



Unit 1 – Chemistry of Life – Atomic Basics, Matter, & Water

Student Expectations:

- Describe the structure of atoms; including masses, electrical charges, and locations, of protons and neutrons in the nucleus and electrons in the electron cloud.
- Relate the physical and chemical behavior of an element, including bonding and classification, to its placement on the Periodic Table
- Analyze States of Matter and be able to read and understand a phase-change diagram
- Describe energy changes within a reaction and interactions within the environment
- Determine whether an activation energy diagram is exothermic or endothermic
- Understand the properties and interactions of water. Distinguish between polar and nonpolar molecules.
- Define acids and bases, and have a clear understanding of the pH scale.

Menu



Standards

Composition of Matter

Properties of Water

Periodic Table

Cohesion / Adhesion

Properties of Matter

Acids & Bases - pH

Bonding

States of Matter

Energy of Reactions

Standards



Texas TEK Standards -

- **Bio 9** The student knows the significance of various molecules involved in metabolic processes and energy conversions that occur in living organisms. The student is expected to:
 - A) *compare the structures and functions of different types of biomolecules, including carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids*
 - C) *identify and investigate the role of enzymes*

National Next-Gen Standards -

- **HS-PS1-1.** *Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms*
- **HS-LS1-6.** *Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.*



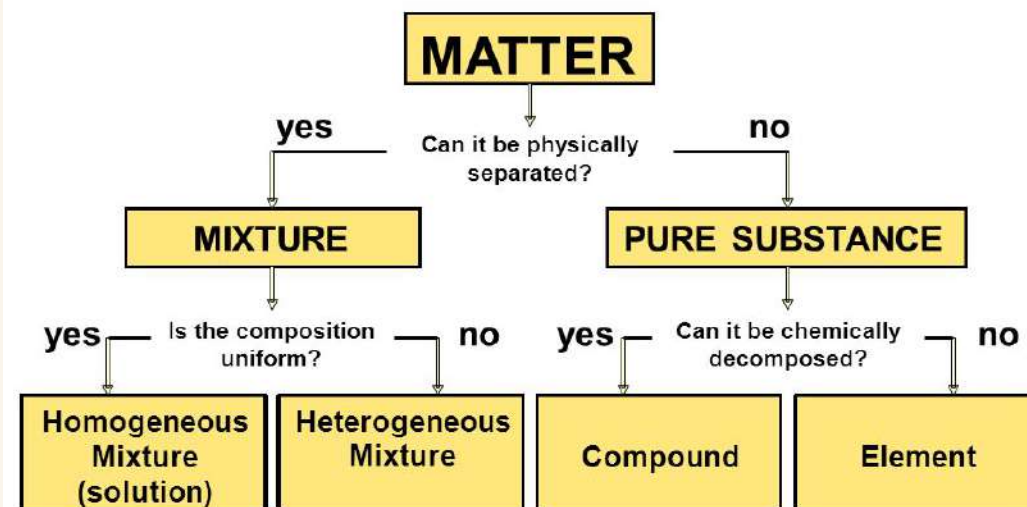
Composition of Matter



Composition of Matter

- **Matter** – is anything that occupies space or has mass.
- Everything in universe is composed of matter.
- **Mass** – quantity of matter an object as.
- **Weight** – pull of gravity on an object.

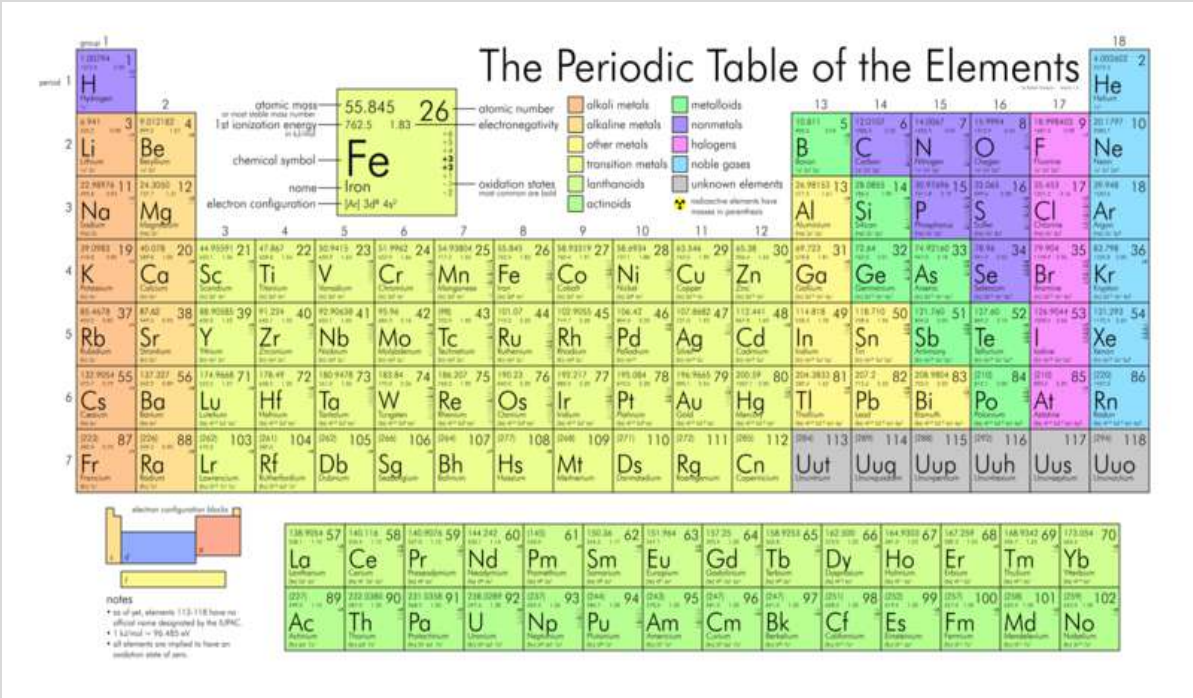
Matter Flowchart



Composition of Matter



Elements



- Pure substances that cannot be broken down chemically into simpler kinds of matter.
- More than 100 elements (92 naturally occurring).

