

# Chemical Names and Formulas of Compounds

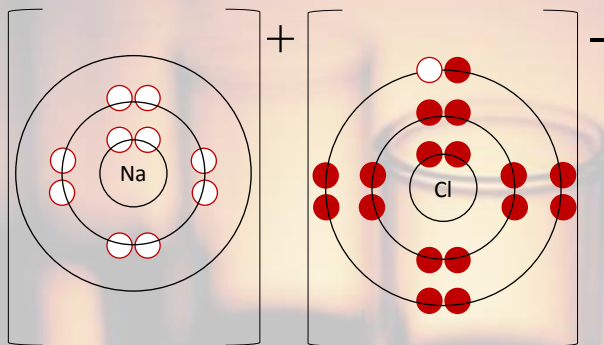
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### Reminder of the Information in PowerPoint 4.1

Ionic compounds and molecules can be represented in drawings utilizing Bohr models or Lewis diagrams. These compounds can also be represented in the following ways,

- Chemical formulae
- Chemical names
- Chemical equations

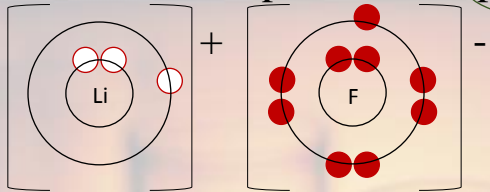
Bohr diagram of the ionic compound sodium chloride



|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Chemical formula   | NaCl  |
| Chemical name,     | sodium chloride                                     |
| Chemical equation, | $\text{Na}^+ + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{NaCl}$ |

## Things to Know about Ionic Compounds

➤ Each ionic compound has a **positive ion** and a **negative ion**.



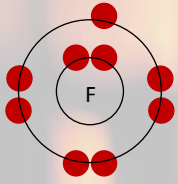
cation

anion

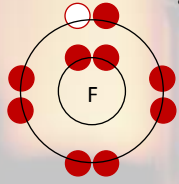
Metal

Non-metal

➤ The name of the negative non-metal ion always ends in *-ide*.



Fluorine



Fluoride

Chloride

Cl<sup>-</sup>

Sulfide

S<sup>2-</sup>

Metalloids can also  
act like non-metals

Bromide

Br<sup>-</sup>

Selenide

Se<sup>2-</sup>

Iodide

I<sup>-</sup>

Nitride

N<sup>3-</sup>

-Arsenide As<sup>3-</sup>

Oxide

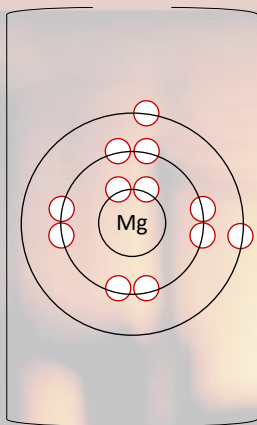
O<sup>2-</sup>

Phosphide

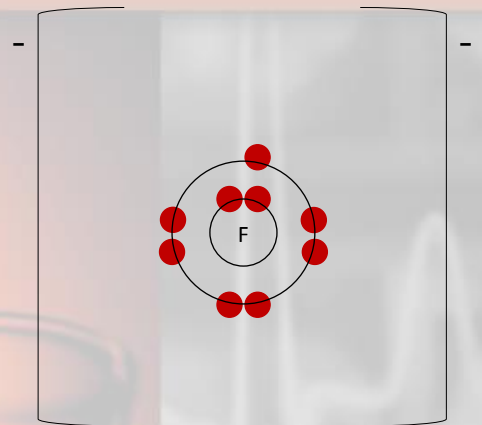
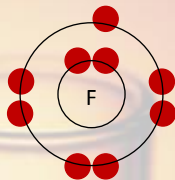
P<sup>3-</sup>

-Telluride Te<sup>2-</sup>

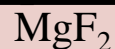
Utilizing the ionic compound MgF<sub>2</sub>,  
review the steps for naming an ionic compound



2+



## How to Determine the Chemical Name of an Ionic Compound



1. Name the metal ion, the cation. Magnesium

Magnesium donates two electrons, one to each fluorine, leaving it with a charge of 2+.

