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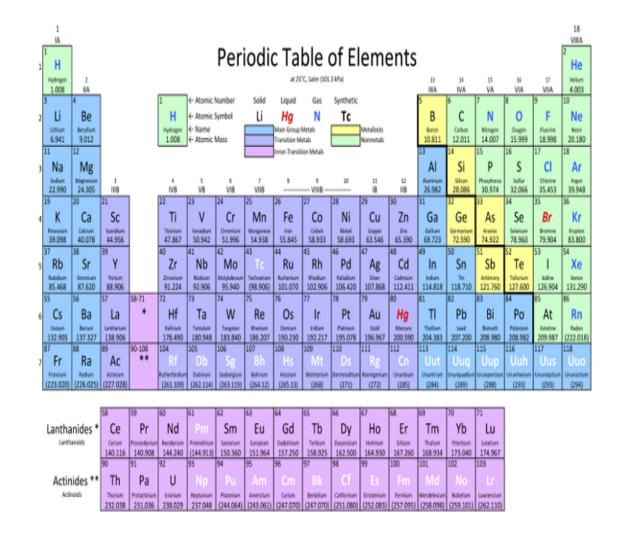
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# Chemistry 101 The Basics:

Periodic Table, Bonds, pH & Molecules

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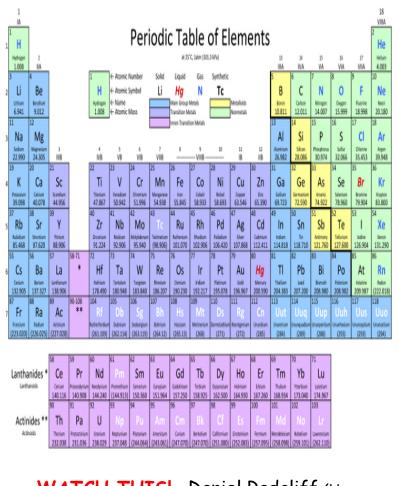
### Elements, Atoms & Chemical Symbols

**Elements:** Substances that can't be broken down any further.

**Atom**: The smallest unit of an element.

### Chemical Symbol:

- Begins with **one or two letters** based on elements name.
- Q: What if there is more than one element that starts with the same letter?
- Example: Carbon (C), Calcium (Ca), Chlorine (Cl)





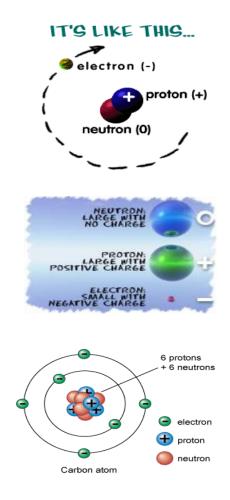
### The Structure of an Atom

Atoms are the basis for everything in the universe.

Q: What are the three basic parts of an atom?

- ? = "+" positive charge.
   Part of the atomic nucleus.
   Repel each other.
- ? = neutral (a charge of zero).
   Part of the atomic nucleus.
   Separate protons, making an atom more stable.
- •? = "-" negative charge. Orbit nucleus in different shells, or energy levels.
- The thing that makes each element unique is the number of protons, since the number of neutrons and electrons can vary.

Q: If there is an equal number of electrons and protons in an atom, what is it's charge?



NERDY SCIENCE JOKE: A neutron walks into a bar and asks "How much for a drink?"

**Q:** What does the bartender tell him?

### Protons & Neutrons: Atomic Number, Mass Number & Atomic Mass

Atomic Number: The *number of protons* in the nucleus of an atom.

Q: What is the <u>atomic number</u> of carbon?

**Atomic Mass:** (aka atomic weight): The atomic mass of an element is rarely an even number. This happens because of the **isotopes**.

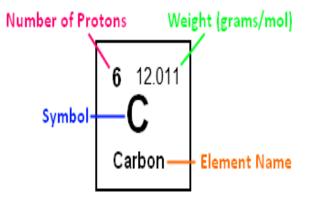
Many elements occur as **isotopes**. They vary in the # of **neutrons** they have.

When an atom has a different number of protons and neutrons, its nucleus becomes unstable.

Q: What is the <u>atomic mass</u> of carbon?

Mass Number: The number of protons, plus the number of neutrons.

**Q:** How do we know the <u>mass number</u>, if the number of neutrons in an element may vary? Lets look at out Lab Exercise



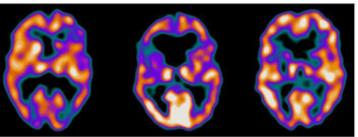
Atomic mass is calculated by figuring out the amounts of each type of atoms isotopes there are in the Universe.

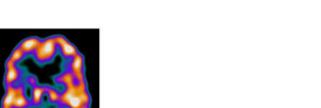
**Example:** For carbon, there is a lot of C-12, some C-13, and some C-14 atoms. When you average out all of the masses, you get a number that is a little bit higher than 12 (the weight of a C-12 atom). The average atomic mass for Carbon is actually 12.011.

Let's listen to part of the Radiolab podcast episode "<u>Elements</u>" (starting at time 35:00) to learn more about the interesting new use of C-14.

### Isotopes & Radioactivity

- Isotope is radioactive if nucleus is unstable.
- Most isotopes disintegrate spontaneously with the release of energy by processes of **nuclear** or **radioactive decay**.
- When the nucleus changes in structure, energy and/or subatomic particles are given off.
- Other than radioactivity, isotopes of an element behave similarly: They can participate in molecule / chemical reactions that involve that element.
- When controlled, radioactive isotopes can be valuable medical tools. (Ex. Gamma camera can produce images of soft tissue when radiopharmaceuticals are injected into or ingested by patient.)
  - 1. Schizophrenic female
  - 2. Female with depression
  - 3. Healthy female





Energy

Radiation

**Particle** 

**Radioactive** 

Atom

### What about electrons?

In a neutral atom, there are the same number of protons (+) and electrons (-).