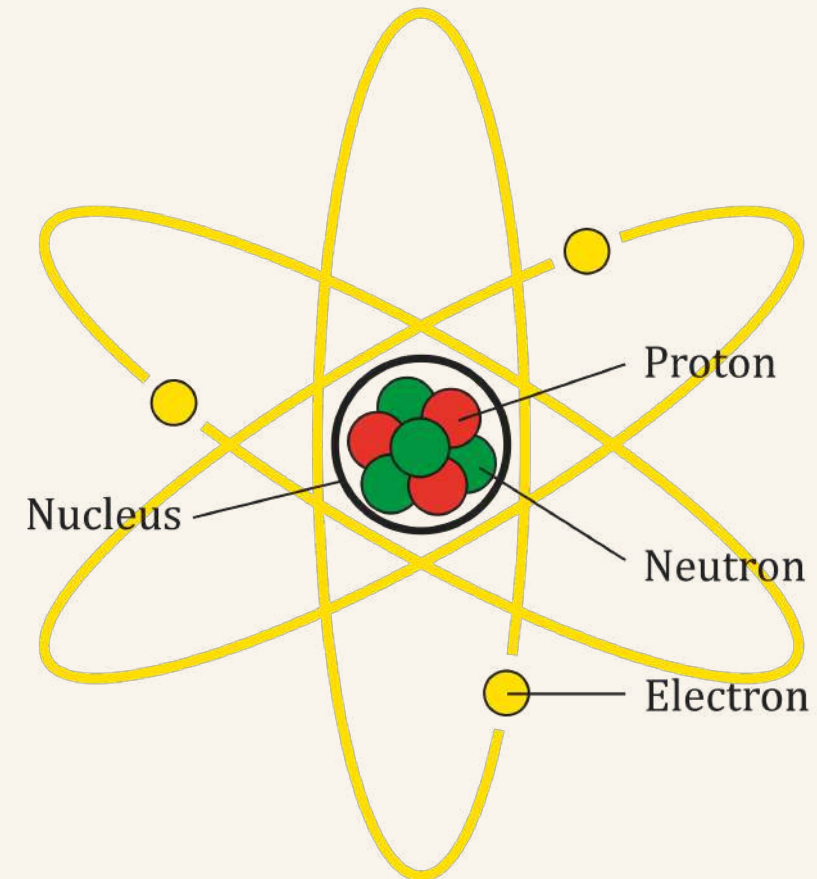


Composition of Matter



Atoms

- The simplest particle of an element that retains all the properties of that element.
- Properties of atoms determine the structure and properties of the matter they compose.
- Our understanding of the structure of atoms based on scientific models, not observation.





The Atom



Proton

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- All atoms of a given element have the same number of protons.
- Number of protons called the atomic number.
- Number of protons balanced by an equal number of negatively charged electrons.

Neutron

(0)

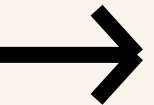
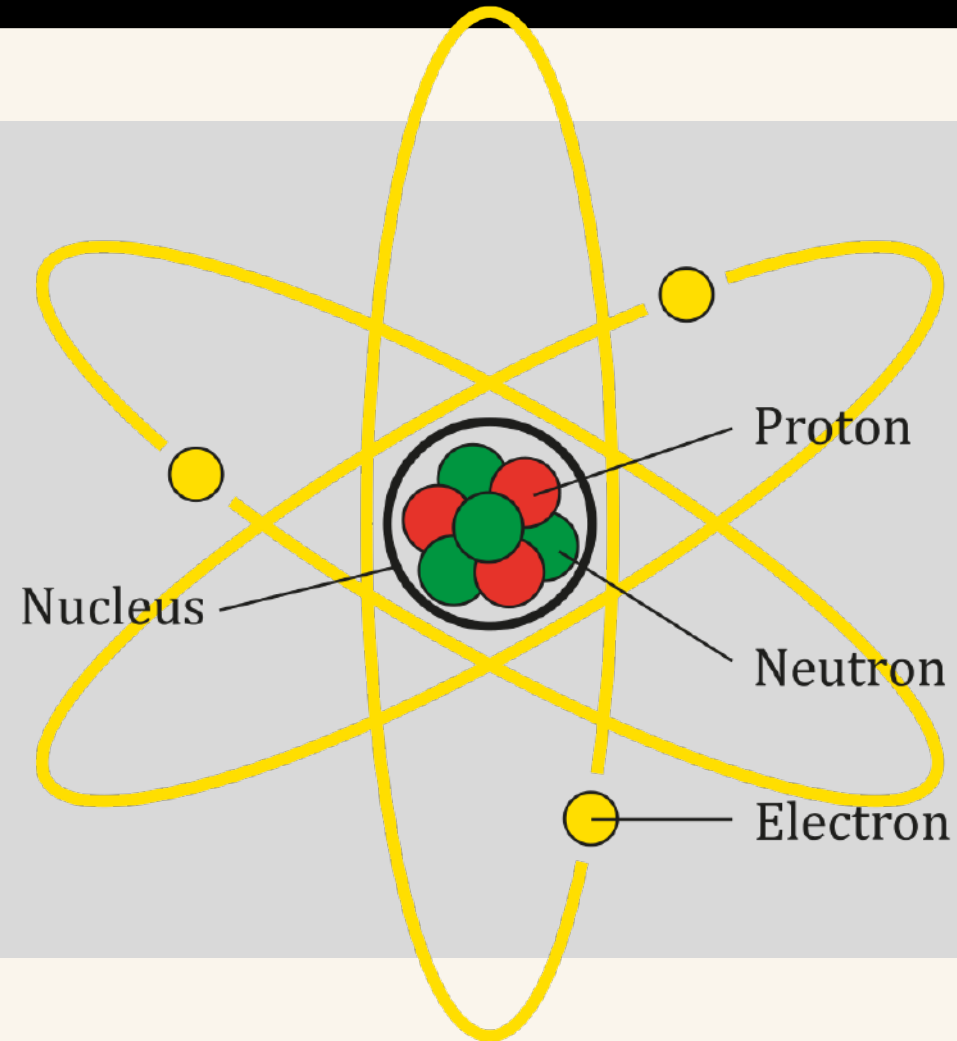
- The number varies slightly among atoms of the same element.
- Different number of neutrons produced isotopes of the same element.

The Nucleus

- Central core, consists of positively charged protons and neutral neutrons, positively charged, contains most of the mass of the atom.



The Atom



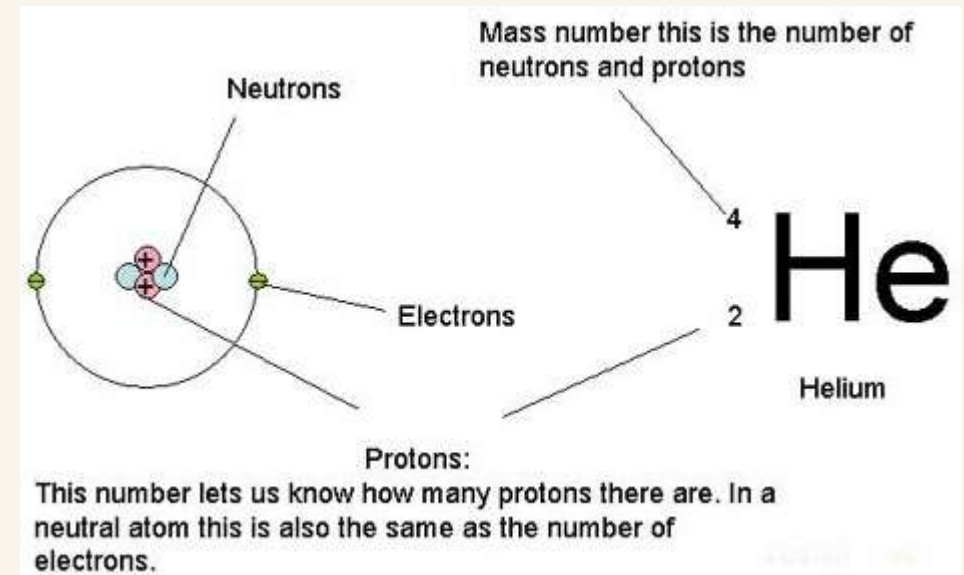


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Atomic Mass



- Protons & neutrons are found in the nucleus of an atom.
- Protons and neutrons each have a mass of 1 amu (atomic mass unit).
- The mass number of an atom is found by rounding the decimal point
- The mass number tells you the number of protons and neutrons in the atom.