2. Name the non-metal, the anion, adding the suffix *-ide*. Fluoride

Each fluorine atom receives an electron from magnesium thereby forming the fluoride anion.

3. Write the name of the compounds, with the cation first.

Magnesium fluoride

## Try naming the compound $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$

1. Name the cation.

Lithium

2. Name the anion adding the *-ide* suffix.

Nitride

3. Write the name of the cation followed by the name of the anion.

Lithium nitride

## How to Determine the Chemical Formula for an Ionic Compound

Magnesium and fluoride

1. Identify each ion and their respective charges.

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{F}^-$

2. Determine the number of each ion needed to balance the positive and negative charges.

|                  |             |                    |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ | $+2 = +2$   | 1 $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ |
| $\text{F}^-$     | $-1-1 = -2$ | 2 $\text{F}^-$     |

3. Note the ratio of positive and negative ions

There are 2  $\text{F}^-$  for each 1  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ .

4. Write the formula with the ratio in subscript numbers

$\text{MgF}_2$

➤ A "1" is not written in the formula.

➤ Usually, the ratio is simplified if possible.

Chemical equation,  $\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{F}^- \rightarrow \text{MgF}_2$

## Try writing the chemical formula for the ionic compound formed between lithium and nitrogen

Lithium and nitrogen

1. Identify each ion and their respective charges.

$\text{Li}^+$  and  $\text{N}^{3-}$

2. Determine the number of each ion needed to balance the positive and negative charges.

|                 |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| $\text{Li}^+$   | $+1 +1 +1 = +3$ | 3 $\text{Li}^+$   |
| $\text{N}^{3-}$ | $-3 = -3$       | 1 $\text{N}^{3-}$ |

3. Note the ratio of positive and negative ions

There are 3  $\text{Li}^+$  for each 1  $\text{N}^{3-}$ .

4. Write the formula with the ratio in subscript numbers

$\text{Li}_3\text{N}$

➤ A "1" is not written in the formula.

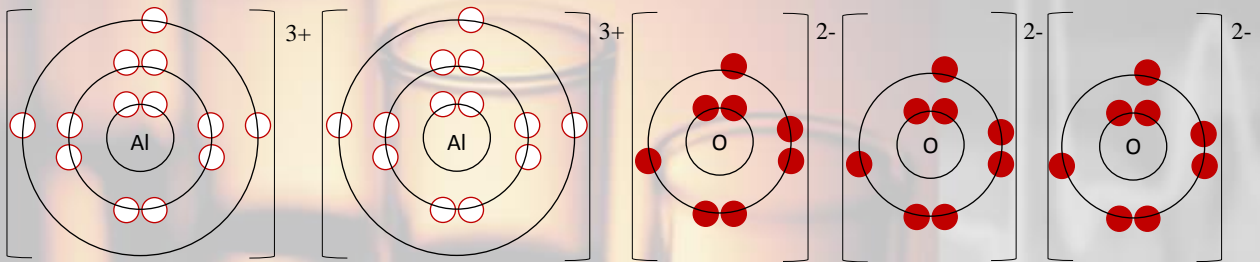
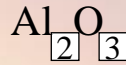
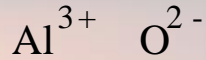
➤ Usually, the ratio is simplified if possible.

Chemical equation,  $3\text{Li}^+ + \text{N}^{3-} \rightarrow \text{Li}_3\text{N}$

## A Shortcut, the Cross-Over Rule

The Cross-Over Rule is a trick utilized to arrive at the chemical formula of an ionic compound after identifying the ions present.

### Aluminum and oxygen



## Multivalent Elements

9  
F  
Fluorine  
19.0

-

→ Ionic charge

29  
Cu  
Copper  
63.5

2+  
1+

→ Elements with more than one possible ionic charge are called ***multivalent*** elements.

