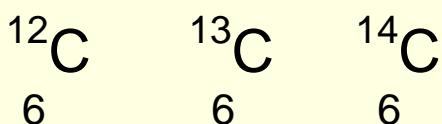


# ISOTOPES

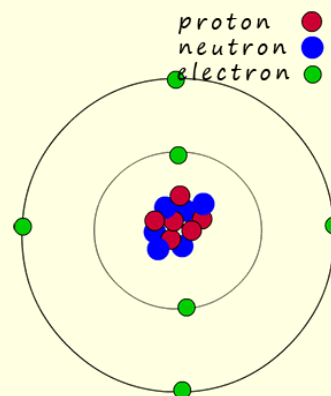
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Answer all the questions below then check your answers.

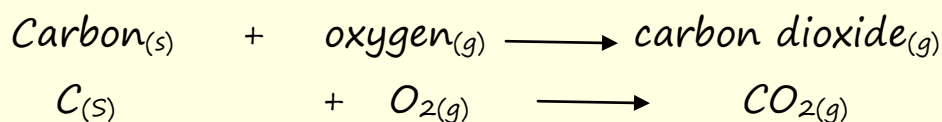
1 Carbon has 3 isotopes. The chemical symbol for these is shown below:



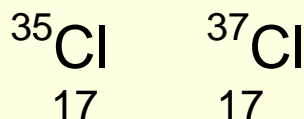
- What is the atomic number for each isotope?
  - How many protons and electrons does each isotope have?
  - What is the electron arrangement for each isotope?
  - Calculate the number of neutrons in each isotope.
  - What is an isotope?
  - What can you say about the chemical reactivity of each isotope? How will they differ from each other?
2. Below is an atomic structure diagram for the  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  isotope. Draw similar diagrams for  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{14}\text{C}$  isotopes



3. When carbon burns it will form the gas carbon dioxide. A word and symbolic equation for this reaction is shown below:



- a. Assuming that the isotope that burns is  $^{12}\text{C}$ , calculate the  $M_r$  of the carbon dioxide gas that forms.
- b. If the  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotope was burned instead of the  $^{12}\text{C}$  how would the carbon dioxide be different?
4. Chlorine has 2 isotopes, these are



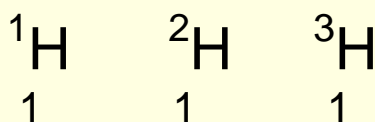
a. Complete the table below for each isotope.

isotope	Number of protons	Number of electrons	Number of neutrons	Electron arrangement
${}^{35}\text{Cl}$ 17				
${}^{37}\text{Cl}$ 17				

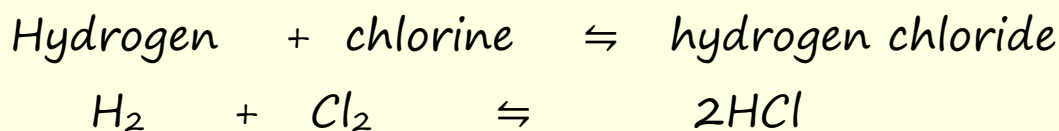
- b. How are the two isotopes different from each other?
- c. The  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  isotope is more common than the  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  isotope. In fact 75% of all the chlorine atoms are  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  and 25% are the heavier  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  isotope. Use the formula below to calculate the relative atomic mass of chlorine.

$$\text{Relative formula} = \frac{(\% \text{ abundance of isotope 1} \times \text{mass}) + (\% \text{ abundance of isotope 2} \times \text{mass})}{100}$$

- d. Hydrogen has 3 isotopes, these are:



Hydrogen reacts with chlorine according to the equation below:



- i. Draw 2 possible molecules that could be formed when chlorine reacts with hydrogen to form hydrogen chloride gas.

5. The element boron has 2 naturally occurring isotopes. These are:

isotope	% abundance
$^{10}\text{B}$	20
$^{11}\text{B}$	80

a. Calculate the relative atomic mass of boron using the information in the table.

6. The element neon has 3 naturally occurring isotopes. These are:

isotope	% abundance
$^{20}\text{Ne}$	90.92
$^{21}\text{Ne}$	0.3
$^{22}\text{Ne}$	8.78

a. Calculate the relative atomic mass of neon using the information in the table.

