

Answer all the questions below then check your answers.

- 1. What are ions?
- 2. When metals react they tend to lose electrons and form ions with what charge?
- b. What do we call ions with a positive charge?
- 3. When non-metals react they tend to gain electrons, what charge will be on an atom that gains electrons?
- b. What do we call ions with a negative charge?
- 4 Sodium has the symbol Na, it has an atomic number of 11 and a relative atomic mass of 23.
- a. How many protons and electrons does a sodium atom have?
- b. What is the electronic configuration (arrangement) of a sodium atom?
- c. Complete the diagram of the sodium atom shown opposite by adding in the number of protons in the nucleus and by filling the electrons shells. Show the electrons as dots.
- 5. A chlorine atom has the symbol Cl, its atomic number is 17 and it has a relative



atomic mass of 35.

- a. How many protons and electrons does a chlorine atom have?
- b. What is the electronic arrangement of a chlorine atom?
- c. Complete the atomic structure diagram opposite of a chlorine atom by filling in the number of protons in the nucleus and the electron shells. Show the electrons as crosses.



- 6. In terms of electrons:
- a. How does a sodium atom end up with full last shells?
- b. How does a chlorine atom end up with full last shells?
- c. The diagram below shows the sodium and chlorine atoms, complete the diagram by adding an arrow to show how the electrons move when these two atoms react with each other.





- d. Explain why the sodium atom ends up forming a sodium ion with a + charge.
- e. Explain why the chlorine atom ends up forming a chloride ion with a charge?
- f. What is an ionic bond?
- g. What is the electronic arrangement of a:
- i. chloride ion? Which noble gas has the same electron arrangement as a chloride ion?
- ii sodium ion? Which noble gas has the same electron arrangement as a sodium ion?
- 7. Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the formation of (you only need to draw simplified diagrams showing electrons in the last shell only):
- i. magnesium oxide.
- ii. aluminium chloride.

Ionic bonding

Answers.

- 1. What are ions? Charged particles
- 2. When metals react they tend to lose electrons and form ions with what charge? Metals form positively charged ions. Loss of 1 electron =1+ charge, loss of 2 electrons =2+ charge, loss of 3 electrons = 3+ charge.
- b. What do we call ions with a positive charge? cations
- 3. When non-metals react they tend to gain electrons, what charge will be on an atom that gains electrons? Negatively charged
- b. What do we call ions with a negative charge? anions
- 4 Sodium has the symbol Na, it has an atomic number of 11 and a relative atomic mass of 23.
- a. How many protons and electrons does a sodium atom have? 11 protons and 11 electrons.
- b. What is the electronic configuration (arrangement) of a sodium atom? 2,8,1
- c. Complete the diagram of the sodium atom shown opposite by adding in the number of protons in the nucleus and by filling the electrons shells. Show the electrons as dots.
- A chlorine atom has the symbol Cl, its atomic number is 17 and it has a relative atomic mass of 35.



- a. How many protons and electrons does a chlorine atom have? 17 protons and
 17 electrons
- b. What is the electronic arrangement of a chlorine atom? 2,8,7
- c. Complete the atomic structure diagram opposite of a chlorine atom by filling in the number of protons in the nucleus and the electron shells. Show the electrons as crosses.



- 6. In terms of electrons:
- a. How does a sodium atom end up with full last shells? Loses 1 electron in last shell to chlorine
- b. How does a chlorine atom end up with full last shells? Gains 1 electron from sodium
- c. The diagram below shows the sodium and chlorine atoms, complete the diagram by adding an arrow to show how the electrons move when these two atoms react with each other.



- d. Explain why the sodium atom ends up forming a sodium ion with a + charge.
 Loses 1 electron so has 11 protons (11 positive charges) but only 10 electrons (10 negative charges), so has 1 more positive charge than negative charge
- e. Explain why the chlorine atom ends up forming a chloride ion with a charge? Has 18 electrons but only 17 protons
- f. What is an ionic bond? Force of attraction between a positive and negative ion, these are often called electrostatic forces.
- g. What is the electronic arrangement of a:
- i. chloride ion? Which noble gas has the same electron arrangement as a chloride ion? 2,8,8 same as argon
- ii sodium ion? Which noble gas has the same electron arrangement as a sodium ion? 2,8 same as neon
- 7. Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the formation of (you only need to draw simplified diagrams showing electrons in the last shell only):
- i. magnesium oxide.