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The Electron



Energy Levels

(-)

- Electrons in the same energy level are approximately the same distance from the nucleus.
- Outer energy levels have more energy than inner levels.
- Each level holds only a certain number of electrons (2, 8, 18...)

Valence

- Outermost Electrons that are responsible for how the atom reacts

Defined

- Negatively charged high energy particles with little or no mass.
- Travel at very high speeds at various distances (energy levels) from the nucleus.

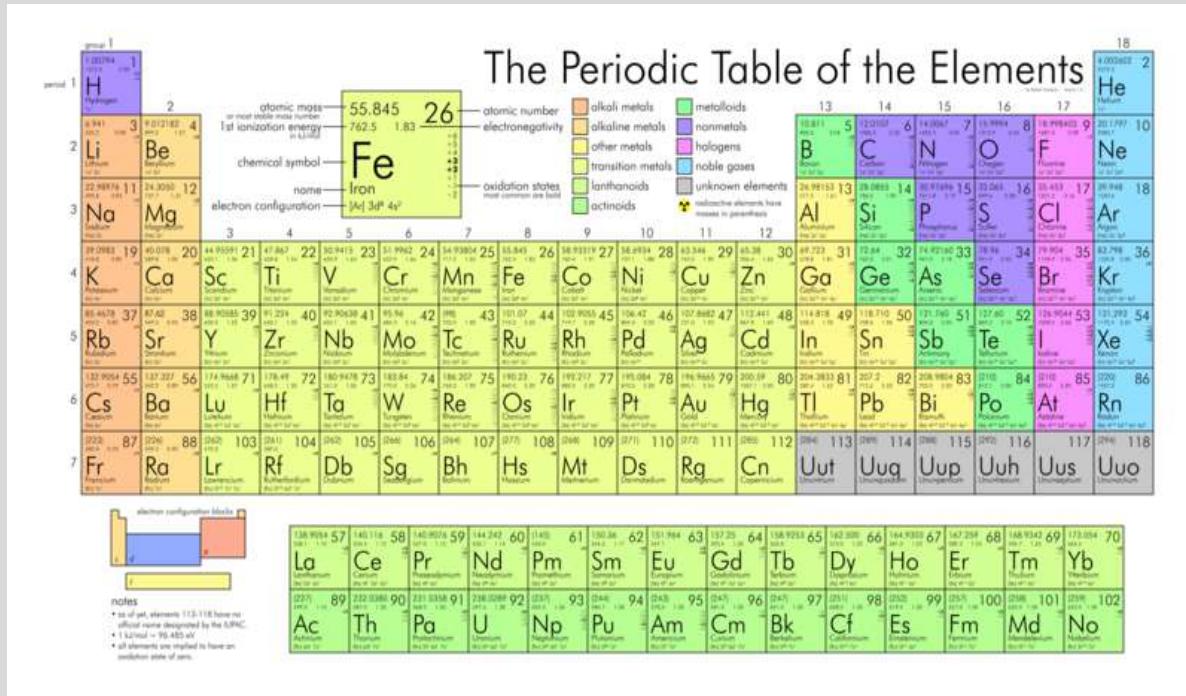


Periodic Table



Elements

The Periodic Table of the Elements



Legend:

- alkali metals
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- other metals
- transition metals
- lanthanoids
- actinoids
- metalloids
- nonmetals
- halogens
- noble gases
- unknown elements

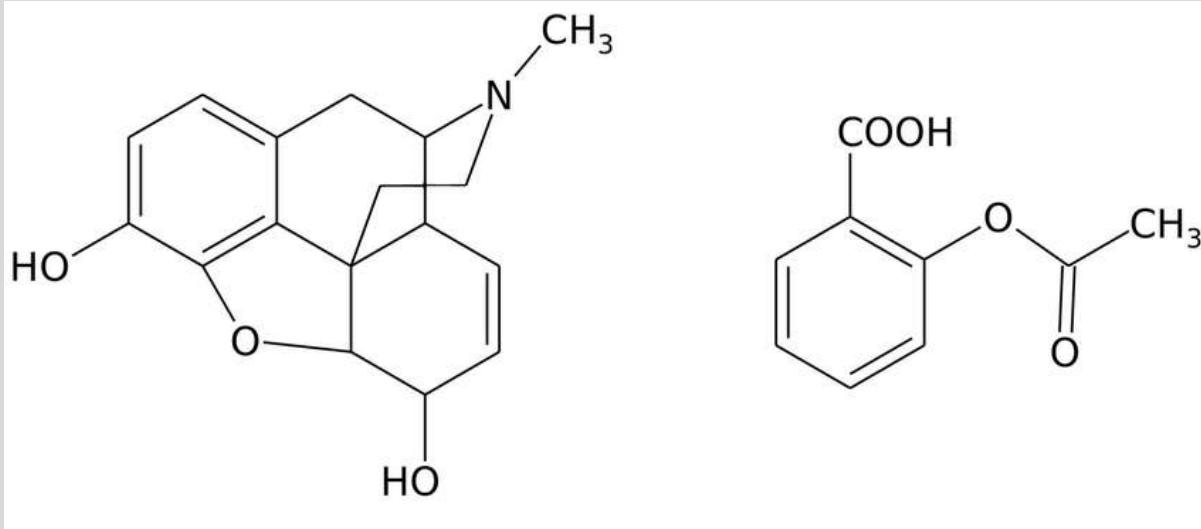
Notes:

- * as of yet, elements 113-118 have no official name designated by the IUPAC.
- * 1.672 eV = 95.485 eV
- * all elements are implied to have an oxidation state of zero.

- Elements are arranged by their atomic number on the Periodic Table.
- The horizontal rows are called Periods.
- Vertical groups are called Families & tell the outermost number of electrons (valence electrons).



