

Naming Covalent Compounds

We use the _____ naming system for _____. The prefix naming system tells us how many of each atom is combined in the formula.

| Prefix | Number of Atoms |
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Rules to follow:

1. _____ element is written first.
2. Prefix is placed _____ the element's name.
3. If there is only 1 of the first element, we do _____ write the mono.
Eg. CO, simply write carbon...
4. Write the name of the second element with the appropriate prefix that shows _____
_____ are present in that compound.
Eg. CO becomes carbon monoxide

Other examples:

CS₂ = carbon disulphide

SO₃ = Sulphur trioxide

CCl₄ = Carbon tetrachloride

P₂O₅ = Diphosphorus pentoxide

Diatoms

All elemental gases form diatomic molecules. Diatomic molecules are composed of only _____ atoms.

Hydrogen (H₂), Nitrogen (N₂), Oxygen (O₂), Fluorine (F₂), Chlorine (Cl₂), Bromine (Br₂) and Iodine (I₂)

These molecules are _____ found as a single atom, all by itself.

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| IA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VIIIA | |
| 1 H 1.008 | 2 IIA | | | | | | | | | | | 13 IIIA | 14 IVA | 15 VA | 16 VIA | 17 VIIA | 2 He 4.00 | |
| 3 Li 6.94 | 4 Be 9.01 | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 B 10.81 | 6 C 12.01 | 7 N 14.01 | 8 O 16.00 | 9 F 19.00 | 10 Ne 20.18 |
| 11 Na 22.99 | 12 Mg 24.31 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Al 26.98 | 14 Si 28.09 | 15 P 30.97 | 16 S 32.07 | 17 Cl 35.45 | 18 Ar 39.95 | |
| 19 K 39.10 | 20 Ca 40.08 | 21 Sc 44.96 | 22 Ti 47.88 | 23 V 50.94 | 24 Cr 52.00 | 25 Mn 54.94 | 26 Fe 55.85 | 27 Co 58.93 | 28 Ni 58.69 | 29 Cu 63.55 | 30 Zn 65.39 | 31 Ga 69.72 | 32 Ge 72.61 | 33 As 74.92 | 34 Se 76.96 | 35 Br 79.90 | 36 Kr 83.80 | |
| 37 Rb 85.47 | 38 Sr 87.62 | 39 Y 88.91 | 40 Zr 91.22 | 41 Nb 92.91 | 42 Mo 95.94 | 43 Tc (98) | 44 Ru 101.1 | 45 Rh 102.9 | 46 Pd 106.4 | 47 Ag 107.9 | 48 Cd 112.4 | 49 In 114.8 | 50 Sn 118.71 | 51 Sb 121.75 | 52 Te 127.60 | 53 I 126.90 | 54 Xe 131.29 | |
| 55 Cs 132.91 | 56 Ba 137.33 | 57 La 138.9 | 72 Hf 178.5 | 73 Ta 180.9 | 74 W 183.9 | 75 Re 186.2 | 76 Os 190.2 | 77 Ir 192.2 | 78 Pt 195.1 | 79 Au 197.0 | 80 Hg 200.6 | 81 Tl 204.4 | 82 Pb 207.2 | 83 Bi 208.98 | 84 Po (209) | 85 At (210) | 86 Rn (222) | |
| 87 | 88 | 89 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | | | | | | | | | | |

Check for Understanding

1. Sulphur dioxide
2. Carbon monoxide
3. Barium hexasulphide
4. Tetrasulphur dinitride
5. PCl_5
6. Si_2I_6
7. Br_3O_8
8. MnF_2