7. Lead has four stable isotopes: lead-204, lead-206, lead-207, and lead-208. If their relative abundances are 1.4%, 24.1%, 22.1%, and 52.4% respectively, calculate the relative atomic mass of lead.

8. An unknown heavy metal, X, has two isotopes with the following data:

Isotope 1: Mass = 184, Abundance = 37.4%

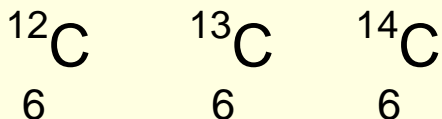
Isotope 2: Mass = 186, Abundance = 62.6%

Calculate the relative atomic mass of element X

9. Mercury has seven stable isotopes. The most abundant isotope is mercury-202, with an abundance of 29.86%. Given that the relative atomic mass of mercury is 200.6, outline the steps to determine if any of the other isotopes are likely to have a mass number below 200.
10. Uranium has several isotopes, including uranium-235 (0.72% abundance) and uranium-238 (99.27% abundance). Calculate the relative atomic mass of uranium.

# Answers

1 Carbon has 3 isotopes. The chemical symbol for these is shown below:



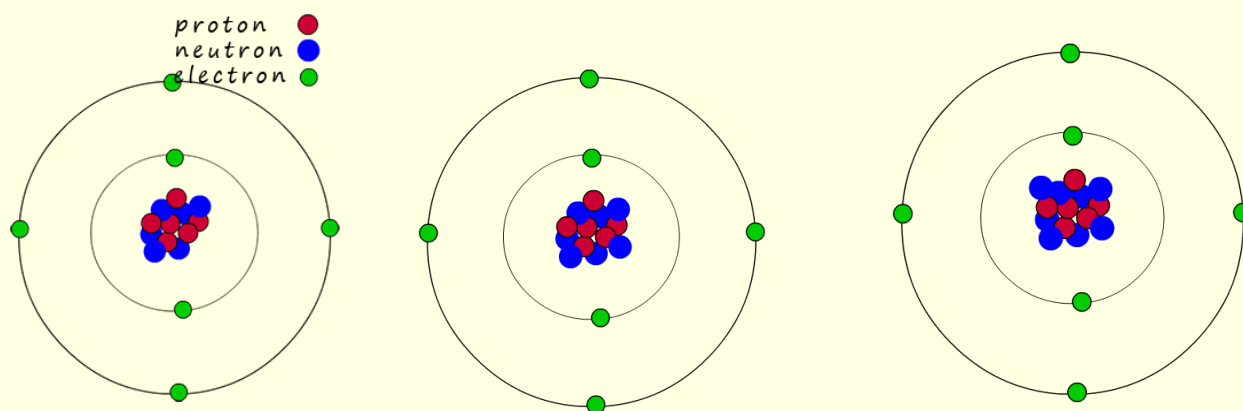
- What is the atomic number for each isotope? **6**
- How many protons and electrons does each isotope have? **6**
- What is the electron arrangement for each isotope? **2,4**
- Calculate the number of neutrons in each isotope. **6, 7, 8**
- What is an isotope? **Element with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons OR element with the same atomic number but a different mass number.**
- What can you say about the chemical reactivity of each isotope? How will they differ from each other? **Chemical reactivity depends on electron arrangement, all isotopes have identical electron arrangements so identical chemical reactions.**

2. Below is an atomic structure diagram for the  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  isotope. Draw similar diagrams for  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{14}\text{C}$  isotopes

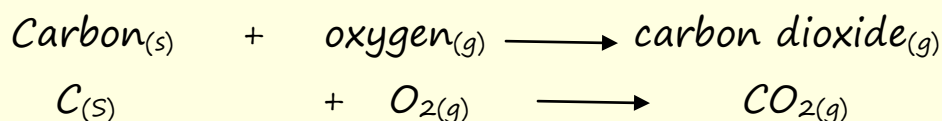
Carbon-12

carbon-13

carbon-14

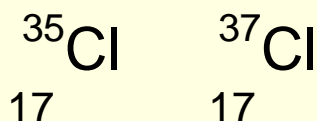


3. When carbon burns it will form the gas carbon dioxide. A word and symbolic equation for this reaction is shown below:



- a. Assuming that the isotope that burns is  $^{12}\text{C}$ , calculate the  $M_r$  of the carbon dioxide gas that forms. **44**
- b. If the  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotope was burned instead of the  $^{12}\text{C}$  how would the carbon dioxide be different? **Chemically identical, but would be heavier,  $M_r$  of 45 instead of 44.**

4. Chlorine has 2 isotopes, these are



a. Complete the table below for each isotope.