Combinations



Morphine

Aspirin

Elements

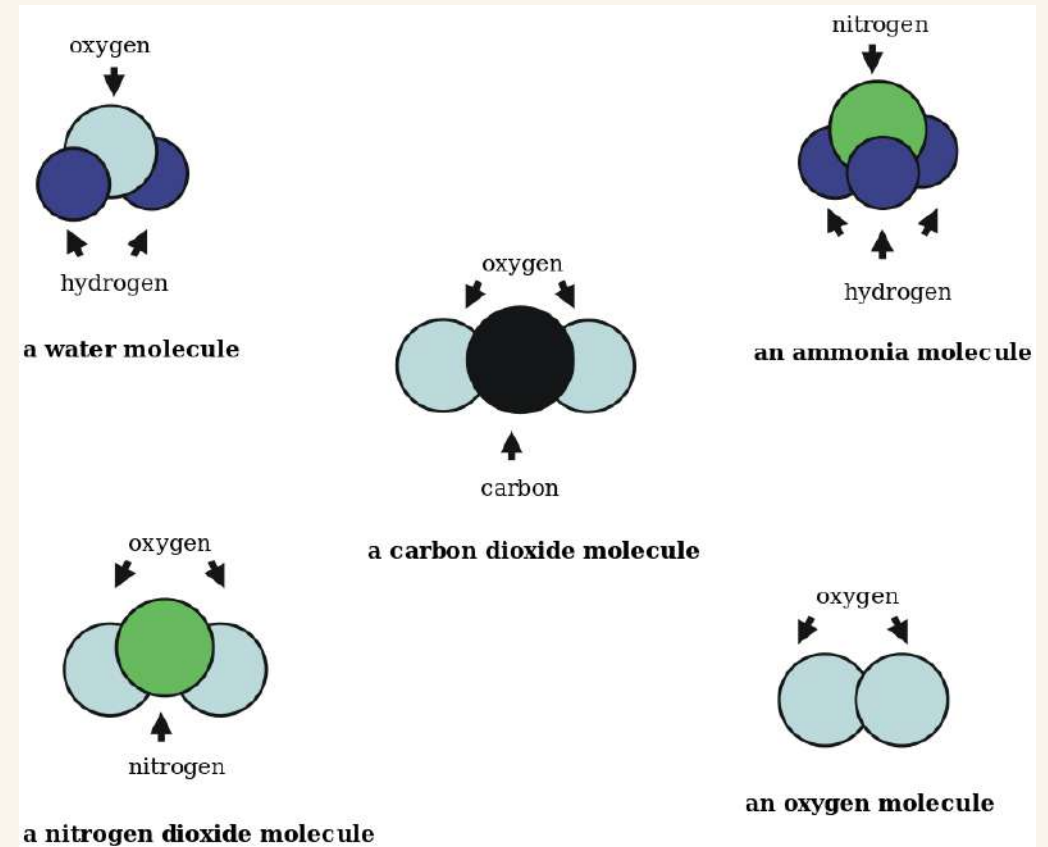
- Most elements do not exist by themselves.
- They readily combine with other elements in a predictable fashion.
- A compound is a pure substance made up of atoms of two or more elements.
- The proportion of atoms are always fixed.
- Chemical formula shows the kind and proportion of atoms of each element that occurs in a particular compound.
- The tendency of elements to combine and form compounds depends on the number and arrangement of valence electrons in their outermost energy level.
- Atoms are most stable when their outermost energy level is filled.



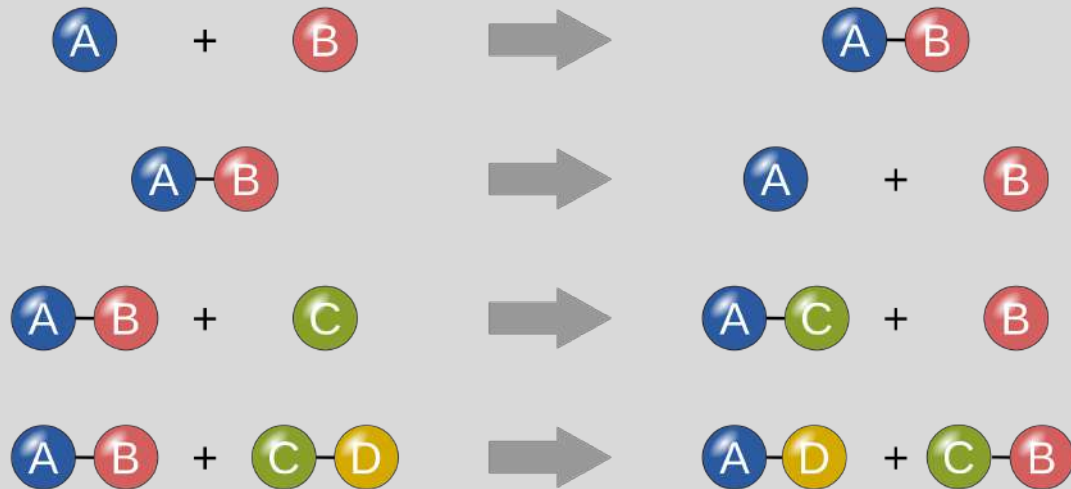
Molecules



- Molecules are the simplest part of a substance that retains all of the properties of the substance and exists in a free state.
- Some molecules are large and complex.



Chemical Formulas



- Subscript after a symbol tell the number of atoms of each element.
- H₂O has 2 atoms of hydrogen & 1 atom of oxygen.
- Coefficients before a formula tell the number of molecules.
- 3O₂ represents 3 molecules of oxygen or (3x2) or 6 atoms of oxygen.





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Properties of Matter



Stability

- Most atoms are not stable in their natural state.
- Tend to react (combine) with other atoms in order to become more stable (undergo chemical reactions).
- In chemical reactions bonds are broken; atoms rearranged and new chemical bonds are formed that store energy.

Chemical Reaction

- a process in which one or more substances, the reactants, are converted to one or more different substances, the products. Substances are either chemical elements or compounds. A chemical reaction rearranges the constituent atoms of the reactants to create different substances as products.

Properties

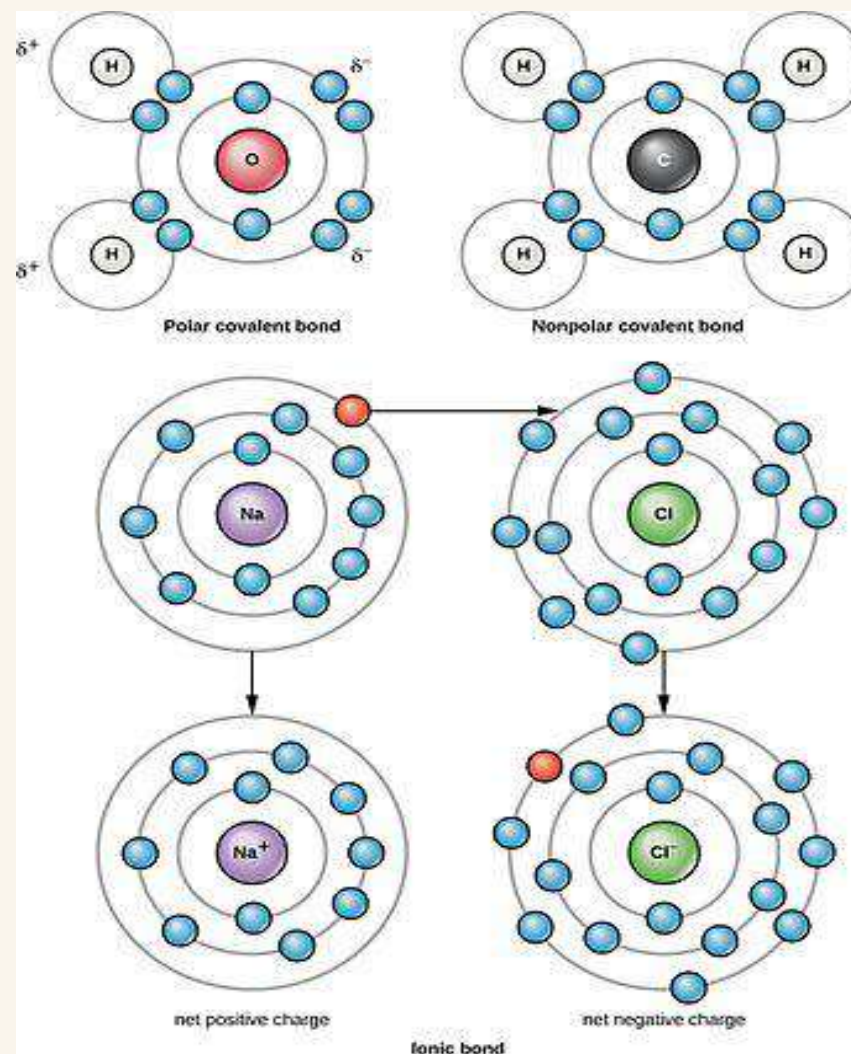
- The physical and chemical properties of a compound differ from the physical and chemical properties of the individual elements that compose it.