Electrons orbit around the atomic nucleus in shells.

The inner shell of an atom, closest to the nucleus, can have a maximum of two electrons.

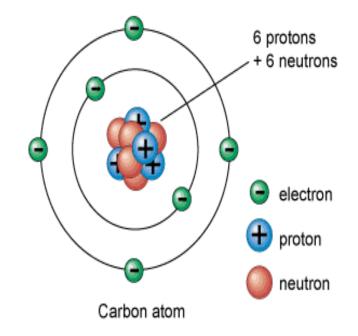
The outermost shell is called the valence shell.

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Eight (8) is the <u>max number</u> of valence electrons for a full valence shell.
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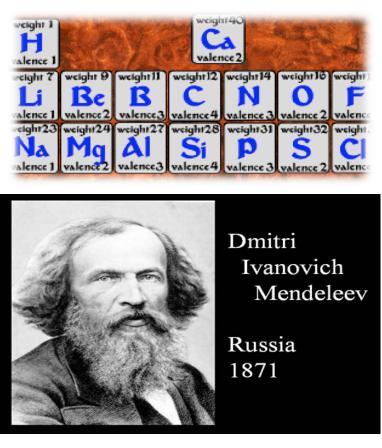
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Atoms are much more stable, or less reactive, with a full valence shell.

By moving electrons, the two atoms become linked. This is known as **chemical bonding**.



See Rader's Chem4Kids web page on the <u>Periodic Table</u>. Their explanations are extremely helpful!



Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev (1834 -1907)

Russian chemist and inventor.

Formulated Periodic Law. Created his own version of the periodic table of elements, and used it to correct the properties of some already discovered elements and to predict the properties of eight elements that had not been discovered yet.

## The Periodic Table

Group ↓Perio		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 H																	2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 0	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 TI	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo
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		*	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
		**	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	

Listen to Radiolab podcast segment on Mendeleev and the periodic table from the episode "Yellow Fluff and Other Curious Encounters"

(starting at 4:30 into the podcast).

Go to the SPO <u>Virtual Biology Classroom</u> to find a homework assignment based on this podcast.

### **Electrons:**

### How can I determine the number of electron shells? Period !

Electrons in an atom are located in different shells or **energy levels**.

Each ROW of the periodic table is called a Period.

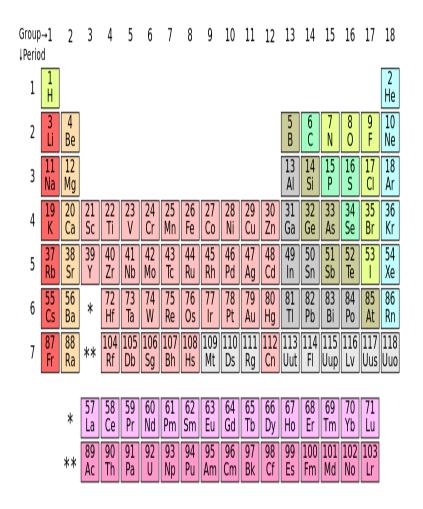
**Period Rule 1:** All of the elements in a **Period** have the same number of electron shells.

For example, every element in the top row (the first period) has one shell for its electrons. All elements in the second row (the second period) have two shells for their electrons.

**Period Rule 2:** As you move down the table, every row adds a shell, up to seven.

**Period Rule 3:** The innermost (closest to the nucleus) shell of all atoms (other than hydrogen) has two electrons.

**Period Rule 4:** The electrons in the outermost shell are called **valence electrons**.





How can I determine the number of outer shell electrons? Group!

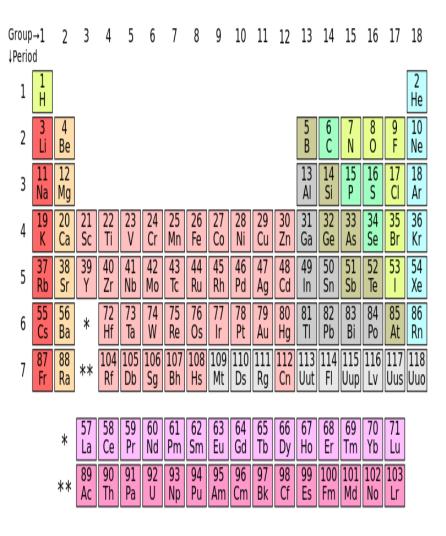
Electrons in the outermost shell are called **valence electrons**.

Each COLUMN of the periodic table is called a **Group**.

**Group Rule 1:** All elements in the same **Group** (vertical column) have the same number of valence electrons.

**Group Rule 2:** As you move across the table, (ignoring columns 3 – 12, the transition elements) every row adds a valence electron, up to 8.

**Key!** If you know the number of shells and valence electrons, you can draw an **electron shell diagram** for any of the non-transitional elements.



# Remind me why we care about these valence electrons...

Number of valence electrons governs an atom's bonding behavior.