- Only the most common ionic charges are written on your periodic tables
- The most common charge written on top.

Ions of the same element with different charges can have very different properties. →



V<sup>2+</sup> V<sup>3+</sup> V<sup>4+</sup> V<sup>5+</sup>

## How to Determine the Chemical Formula for Ionic Compounds with Multivalent Metals

### Chromium (III) nitride

1. Identify each ion and their respective charges.

Cr<sup>3+</sup> and N<sup>3-</sup>

2. Determine the number of each ion needed to balance the positive and negative charges.

Cr<sup>3+</sup>    +3 = +3            1 Cr<sup>3+</sup>

N<sup>3-</sup>     -3 = -3            1 N<sup>3-</sup>

3. Note the ratio of positive and negative ions

There is 1 Cr<sup>3+</sup> for each 1 N<sup>3-</sup>.

4. Write the formula with the ratio in subscript numbers



➤ A "1" is not written in the formula.

➤ The ratio is typically simplified if possible.

"Chromium three nitride"

Cross-Over rule    Cr<sup>3+</sup> N<sup>3-</sup>    ➡    CrN

Chemical equation, Cr<sup>3+</sup> + N<sup>3-</sup> → CrN

## How to Determine Chemical Name for Ionic Compounds with Multivalent Metals

1. Identify the metal and its possible ions.

Cu<sub>3</sub>P  
Cu, copper    Cu<sup>+</sup> ou Cu<sup>2+</sup>

2. Note the charge on the anion from the Periodic Table and determine the charge on the metal taking into account the number of each ion.

P<sup>3-</sup>    1(-3) = -3

Cu<sup>x</sup>    3(x) = +3

x = +1

➤ The positive and negative charges must balance.

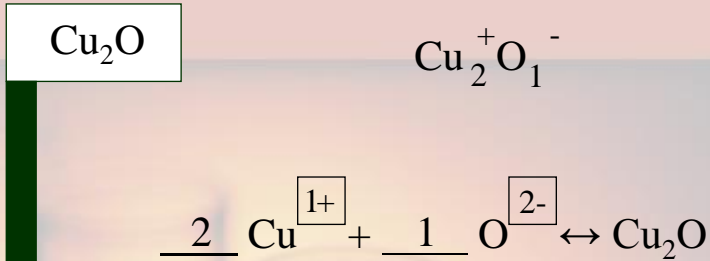
➤ Determine the positive charge needed to balance

The copper ion in this compound is copper (I).

4. Write the name of the compound with the cation first.

Copper (I) phosphide

## Utilizing the Cross-Over Rule in Reverse in order to Determine the Charge on the Multivalent Metal

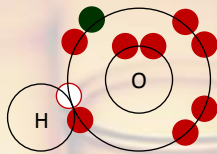


In this case, copper (I) is present.  
The name is, therefore, **Copper (I) oxide**.

## Polyatomic Ions

Polyatomic ions are covalent compounds, molecules, that carry a charge.

Hydroxide,  $\text{OH}^-$ , is a polyatomic ion.



There are 9p and 10e in this compound, therefore the overall charge is -1.  
Basically, for writing formulas and names,

**TREAT POLYATOMIC IONS LIKE ANY OTHER ION.**



## Common Polyatomic Ions

| Positive Ions                         | Negative Ions   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> ammonium | CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> acetate                | HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> hydrogen carbonate, bicarbonate | NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> nitrite       |
|                                       | CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> carbonate                 | HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> hydrogen sulfate, bisulfate     | ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> perchlorate  |
|                                       | ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> chlorate                  | HS <sup>-</sup> hydrogen sulfide, bisulfide                   | MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> permanganate |
|                                       | ClO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> chlorite                  | HSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> hydrogen sulfite, bisulfite     | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> phosphate    |
|                                       | CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> chromate                 | OH <sup>-</sup> hydroxide                                     | PO <sub>3</sub> <sup>3-</sup> phosphite    |
|                                       | CN <sup>-</sup> cyanide                                 | ClO <sup>-</sup> hypochlorite                                 | SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> sulfate      |
|                                       | Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup> dichromate | NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> nitrate                          | SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> sulfite      |

## How to Determine the Chemical Name for Ionic Compounds with Polyatomic Ions



1. Identify each ion and their respective charges.



➤ Tip - If you don't find the element on the Periodic Table check the list of polyatomic ions.