Bonding



Covalent Bonding

- Formed when two atoms share one or more pairs of electrons.
- Usually form between two nonmetals.
- **Polar covalent:** occurs when atoms are shared unequally in a covalent bond.
- **Nonpolar covalent:** Equal sharing of electrons



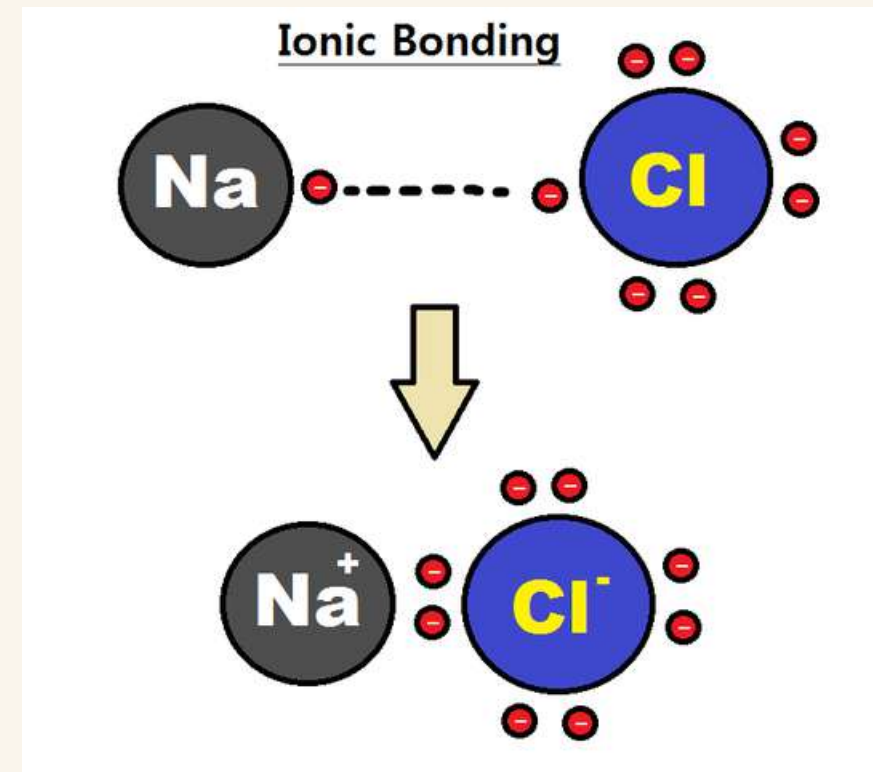


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Ionic Bonds



- Some atoms become stable by losing or gaining electrons.
- Atoms that lose electrons are called positive ions or cations.
- Atoms that gain electrons are called negative ions or anions.
- Because positive and negative electrical charges attract each other ionic bonds are formed.





States of Matter



Atoms are in constant motion. The rate at which atoms or molecules in a substance move determines its state.

Liquid

- Molecules not as tightly linked as a solid.
- Maintain fixed volume.
- Able to flow and conform to shape of container.

Gas

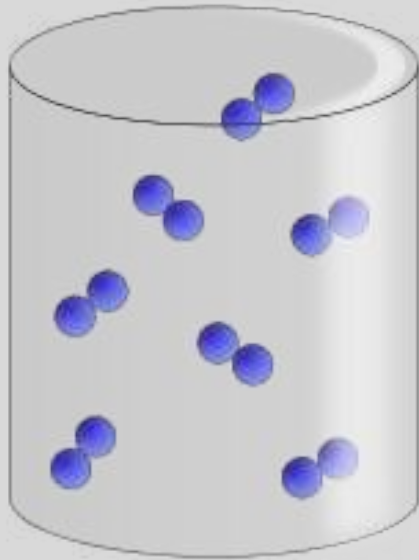
- Molecules have little or no attraction to each other.
- Fill the volume of the occupied container.
- Move most rapidly.

Solid

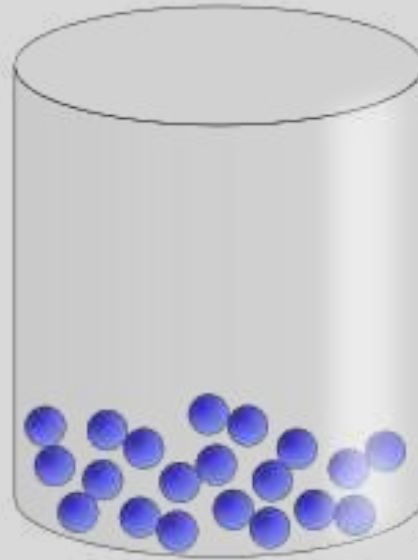
- Molecules tightly linked together in a definite shape.
- Vibrate in place.
- Fixed volume and shape.