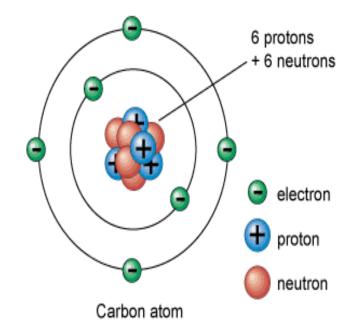
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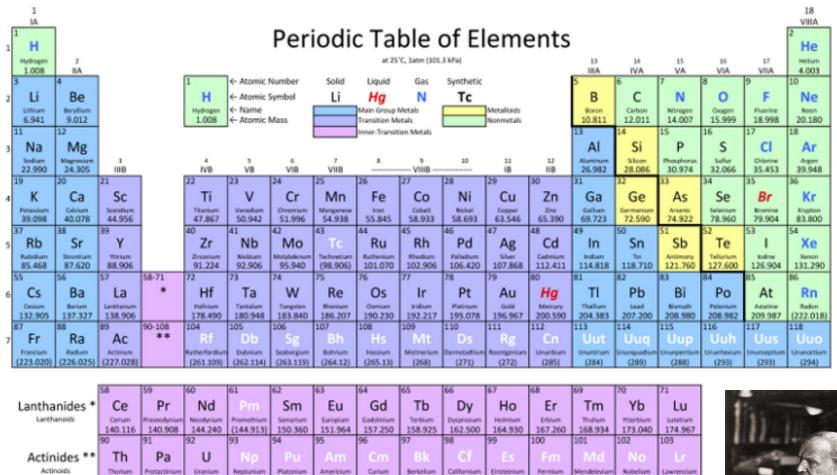
This stability can be achieved one of two ways:

- Ionic bond
- Covalent bond



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### Let's listen to "The Periodic Table: Rapping the Elements"





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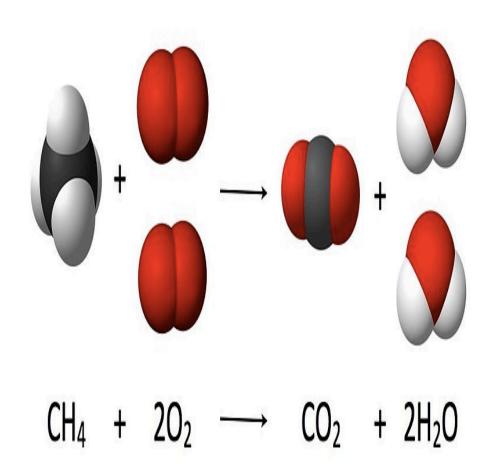
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# Chemical Bonds, Reactions & Notation

Making Molecules & Compounds



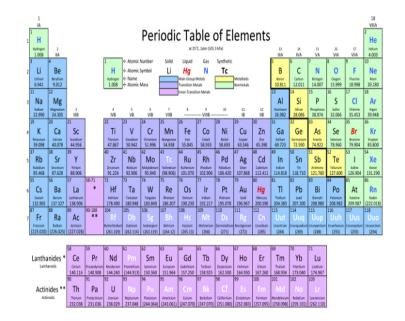
## **Chemical Shorthand**

### **Chemical Symbol**

- Begins with one or two letters based on elements name.
- **Q**: What if there is more than one element that starts with the same letter?
- Example: Carbon (C), Calcium (Ca), Chlorine (Cl)

### Chemical Formula

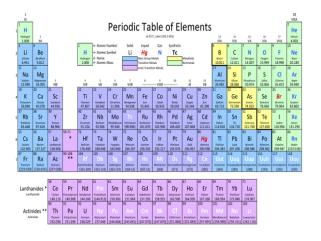
- "Shorthand" for a compound.
- Contains chemical symbols of the elements that make up the molecule.
- Numerical subscripts represent number of atoms of each element in molecule. Example:  $H_2O$  = water; has two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen.
- More than one molecule of same type...the group of letters is preceded by number. Example  $2H_2O$  = two water molecules.

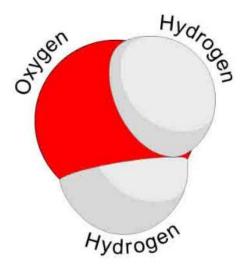


#### Image: Periodic Table of Elements

## Elements, Atoms, Molecules & Compounds

- **Elements**  $\rightarrow$  Substances that can't be broken down any further.
- Atom  $\rightarrow$  The smallest unit of an element.
- Two or more atoms joined together chemically:
   Molecule
- Molecule containing at least two different
- Elements: Compound
- Examples of molecules: Carbon dioxide (CO2) and methane (CH4), molecular hydrogen (H2), molecular oxygen (O2) and molecular nitrogen (N2).
- Examples of compounds: Only molecules containing two or more elements, such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>).
- Q: Explain why all compounds are molecules but not all molecules are compounds.





## **Chemical Bonding and Electron Valences**

The electrons in an atom are located at different **energy** levels.

Electrons in the highest energy level are called valence electrons.

Number of valence electrons governs an atom's bonding behavior.

### **Q**: What is the <u>max number</u> of valence electrons for a full valence shell?

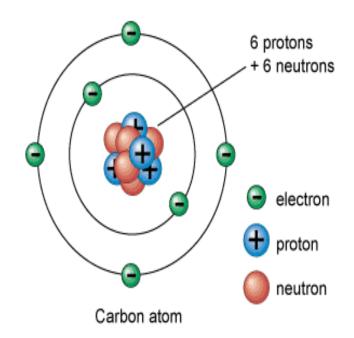
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Images: Carbon, Universe Today Website





## **Compounds Have Their Own Properties**

Compound has physical and chemical characteristics unique from the elements that make it up

### Example: NaCl



Chlorine Gas: Cl

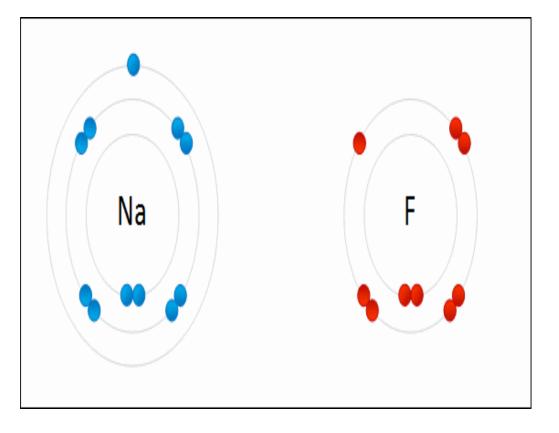
Sodium Chloride: NaCl

<u>Click here</u> to watch this reaction in action!

