

## LESSON 2: Categories (Groups) of Elements

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### IN CLASS NOTES:

#### ELEMENT GROUPS

##### *Starting from the Right....The NON-METALS*

##### Group 18: The NOBLE GASES

**This is the only group that has only gases.**

**Non-reactive elements. Rarely combined with other elements.**

1. Have a FULL valence shell of electrons.
2. All have 8 electrons except He with only 2 electrons.
3. Krypton and Xenon can react with Fluorine & Oxygen
4. Elements in this group are always found by themselves; they are monatomic
5. Examples Helium, Neon, Argon

##### Group 17: The Halogens

**This is the only group that has all three phases of matter at room temperature and/or STP.**

**7 valence electrons; Tends to gain one electron to form -1 ions.**

**Very reactive elements. Never found uncombined in nature; always in compounds.**

**Elements can be obtained by *electrolysis* (decomposition of the compound)**

1. Gas. Fluorine & Chlorine Liquid Bromine Solid Iodine
2. Elements in this group are always found in pairs; they are called diatomic
3. Examples fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine
4. Most reactive non-metal: fluorine

##### Group 16

1. Which element is diatomic? Oxygen
  2. Describe the test for oxygen? Embers will burst into flame in presence of pure O<sub>2</sub>
  3. What are the allotropes of oxygen? molecular oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) and ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
  4. Describe the appearance of the two allotropes of sulfur: (1) brittle, dull, yellow; (2) darker, rubbery, slightly shiny
  5. Examples Oxygen, Sulfur, Tellurium, Selenium
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### Group 15

1. Which element is diatomic? Nitrogen
2. What makes nitrogen very stable? A triple bond in N<sub>2</sub> molecule (BARF - forming bonds releases energy; lower energy is more stable.)
3. What is an allotrope? An element bonded to itself with a different structure, hence different properties
4. Which element in group 15 forms allotropes? Phosphorus
5. Examples Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Arsenic, Bismuth

### *Staircase elements: The METALLOIDS*

Elements touching staircase have properties of both metals and nonmetals except for Al and At. They are called METALLOIDS.

Examples: Boron, Germanium, Silicon, Arsenic, Antimony, Tellurium

### Groups 14-17

As you go down each of these groups from top to bottom, the elements change from Non-Metals to Metalloids to Metals.

### *TO THE LEFT: THE METALS*

### Groups 3-11: The Transition Metals

1. Least reactive metals
2. Color or Salt colored (green, teal, orange, etc)
3. Color of Solution also colored
4. Examples: Iron, copper, silver, gold, cobalt, nickel

Key property for transition metals is color. Electron shells are not filled in order. More than one oxidation state.

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### Group 2: The Alkaline Earth Metals

2 valence electrons. Tends to lose the two electrons to form  $+2$  ions.

Very reactive elements. Never found uncombined in nature, always in compounds.  
Can be obtained by electrolysis.

1. Color or Salt \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_
2. Color of Solution \_\_\_\_\_ Clear \_\_\_\_\_
3. Observations
  - a. Calcium metal in water \_\_\_\_\_ Bubbles; white precipitate; heat released \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Burning of magnesium \_\_\_\_\_ once ignited, exceedingly bright flame (too bright to look at for long!) white ash \_\_\_\_\_
4. Examples: \_\_\_\_\_ Calcium, Magnesium, Strontium, Barium \_\_\_\_\_

### Group 1: The Alkali Metals

1 Valence electron. Tends to lose the one electron to form  $+1$  ions.

Very reactive elements. Never found uncombined in nature, always in compounds.  
Can be obtained by electrolysis.

1. Color or Salt \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_
2. Color of Solution \_\_\_\_\_ Clear \_\_\_\_\_
3. Observations
  - a. Sodium metal in water \_\_\_\_\_ "Sizzled" and spun around; eventual orange flame; sparks flying at end \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Potassium metal in water \_\_\_\_\_ Immediate purple flame; burned out very quickly \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Which is more reactive? \_\_\_\_\_ Potassium \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How element is stored \_\_\_\_\_ in mineral oil (to protect from reacting with air around it) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which are more reactive, group 1 or group 2? \_\_\_\_\_ Group 1 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Examples: \_\_\_\_\_ Lithium, Sodium, Potassium, Cesium \_\_\_\_\_
6. Most reactive metal: \_\_\_\_\_ Francium or Cesium \_\_\_\_\_

### Hydrogen:

Not in a group

A non-metal; diatomic element.

Gas phase at STP.

Describe the test for Hydrogen a lit splint will explode or "pop"