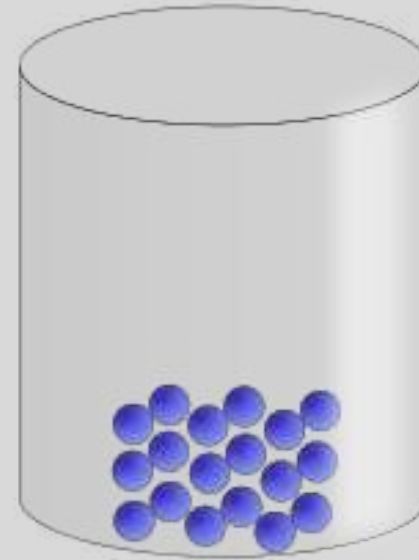
States of Matter



Gas



Liquid



Solid

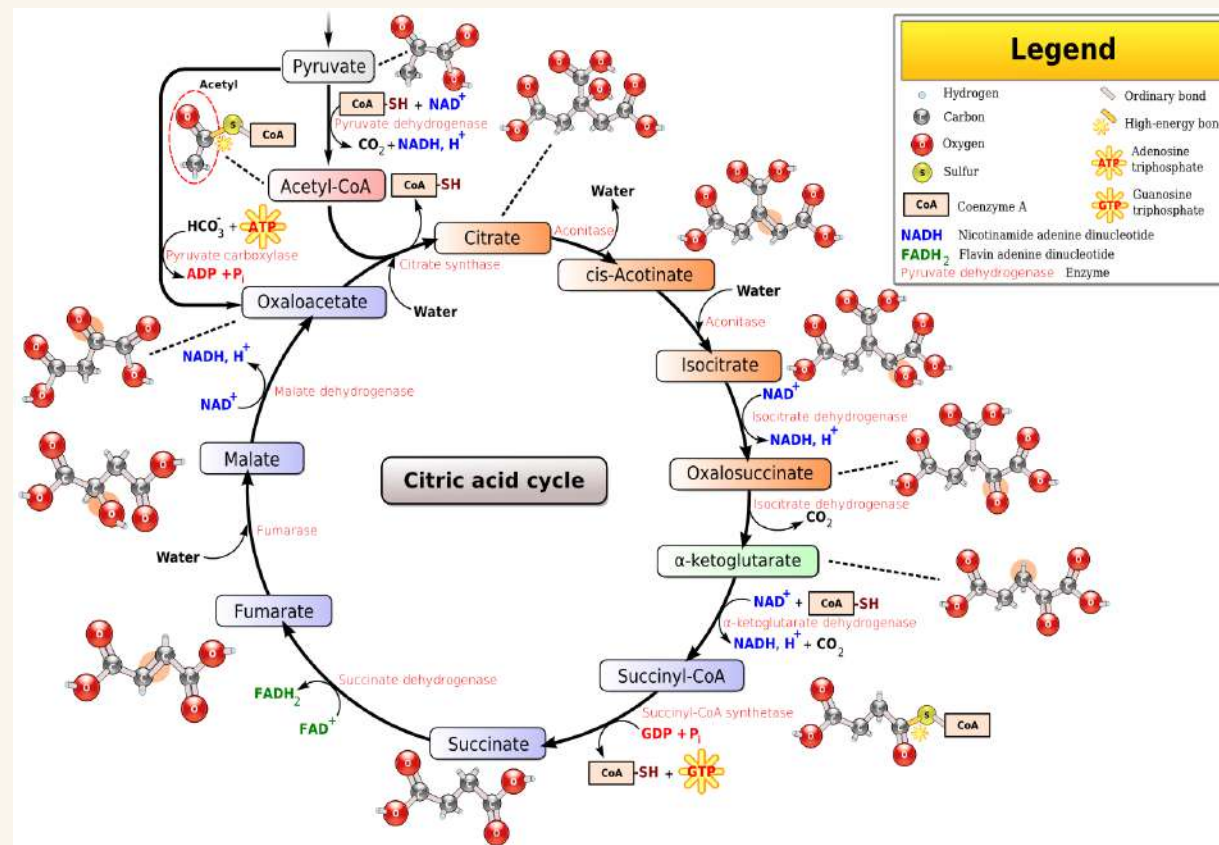


Energy & Chemical Reactions



Biochemical Pathways

- Living things undergo thousands of chemical reactions as part of the life process.
- Many are very complex involving multi-step sequences called biochemical pathways.

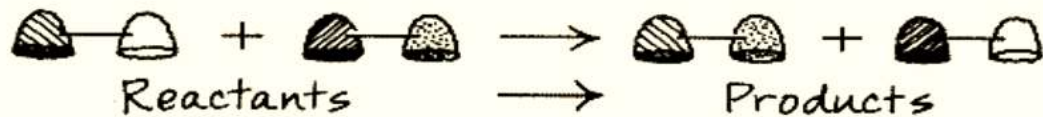




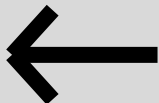
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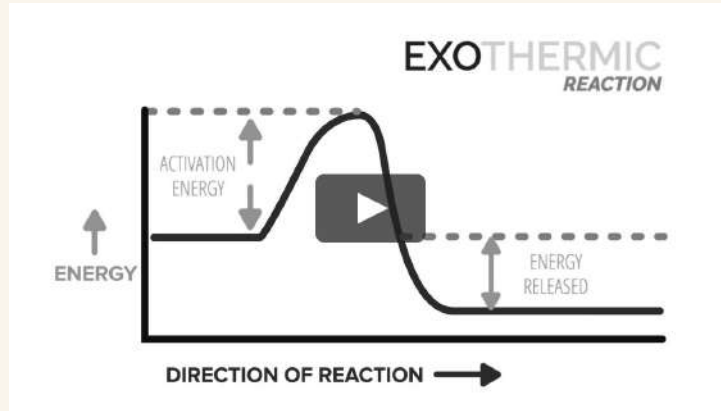
Chemical Reaction



- Chemical equations represent chemical reactions.
- Reactants are shown on the left side of the equation.
- Products are shown on the right side.



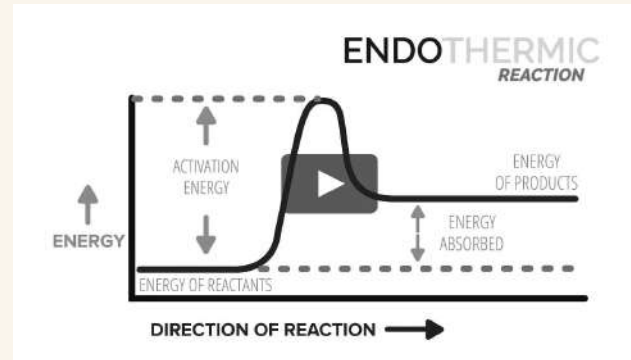
Energy Changes



Exothermic / Exergonic

Much of the energy organisms need is provided by sugar (food)

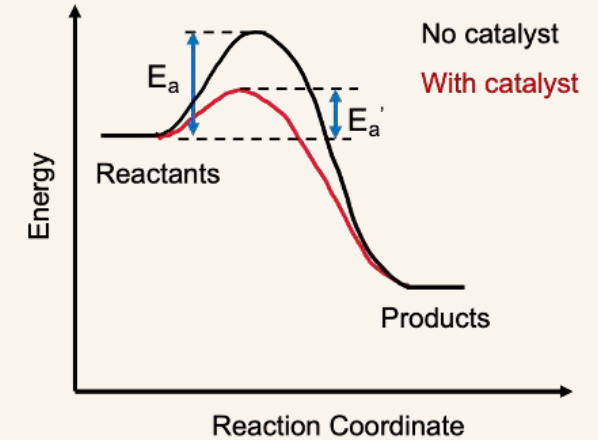
The net release of free energy is called an exergonic (exothermic) reaction



Endothermic / Endergonic

Reactions that involve a net absorption of free energy are called endergonic (endothermic) reactions.

Most reactions in living organisms are endergonic; therefore living organisms require a constant source of energy.



Activation Energy

Most chemical reactions require energy to begin.

The amount of energy needed to start the reaction is called activation energy.