# Types of Chemical Bonds:

1. Ionic

2. Covalent



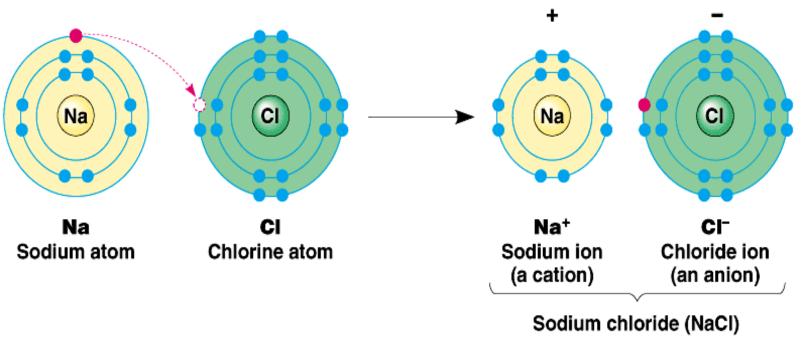
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## **Ionic Bonds**

### <u>Click here</u> for Ionic Bonding Animations

Involves transfer of electrons between two atoms.

Found mainly ... inorganic compounds.



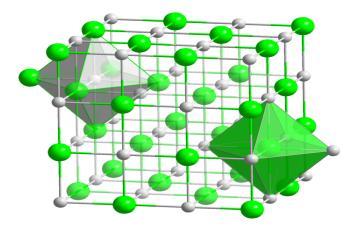
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**Ion** = an atom or group of atoms which have lost or gained one or more electrons, making them negatively or positively charged.

Q: What are positively charged ions (+) called?
 Q: What are negatively charged ions (-) called?

# Ionic compounds are made of oppositely charged ions





- Ionic Bonds are atoms held together by attraction between a (+) and a (-) ion
- Compound is neutral overall, but still charged on the inside.
- Makes solid crystals.

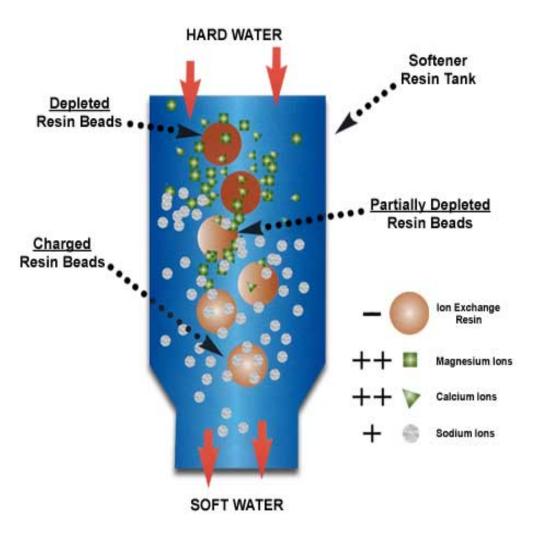
## Everyday Science

### **Reactions Involving Ions**

Remember... ion = an atom which has lost or gained one or more electrons, so it's negatively or positively charged.

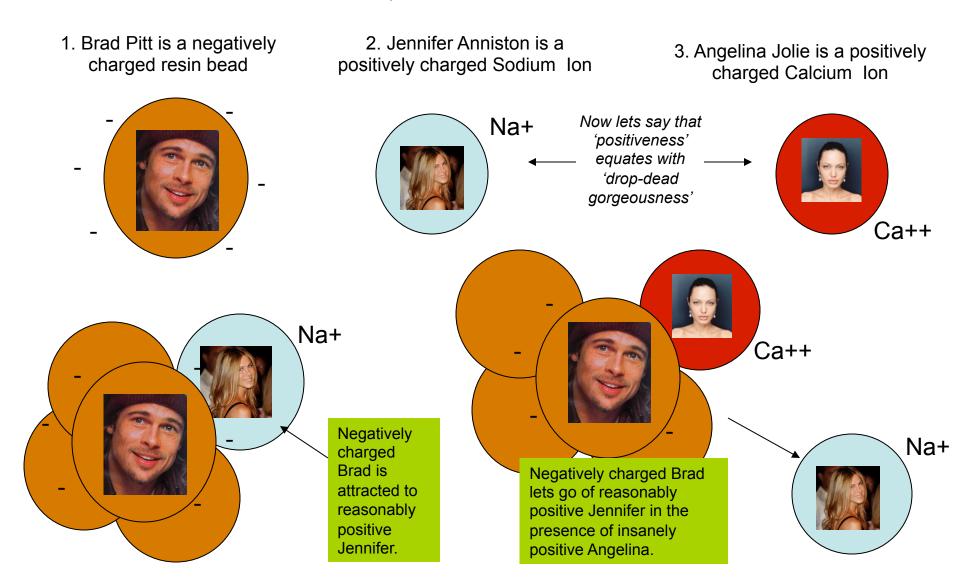
### The Principle of

ion exchange is a common water softening method.



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### Lets use a **Branganalogy** to help us Understand the Concept of Ion Exchange...



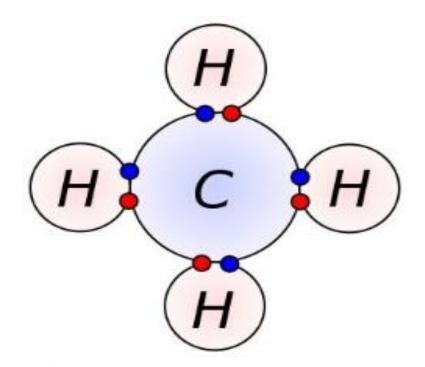
### Importance of Ions/Electrolytes in the Body: $K^+$ , $Na^+$ , $CI^-$

myelin sheath muscle fibres cell body direction of nerve Carry electrical impulses impulse in the nervous system axon shortened here axon dendrites

Maintain cellular function with the correct concentrations electrolytes

Watch This! <u>"Brawndo" Video Clip</u> from movie Idiocracy.

