

Name: _____

Period: _____

The Atom

Everything is made of **atoms**. Atoms are the smallest part of matter.
Atoms are made up of 3 subatomic particles (particles smaller than the atom): **electrons, protons, and neutrons**.

On the following diagram of an atom define the parts of the atom.

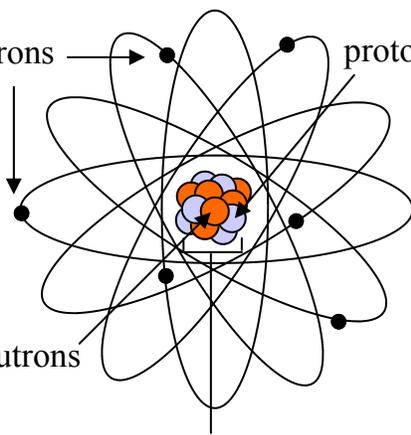
Negatively charged particles; outside the nucleus; can be gained or lost to and from other atoms; very small mass: 1/2000th of a proton

electrons

Positively charged particles; in the nucleus; determine what element an atom is.

protons

This model of the atom looks a lot like a solar system. The nucleus, which contains the protons and neutrons, in the center would be the sun. The **electrons** are the planets spinning around the nucleus.



neutrons

Neutral particles in the nucleus; give mass to the atom, but not charge.

nucleus

Center of the atom; contains protons and neutrons.

Count the protons to tell what element this is:
of Protons: _____ Element: _____

John Dalton in 1808 published a theory of the atom that had these important points:

- All atoms of a particular element are the same.
- Atoms of different elements have different properties, mass, and chemical reactivity.
- Atoms are not changed by chemical reactions, just rearranged in order or number.

Atoms, Molecules, and Compounds

Atoms combine into **molecules**.
O is an atom; O₂ is a molecule: both are oxygen.

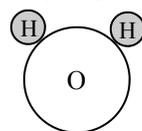
Molecules are made up of two or more atoms.

If two different atoms combine they make **compounds**:
H₂O is a compound; O₂ is a molecule.

Compounds are made up of two or more elements.

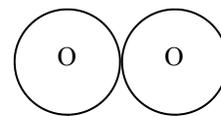
Water molecule—
a compound (H₂O)

2 hydrogens



1 oxygen

Oxygen molecule—
an element (O₂)



2 oxygens

Atom, molecule or compound?

NaCl — _____

Cl₂ — _____

Na — _____

What elements are these?

Na — _____

Cl — _____

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Beginning to Read the Periodic Table

Reading the element individual tiles

Different number of protons—different element.

Element Name → Silver

Atomic Number (number of protons) ← 47

Chemical Symbol → Ag

Atomic Mass (units are a.m.u.) ← 107.87

Mass Numbers (number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an isotope) → 107, 109

How much mass would 2 atoms of silver have?

*Different number of neutrons—different isotope.
An isotope is a variety of an element with a different number of neutrons.*

Use Your Periodic Table to Answer the Following

Find the chemical symbols for these elements:

Gold: _____

Fluorine: _____

Sulfur: _____

Find the names for these elements:

Mg: _____

N: _____

He: _____

Find the atomic numbers for these elements:

Oxygen: _____

B: _____

Lithium: _____

Find the atomic mass for these elements:

H: _____

Neon: _____

Al: _____

1. Proton—	a. Particles with no charge that exists in the nucleus of most atoms.	1. Atomic Number—	a. Total number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an atom.
2. Neutron—	b. Center of the atom, contains most of the atom's mass.	2. Molecule—	b. Number of protons in an atom; also the way the elements are numbered.
3. Electron—	c. Positively charged particle in the nucleus of the atom. Determines the element.	3. Compound—	c. An atom with a different number of neutrons
4. Nucleus—	d. The smallest part of an element or molecule. Building block of all things.	4. Mass Number	d. Two or more elements combined.
5. Atom—	e. Negative particles in the nucleus of the atom.	5. Isotope—	e. Two or more atoms that are combined (can be same two atoms of same element).
	f. Negatively charged particle that exists in the space around the nucleus.		f. Number of electrons in an atom.