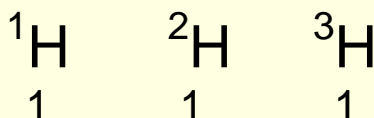
isotope	Number of protons	Number of electrons	Number of neutrons	Electron arrangement
${}^{35}\text{Cl}$ 17	17	17	18	2,8,7
${}^{37}\text{Cl}$ 17	17	17	20	2,8,7

- b. How are the two isotopes different from each other? <sup>37</sup>Cl has 2 extra neutrons.
- c. The <sup>35</sup>Cl isotope is more common than the <sup>37</sup>Cl isotope. In fact 75% of all the chlorine atoms are <sup>35</sup>Cl and 25% are the heavier <sup>37</sup>Cl isotope. Use the formula below to calculate the relative atomic mass of chlorine.

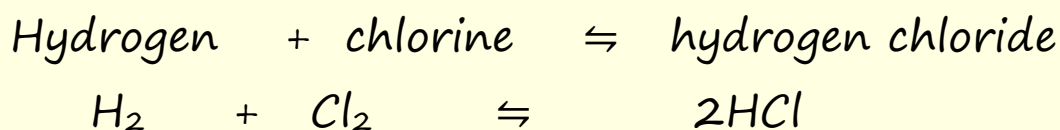
$$\text{Relative formula mass} = \frac{(\% \text{ abundance of isotope 1} \times \text{mass}) + (\% \text{ abundance of isotope 2} \times \text{mass})}{100}$$

$$\text{Atomic mass} = \frac{(35 \times 75) + (37 \times 25)}{100} = 35.5$$

- d. Hydrogen has 3 isotopes, these are:

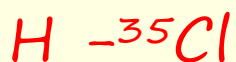


Hydrogen reacts with chlorine according to the equation below:





- i. Draw 2 possible molecules that could be formed when chlorine reacts with hydrogen to form hydrogen chloride gas.



5. The element boron has 2 naturally occurring isotopes. These are:

isotope	% abundance
${}^{10}B$	20
${}^{11}B$	80

- a. Calculate the relative atomic mass of boron using the information in the table.

$$\text{Atomic mass} = \frac{(10 \times 80) + (11 \times 20)}{100} = 10.2$$

6. The element neon has 3 naturally occurring isotopes. These are:

isotope	% abundance
${}^{20}Ne$	90.92
${}^{21}Ne$	0.3
${}^{22}Ne$	8.78

- a. Calculate the relative atomic mass of neon using the information in the table.

$$\text{Atomic mass} = \frac{(20 \times 90.92) + (21 \times 0.3) + (22 \times 8.78)}{100} = 20.17$$

7. Lead has four stable isotopes: lead-204, lead-206, lead-207, and lead-208. If their relative abundances are 1.4%, 24.1%, 22.1%, and 52.4% respectively, calculate the relative atomic mass of lead.

$$A_r = (204 \times 0.014) + (206 \times 0.241) + (207 \times 0.221) + (208 \times 0.524) = 207.2$$

8. An unknown heavy metal, X, has two isotopes with the following data:

Isotope 1: Mass = 184, Abundance = 37.4%

Isotope 2: Mass = 186, Abundance = 62.6%

Calculate the relative atomic mass of element X

$$A_r = (184 \times 0.374) + (186 \times 0.626) = 185.6$$

9. Mercury has seven stable isotopes. The most abundant isotope is mercury-202, with an abundance of 29.86%. Given that the relative atomic mass of mercury is 200.6, outline the steps to determine if any of the other isotopes are likely to have a mass number below 200.

Assume the remaining 70.14% of abundance is distributed amongst the other six isotopes. If all six had a mass above 202, the average mass of the element would exceed the given relative atomic mass (200.6). Therefore, at least one of the other isotopes must have a mass number below 200 to balance the weighted average.

10. Uranium has several isotopes, including uranium-235 (0.72% abundance) and uranium-238 (99.27% abundance). Calculate the relative atomic mass of uranium.

$$A_r = (235 \times 0.0072) + (238 \times 0.9927) = 238.03$$