## Types of Chemical Bonds:



1. Ionic

## 2.Covalent

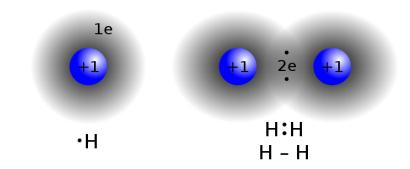


Image: <u>Covalent Bond H2</u>; <u>Methane Covalent Bonds</u>, Dynablast, Wiki;

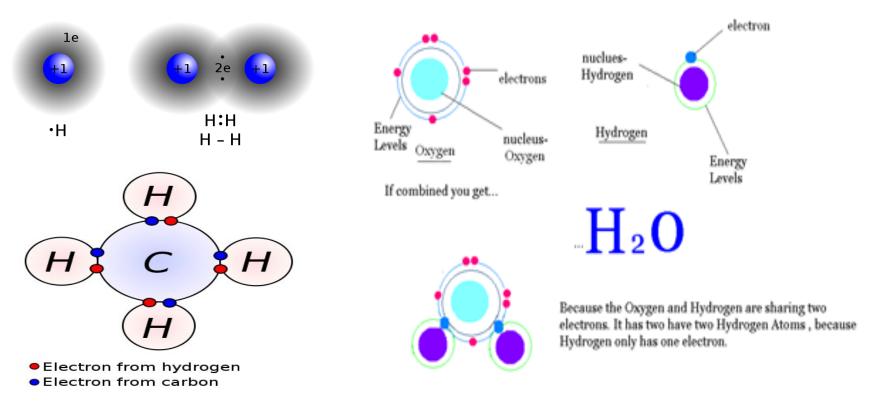
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## **Covalent Bonds**

Involves the sharing of a pair of electrons between atoms. One covalent bond = 1 pair of shared electrons.

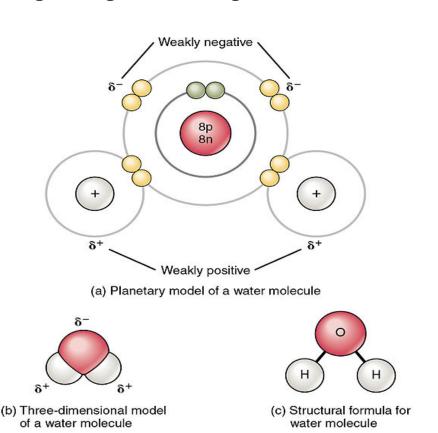
Covalent Compounds can make single (2 electrons), double (4 electrons) or even triple bonds (6 electrons) depending on the number of electrons they share.

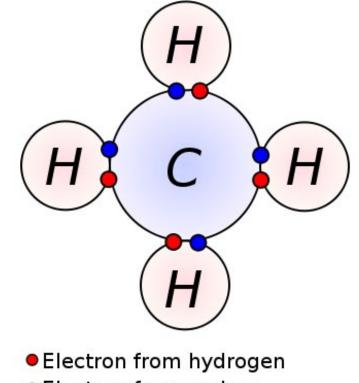
Found mainly ... organic compounds



## Polar vs. Non-Polar Covalent Bonds

*Polar molecules* unequally share electrons between atoms, so have a slight positive charge at one end and a slight negative charge at the other. Non-polar molecules have electrons equally shared between their atoms.

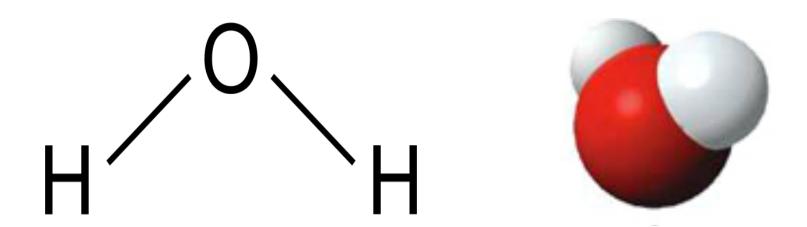




Electron from carbon

Image: Polar water molecule, Non-polar methane molecule, Wiki

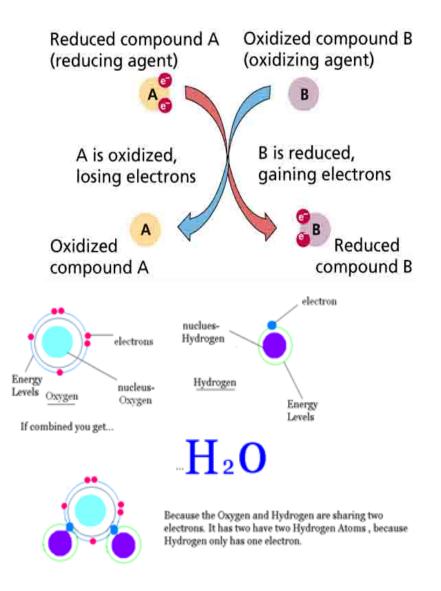
Water is a very common covalent compound. The lines between the O and H's indicate a covalent bond



<u>Click here</u> to watch a video that compares Ionic and Covalent Bonds!

