single cells and inside them organelles working to keep the organisms alive. For answers to other questions, we need to go even further inside the lake. A drop of lake water can itself become a mysterious and fascinating microscopic picture full of molecules and motion. (FIGURE 1.1) A chemist



FIGURE 1.1 Inside a drop of lake water we find water molecules and some dissolved substances.