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### Simplest (Empirical) Formula

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Find the empirical formula for each of the compounds whose percentage composition is given below.

1. 88.8% copper; 11.2% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. 40.0% carbon; 6.67% hydrogen; 53.33% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. 70.0% iron; 30.0% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. 10.1% carbon; 0.9% hydrogen; 89.1% chlorine Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. 12.6% hydrogen; 37.5% carbon; 50.1% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. 60.2% terbium; 39.9% chlorine Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. 52.8% aluminum; 47.1% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. 72.41% iron; 27.60% oxygen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. 72.2% magnesium; 27.8% nitrogen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10 74.1% carbon; 8.6% hydrogen; 17.3% nitrogen Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$Cu_2O$**  \_\_\_\_\_

2. 40.0% carbon; 6.67% hydrogen; 53.33% oxygen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$CH_2O$**  \_\_\_\_\_

3. 70.0% iron; 30.0% oxygen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$Fe_2O_3$  or  $(FeO)_2$**  \_\_\_\_\_

4. 10.1% carbon; 0.9% hydrogen; 89.1% chlorine

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$CHCl_3$**  \_\_\_\_\_

5. 12.6% hydrogen; 37.5% carbon; 50.1% oxygen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$CH_3O$  or  $(H_4CO)_2$**  \_\_\_\_\_

6. 60.2% terbium; 39.9% chlorine

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$TbCl_3$**  \_\_\_\_\_

7. 52.8% aluminum; 47.1% oxygen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$Al_2O_3$  or  $(AlO)_2$**  \_\_\_\_\_

8. 72.41% iron; 27.60% oxygen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$Fe_3O_4$  or  $(FeO)_4$**  \_\_\_\_\_

9. 72.2% magnesium; 27.8% nitrogen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$Mg_3N_2$**  \_\_\_\_\_

10. 74.1% carbon; 8.6% hydrogen; 17.3% nitrogen

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  **$C_5H_7N$**  \_\_\_\_\_