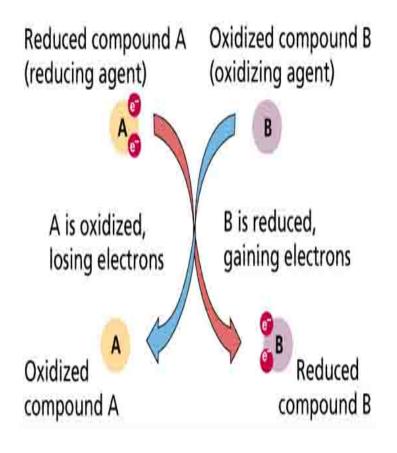
## **Oxidation - Reduction Reactions**

- Or Redox reaction = chemical reactions in which electrons are gained, lost (Q: What kind of bond?) Or shared (Q: What kind of bond?) in a chemical reaction.
- oxidation: *loss* of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion.
- reduction: gain of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion.

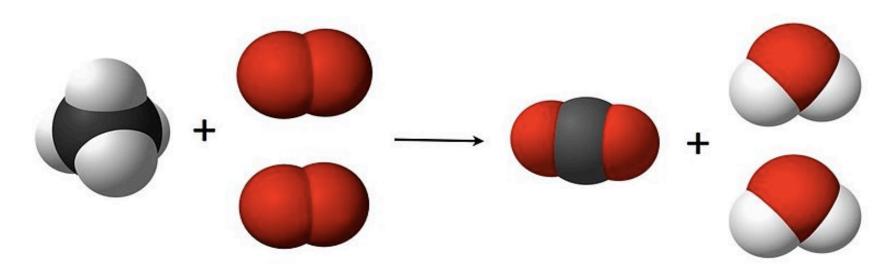


# Oil Rig





### Chemical Bonds hold molecules together, but can be broken during a chemical reaction



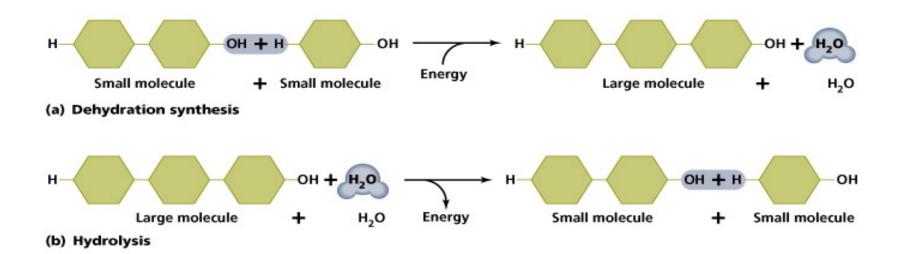
### $CH_4 + 2O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O$

### **Reactants** are the starting materials **Products** are the end materials

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Image: Combustion Reaction of Methane, Wiki

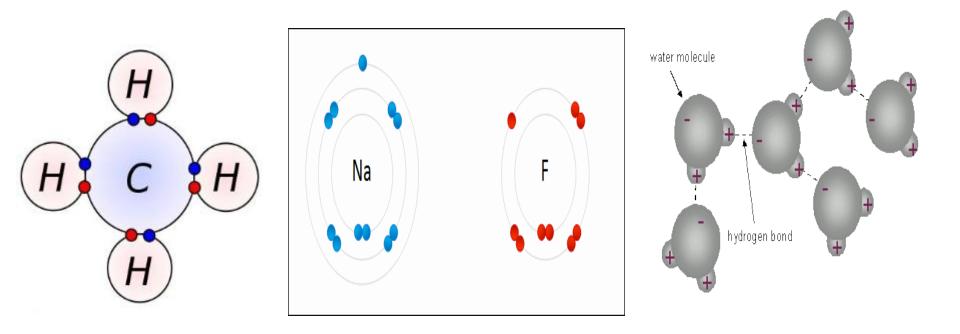
# Simple Reactions Types



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# **REVIEW!**

### Animated lessons on Chemical Bonding: 1. <u>Ionic vs. Covalent Bonding</u> 2. <u>Chemical Structures & Bonding</u>



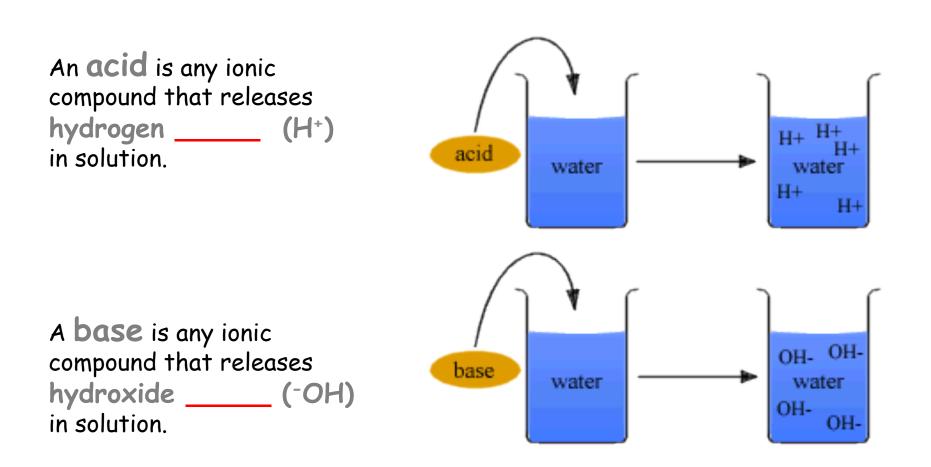
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# Acids, Bases & Buffers

### Importance of The pH Scale in Biology



## Ions: Acids & Bases



## Measurements of Acidity & Alkalinity (pH)

- Acidity of a solution > measured by concentration of hydrogen ions (H+) vs. hydroxyl ions (OH-).
- pH ranges: 0 (very acidic) to 14 (very basic).
- pH scale is logarithmic.
- Change in just one unit of scale = tenfold change in H+ concentration.
- If concentration of H+ = OH -... neutral.