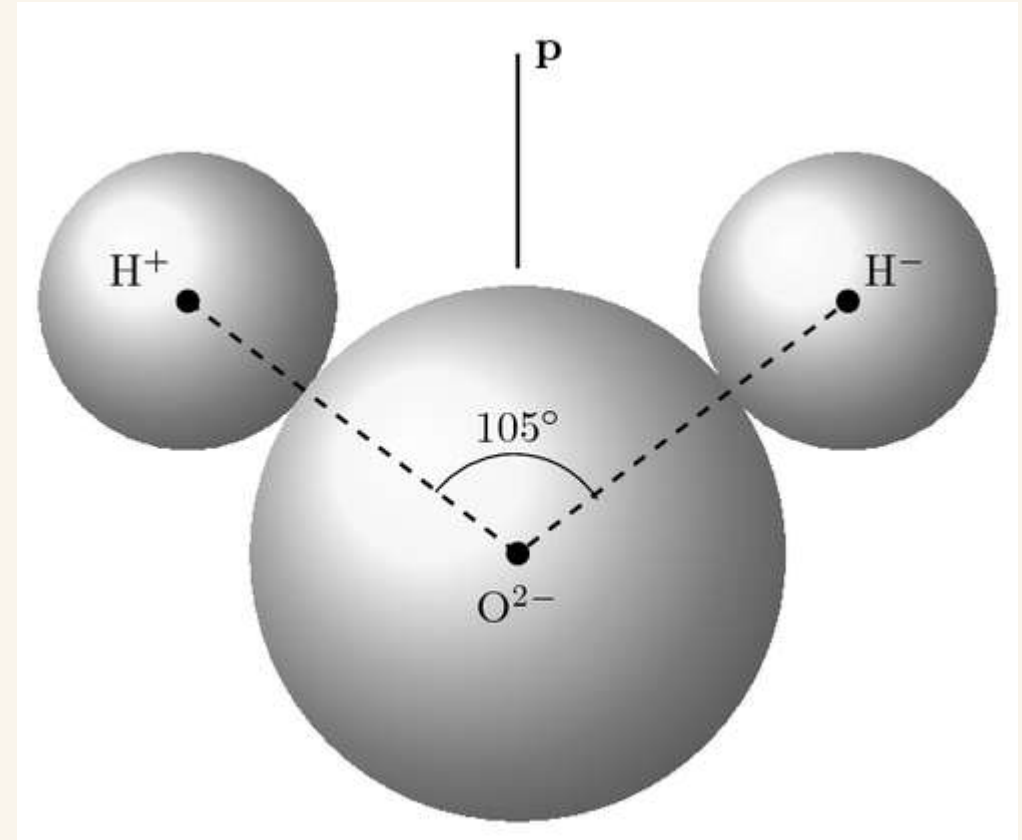
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Properties of Water

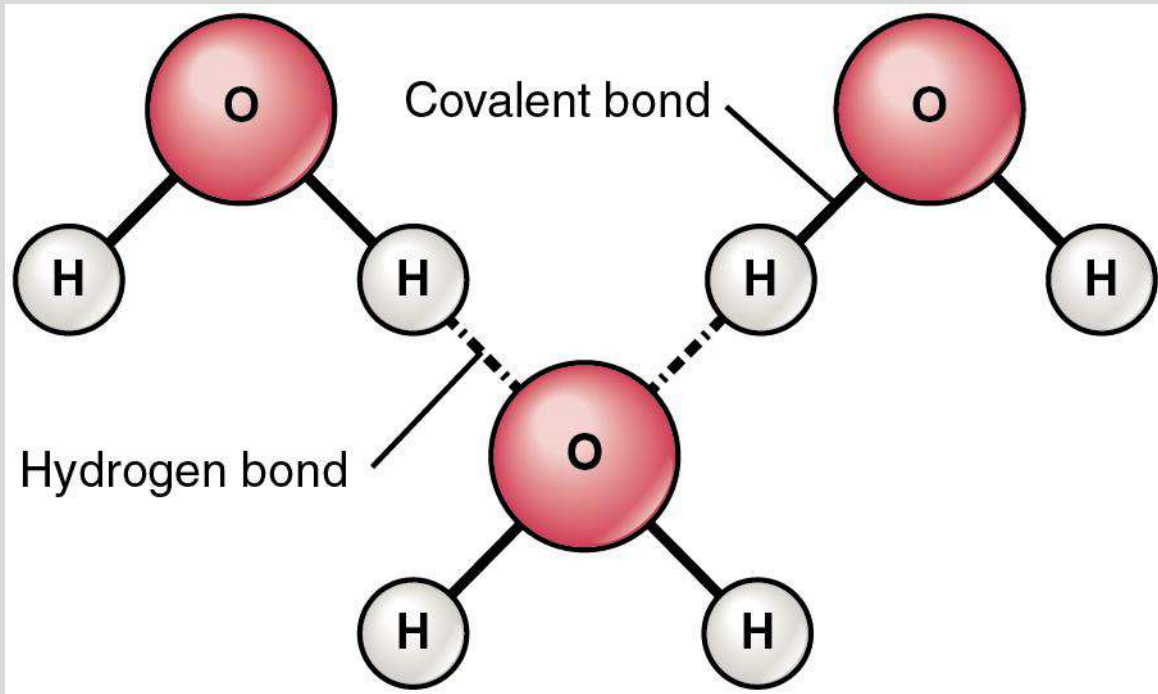


Dihydrogen Monoxide

- A water molecule (H_2O), is made up of three atoms --- one oxygen and two hydrogen.
- In each water molecule, the oxygen atom attracts more than its "fair share" of electrons.
- The oxygen end "acts" negative.
- The hydrogen end "acts" positive.
- Causes the water to be polar. However, water is neutral.



Water is Polar



- Hydrogen Bonds Exist Between Water Molecules
- Formed between a highly Electronegative atom of a **polar** molecule and a Hydrogen
- One hydrogen bond is weak , but many hydrogen bonds are strong



Cohesion & Adhesion



Cohesion - Attraction between particles of the same substance (why water is attracted to itself).

- Results in **Surface tension** (a measure of the strength of water's surface).
- Produces a surface film on water that allows insects to walk on the surface of water.

Cohesion



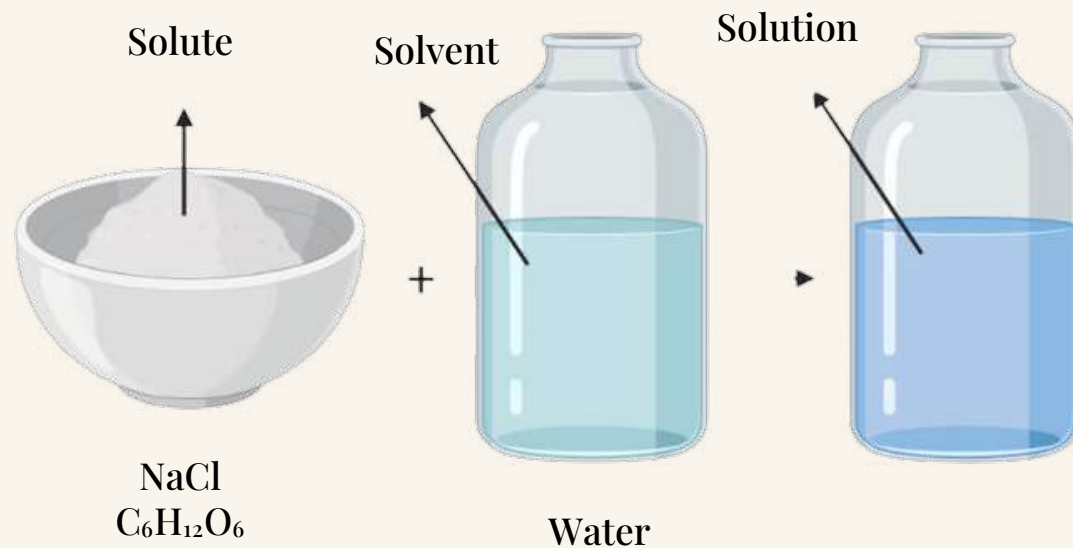
Adhesion - Attraction between two different substances.

