Knowledge Organiser

Elements

Elements are made of atoms with the same atomic number. Atoms can be represented as symbols.

N = nitrogen **F** = fluorine **Zn** = zinc **Ca** = calcium

Isotopes – an isotope is an element with the **same number of protons** but a **different number of neutrons**. They have the same atomic number, but different mass number.

Isotope	Protons	Electrons	Neutrons
$^{1}_{1}H$	1	1	1 - 1 = 0
$^{2}_{1}H$	1	1	2 - 1 = 1
$^{3}_{1}H$	1	1	3 - 1 = 2

Compounds – a compound is when two or more elements are chemically joined. Examples of compounds are carbon dioxide and magnesium oxide. Some examples of formulas are CO_2, NaCl, HCl, H_2O, Na_2SO_4. They are held together by chemical bonds and are difficult to separate.

Equations and Maths

To calculate the relative atomic mass, use the following equation:

relative atomic mass (A_r) =

$$\frac{\text{sum of (isotope abundance} \times \text{isotope mass number)}}{\text{sum of abundances of all isotopes}}$$

Balancing Symbol Equations

There must be the same number of atoms on both sides of the equation:

$CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + CO_2$

C = 1

O = 4

H = 4

Chemical Equations

A chemical reaction can be shown by using a **word equation.**

e.g. magnesium + oxygen → magnesium oxide

On the left-hand side are the reactants, and the right-hand side are the products.

They can also be shown by a **symbol equation.**

e.g. $2Mg + O_2 \rightarrow 2MgO$

Equations need to be **balanced,** so the same number of atoms are on each side. To do this, numbers are put in front of the compounds.

$CH_4 + \mathbf{2}O_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{2}H_2O + CO_2$

Metals and Non-metals

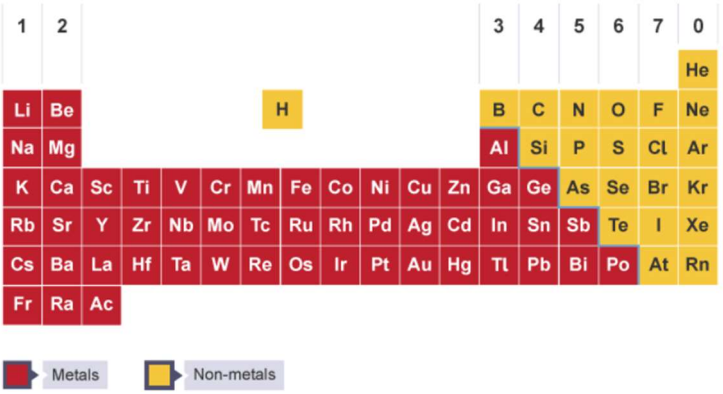
They are found at the **left** part of the periodic table. Non-metals are at the **right** of the table.

Metals

Are strong, malleable, good conductors of electricity and heat. They bond metallically.

Non-Metals

Are dull, brittle, and not always solids at room temperature.



Group 7 Elements and Noble Gases

Halogens

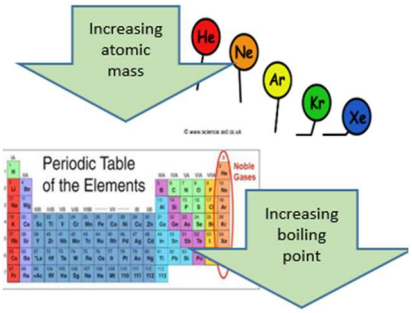
The halogens are **non-metals**: fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine. As you go down the group they become less reactive. It is harder to gain an extra electron because its outer shell is further away from the nucleus. The melting and boiling points also become higher.

Noble Gases

The **noble gases** (**group 0** elements) include: **helium**, **neon** and **argon**. They are un-reactive as they have full outer shells, which makes them very stable. They are all colourless gases at room temperature.

The boiling points all increase as they go down the group – they have greater intermolecular forces because of the increase in the number of electrons.

Noble gases.
Unreactive (due to full outer shell)



Alkali Metals

The alkali metals (**group 1 elements**) are soft, very reactive metals. They all have **one electron** in their **outer shell**, making them **very reactive**. They are **low density**. As you go down the group, they become more reactive. They get bigger and it is easier to lose an electron that is further away from the nucleus.

They form ionic compounds with non-metals.

They react with water and produce hydrogen.

E.g.

lithium + water → lithium hydroxide + hydrogen

$2Li + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2LiOH + H_2$

They react with chlorine and produce a metal salt.

E.g.

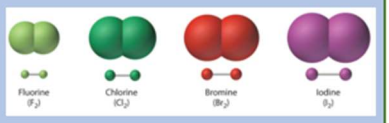
lithium + chlorine → lithium chloride

$2Li + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2LiCl$

They react with oxygen to form metal oxides.

Halogens
Very reactive (due to having 7 electrons in outer shell)

- Non- metals
- Exist in pairs as molecules (diatomic molecules)



- React with metals to form white solid crystals
- React with non-metals to form small molecules
- Boiling point and melting point increase DOWN the group

Trends in the Periodic Table