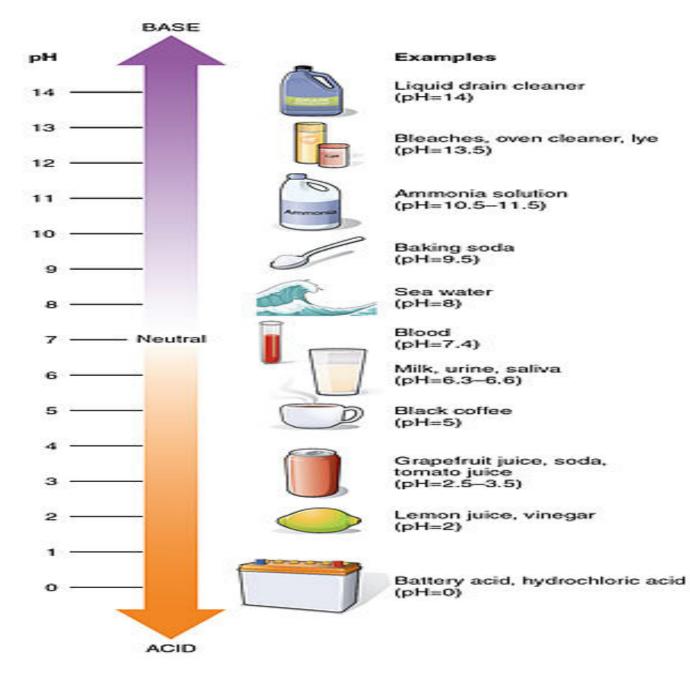


## pH scale is logarithmic

Table	1. Correlation	of pH values and Hydronium ion concentrations
	рН	Hydronium ion concentration (moles/L)
	1	.1 (1 × 10 <sup>-1</sup> )
	2	.01 (1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup> )
	3	.001 (1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> )
	4	.0001 (1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> )
	5	.00001 (1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> )
	6	.000001 (1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> )
	7	.0000001 (1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> )
	8	.00000001 (1 × 10 <sup>-8</sup> )
	9	.000000001 (1 × 10 <sup>-9</sup> )
	10	.000000001 $(1 \times 10^{-10})$
	11	$.0000000001$ $(1 \times 10^{-11})$
	12	.00000000001 $(1 \times 10^{-12})$
	13	.000000000001 $(1 \times 10^{-13})$
	14	.0000000000001 $(1 \times 10^{-14})$

Change in just one unit of scale = tenfold change in H+ concentration

# More Examples of pH from Daily Life



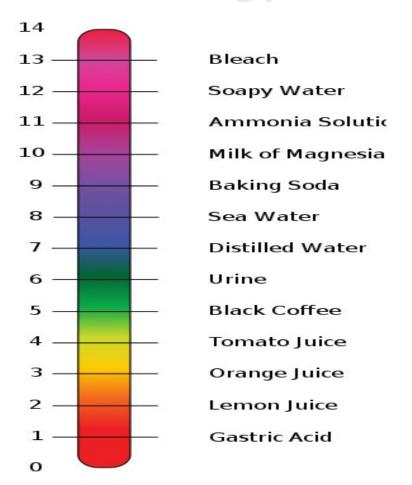
# Acid/Base Balance in Biology

pH balance is important to homeostasis of organisms.

Homeostasis = tendency of the body to maintain a balanced internal environment, even when faced with external changes. Such as the body's ability to maintain an internal temperature around 98.6 degrees F, whatever the temperature outside.

#### Examples:

- Digestion needs acidic environment (pH 2-3)
- Urine is slightly acidic
- Blood must stay in neutral range near 7.35 to 7.45



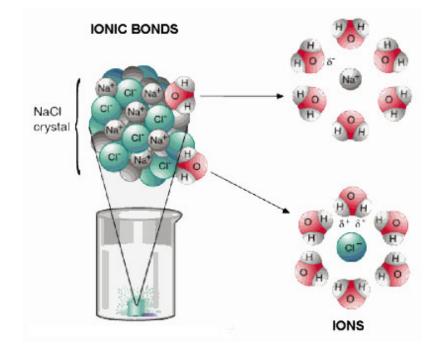
Acids, Bases & You, and in-depth YouTube video.

# Ions & Salts

 Compounds that dissociate in water and produce cations other than H+ and anions other than OH- are called salts.

- The most familiar salt is **sodium chloride**, the principal component of **common table salt**.
- Other examples of salts: Baking soda (NaHCO3) Epsom Salts (MgSO4)





# Salts: The Role of Buffers

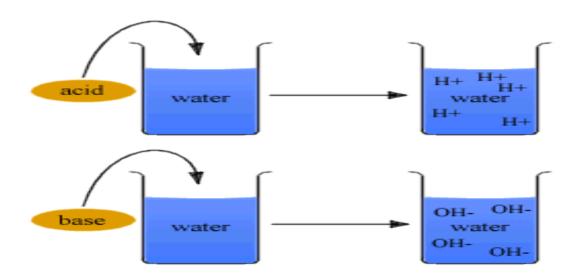
- Certain salts, called **buffers**, can combine with excess hydrogen (H+) or hydroxide (OH-) ions.
- Produce substances less acidic or alkaline.
- Act like a chemical sponge to soak up excess acid or base, keep pH constant.



- Buffers can be "used up". Once used up, no longer help regulate pH.
- Buffers are vital to maintaining pH in organisms.
- Example: Antacids are buffers made of the salt calcium carbonate (CaCo3).