- Water will make hydrogen bonds with other surfaces such as glass, soil, plant tissues, and cotton.
- **Capillary action**-water molecules will pull each other along when in a thin glass tube.
- **Example: transpiration** process which plants and trees remove water from the soil, and paper towels soak up water.

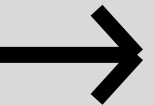
Adhesion



Solutions



- A **solution** is a **homogeneous** mixture of two or more substances. A solution may exist in any phase.
- A solution consists of a **solute** and a **solvent**. The **solute** is the substance that is dissolved in the **solvent**. The amount of solute that can be dissolved in solvent is called its solubility. For example, in a saline solution, salt is the solute dissolved in water as the solvent.





Properties of Water



High Specific Heat

- **High Specific Heat**—Amount of heat needed to raise or lower 1g of a substance 1° C.
 - ❑ Water resists temperature change, both for heating and cooling.
 - ❑ Water can absorb or release large amounts of heat energy with little change in actual temperature.
 - ❑ This causes temperature stabilization

High Heat of Vaporization

- **High Heat of Vaporization**—Amount of energy to convert 1g of a substance from a liquid to a gas
 - ❑ In order for water to evaporate, hydrogen bonds must be broken.
 - ❑ As water evaporates, it removes a lot of heat with it.
 - ❑ Water vapor forms a kind of global “blanket” which helps to keep the Earth warm.
 - ❑ Heat radiated from the sun warmed surface of the earth is absorbed and held by the vapor.





Density



Water Density

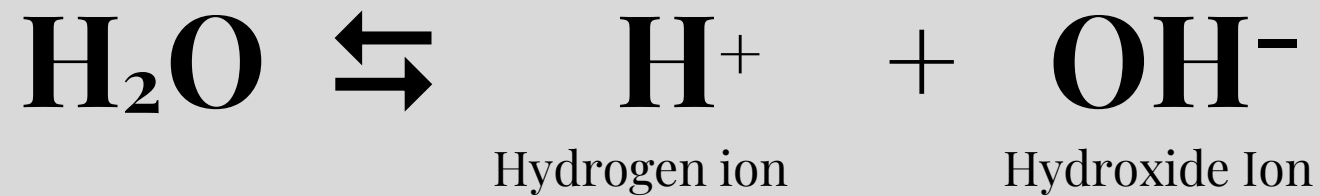
- Less Dense as a Solid
- Water is Less Dense as a Solid.
- Ice is less dense as a solid than as a liquid (ice floats)
- Liquid water has hydrogen bonds that are constantly being broken and reformed.
- Frozen water forms a crystal-like lattice whereby molecules are set at fixed distances.



Acids, Bases, & pH



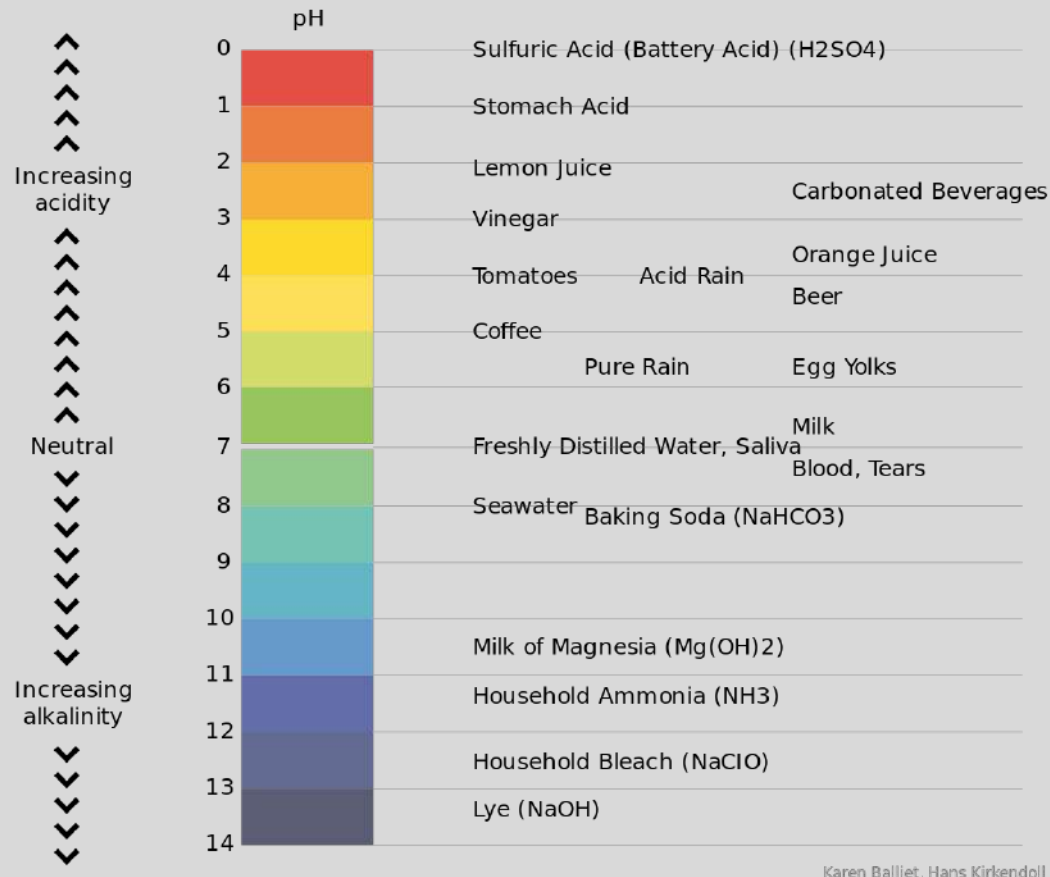
- One water molecule in 550 million naturally dissociates into a Hydrogen Ion (H^+) and a Hydroxide Ion (OH^-)





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pH Scale



- Indicates the concentration of H^+ ions.
- Ranges from 0 – 14.
- pH of 7 is neutral.
- pH 0 (strongest) up to 6.9 (weakest) is acid ... H^+ .
- pH above 7.1 (weakest) – 14 (strongest) is basic... OH^- .
- Each pH unit represents a factor of 10X change in concentration.
- pH 3 is 10 x 10 x 10 (1000) stronger than a pH of 6.





Buffers & Neutralization



- **Neutralization:** Weak acids or bases that react with strong acids or bases to prevent sharp, sudden changes in pH.
- Produced naturally by the body to maintain homeostasis.





Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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