Electron Dot Diagrams & Bohr Models

• Valence electrons are electrons in the outermost energy level

Electron Dot Diagrams = Lewis Structures



- Find out which group (column) your element is in.
- This will tell you the number of valence electrons your element has.
- You will only draw the valence electrons.

- 1) Write the element symbol.
- 2) Carbon is in the 4th group, so it has 4 valence electrons.
- 3) Starting at the right, draw 4 electrons, or dots, counterclockwise around the element symbol.

In your notes, try these elements on your own:

a) H

b) P

c) Ca

d) Ar

e) Cl

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b) P c) Ca

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- d) Ar
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- f) Al

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- Find out which period (row) your element is in.
- The period number tells you how many energy levels there are.



- 1) Draw the element symbol
- Carbon is in the 2nd period, so it has two energy levels, or shells.
- Draw the shells around the nucleus.



- 1) Add the electrons.
- 2) Carbon has 6 electrons.
- 3) The first shell can only hold 2 electrons.
- 4) (The 2nd shell can hold up to 8 electrons.)
- 5) (The 3rd shell can hold
 18, but the elements
 in the first few periods
 only use 8 electrons.)



- a) H
- b) He
- c) O
- d) Al
- e) Ne
- f) K



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- c) O
- d) Al
- e) Ne
- f) K





- a) H
- b) He 2 electrons
- c) O
- d) Al
- e) Ne
- f) K



- a) H
- b) He
- c) O 8 electrons
- d) Al
- e) Ne
- f) K



- a) H
- b) He
- c) O
- d) Al 13 electrons
- e) Ne
- f) K



- a) H
- b) He
- c) O
- d) Al
- e) Ne 10 electrons
- f) K



- a) H
- b) He
- c) O
- d) Al
- e) Ne
- f) K 19 electrons