

## Study Guide 2.1: Atoms, Ions, and Molecules

### KEY CONCEPT:

All living things are based on atoms and their interactions.

### VOCABULARY

atom	ion	molecule
element	ionic bond	
compound	covalent bond	

**MAIN IDEA:** Living things consist of atoms of different elements.

Draw lines to connect the parts of an atom with their descriptions.

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| 1. nucleus  | particle with a positive electrical charge |
| 2. neutron  | particle with a negative electrical charge |
| 3. proton   | particle with no electrical charge         |
| 4. electron | dense center of an atom                    |

Circle the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

5. Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), are examples of *compounds / elements*.
6. *Elements / Compounds* are made up of only one type of atom.

**MAIN IDEA:** Ions form when atoms gain or lose electrons.

Choose whether the statement is true or false.

7. *true / false* An atom becomes an ion when its number of protons changes.
8. *true / false* Some ions are positively charged, and some ions have no charge.
9. *true / false* The formation of an ion results in a full outermost energy level.
10. *true / false* Ions usually form when electrons are transferred from one atom to another.

**MAIN IDEA:** Atoms share pairs of electrons in covalent bonds.

**Circle the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.**

11. Shared pairs of electrons fill the *innermost* / *outermost* energy levels of bonded atoms.
12. Covalent bonds are generally very *strong* / *weak*.
13. Two atoms may form several covalent bonds to share several pairs of *protons* / *electrons*.
14. A molecule is held together by *ionic* / *covalent* bonds.

### Vocabulary Check

element	compound	ion	molecule
ionic bond	covalent bond	atom	

**Write each word or phrase next to its definition.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. a substance made of atoms of different elements bonded together in a certain ratio
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. a particular type of atom
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. a bond formed by the electrical force between two ions of opposite charge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. a bond formed when two atoms share a pair of electrons
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. the smallest basic unit of matter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. two or more atoms held together by covalent bonds

Read chapter 2.1 of your text then answer the **formative assessment** that follows:

**Reviewing Main Ideas:**

1. What distinguishes one element from another?
2. Describe the formation of an ionic compound.
3. What is the difference between an ionic bond and a covalent bond?

**Critical Thinking:**

4. *Compare and Contrast.* How does a molecule differ from an atom?
5. *Apply.* Explain why a hydrogen atom can become either an ion or a part of a molecule.

**Connect to Chemistry:**

6. A sodium atom has one outer electron, and a carbon atom has four outer electrons. How might this difference be related to the types of compounds formed by atoms of these two elements?

## SECTION QUIZ 2.1: Atoms, Ions, and Molecules

Choose the letter of the best answer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which phrase best describes atoms?
- single-celled organism
  - smallest basic units of matter
  - parts of a nucleus
  - positively charged particles
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of the following cannot be broken down by ordinary chemical means?
- element
  - compound
  - molecule
  - bond
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is a compound?
- two atoms of a single element bonded together
  - atoms of different elements bonded together in certain ratios
  - separate atoms of multiple elements in varying ratios
  - a molecule of two oxygen atoms
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. An ion is formed when an atom gains or loses
- protons.
  - neutrons.
  - bonds.
  - electrons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Atoms connected by covalent bonds share
- pairs of electrons.
  - ionic compounds.
  - carbon and oxygen.
  - hydrogen ions.