2. Write the name of the compound with the cation first.

Aluminum sulfate

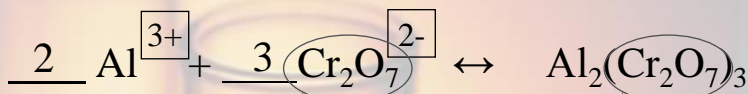
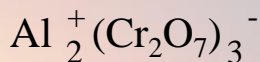


## How to Determine the Chemical Formula for Ionic Compounds with Polyatomic Ions

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|---|--|
| <p>1. Identify each ion and their respective charges.<br/>         ➤ Tip - If you don't find the element on the Periodic Table check the list of polyatomic ions.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Ammonium phosphate<br/> <math>\text{NH}_4^+</math> and <math>\text{PO}_4^{3-}</math></p>   |
| <p>2. Determine the ratio of ions needed to balance the positive and negative charges.<br/>         ➤ The positive and negative charges must balance.</p>             | <p style="text-align: right;"> <math>\text{PO}_4^{3-}</math>    <math>1(-3) = -3</math><br/> <math>\text{NH}_4^+</math>    <math>x(1) = +3</math><br/> <math>x = 3</math><br/>           There are 3 <math>\text{NH}_4^+</math> for each 1 <math>\text{PO}_4^{3-}</math>.         </p> |
| <p>3. Write the name of the compound with the cation first.<br/>         ➤ Place brackets around polyatomic ions if more than one is needed.</p>                      | <p style="text-align: right;"><math>(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4</math></p>  |

In Order to Determine Chemical Formulas and Chemical Names with Polyatomic Ions, Follow the Same Steps.

Remember, **TREAT THESE LIKE ANY OTHER ION.**



Notice that the polyatomic ion's,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ , formula is the same before and after the reaction.

The chemical name for  $\text{Al}_2(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7)_3$  is Aluminum dichromate

## Names of Covalent Compounds

Binary compound

Covalent compound with two non-metals  
joins by on or more covalent bonds

DEET,  $C_{12}H_{17}NO$



*N,N*-diethyl-*m*-toluamide

Water,  $H_2O$



Dihydrogen  
monoxide

Tylenol,  $C_8H_9NO_2$



*N*-(4-  
hydroxyphenyl)acetamide

Alcohol,  $C_2H_5OH$



Ethanol

## Naming Binary Covalent Compounds



1. Name the first (leftmost) element in the formula

Nitrogen

2. Name the second element in the formula adding the suffix *-ide*.

Oxygen → oxide

3. Add prefixes to each element's name indicating the number of atoms or each element in the compound

2 nitrogen → dinitrogen

3 oxides → trioxide

4. Write the name in the same order as the elements are written in the compound's formula

dinitrogen trioxide

# Summary

## Ionic Compounds

### Chemical name

### Chemical formula

Roman numeral indicating the charge  
 ➤ on multivalent metal only.

Cation written first

Chromium (III) nitride

$\text{Cr}_2\text{N}_3$

Cation written first

Subscript numbers indicate the ratio between ions

Anion written second with the suffix *-ide*

## Covalent Compounds

### Chemical name

### Chemical formula

Prefixes indicate the number of atoms of each element

Ratios of atoms are not simplified in covalent compounds as they are in ionic compounds

Carbon disulfide

Second with the suffix *-ide*

$\text{CS}_2$

No prefix if there is only one of the first element

Subscript numbers indicate the ratio between ions