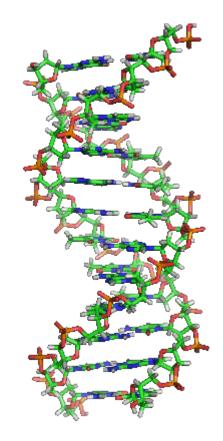


#### Interactive animated lessons on <u>pH: Acids & Bases</u> and Buffers



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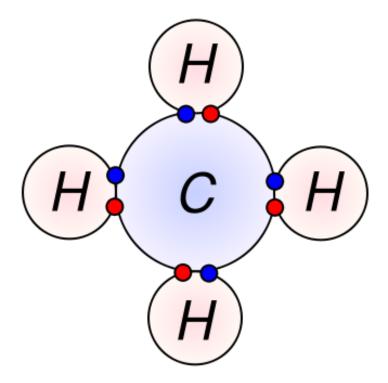


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Image: <u>DNA</u>, Richard Wheeler

# P Inorganic vs Organic Molecules

- Inorganic Molecules > Molecules that *don't* have Carbon Hydrogen (С-н) bonds.
- The major
   organic macromolecules (big molecules with carbon-hydrogen bonds)
   found in living things are:
- 1. carbohydrates
- 2. proteins
- 3. nucleic acids
- 4. lipids



Electron from hydrogenElectron from carbon

# Carbon Little Atom, Big Deal

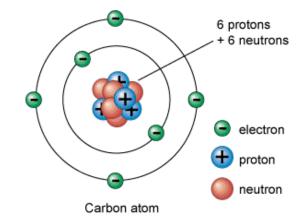
The chemical basis of life. Abundant in all known life forms.

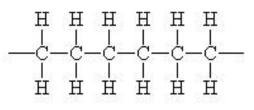
Essential to complex organic macromolecules, because each carbon atom can form \_\_\_\_\_ bonds (usually involving hydrogen, oxygen and/or nitrogen).

Able to form polymers (big organic molecules).

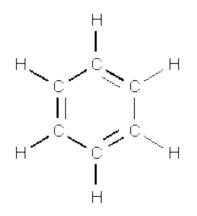
- The atoms can bond with each other to form long chains.
- Sometimes the ends of these chains join together to form a ring.

Double bonds form when atoms share two pairs of electrons (two covalent bonds).









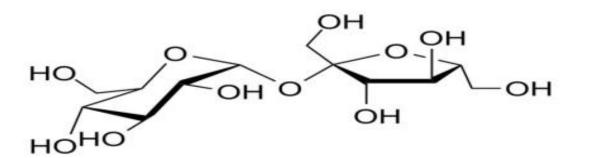
# Study Table of <u>Organic Macromolecules</u>

(We will fill this in as we go through the rest of the lecture.)

Macromolecule (polymer)	Made of what type of monomer?	Is there another name for this polymer?	What are the main elements in this macromolecule?	Examples
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

## Organic Molecules Carbohydrates

- "carbon" hydrates"
- One carbon molecule to one water molecule (CH<sub>2</sub>O)n.
- saccharide is a synonym for <u>carbohydrate</u>.
- The prefixes on the word "saccharide" relates to the size of the molecule (mono-, di-, tri- poly-).



#### BOOGERS!

SUGAR

You probably know that jelly beans are full of refined sugars...carbs. You may not know that boogers contain carbs as well. Boogers are dried-up mucus and dirty nose debris. Mucus is made mostly out of sugars and <u>protein</u>.

Images: Jelly beans, T. Port; <u>Giraffe picking nose with tongue, Sucrose moleculee</u> Wiki

## Organic Molecules - Proteins

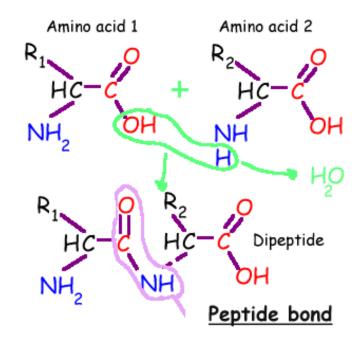
Proteins are macromolecules, polymers composed of monomers called...

Amino acids contain a:

- 1. base amino group  $(-NH_2)$
- 2. acidic carboxyl group (-COOH)
- 3. hydrogen atom

...all attached to same carbon atom (the a - carbon...alpha carbon).

- Fourth bond attaches a-carbon to a side group (--R) that varies among different amino acids.
- Side groups important ... affects the way a <u>proteins</u> amino acids interact with one another, and how a protein interacts with other molecules.



**Essential amino acids:** Cannot be synthesized by the body. They must be ingested in the diet.

Arginine \* Histidine \* Methionine\* Threonine \* Valine \* Isoleucine \* Lysine \* Phenylalanine \* Tryptophan \* Leucine

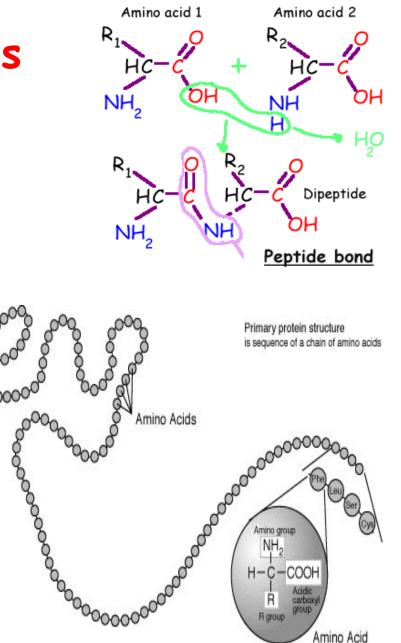
### Organic Molecules - Proteins

Peptide Bonds

Link amino acids together in chains, like the beads on a necklace.

A dipeptide is 2 <u>amino acids</u> linked together.

A polypeptide, more than two.



#### Organic Molecules - Nucleic Acids

Nucleic acids (both RNA and DNA) are macromolecules; polymers made up of monomers called nucleotides.

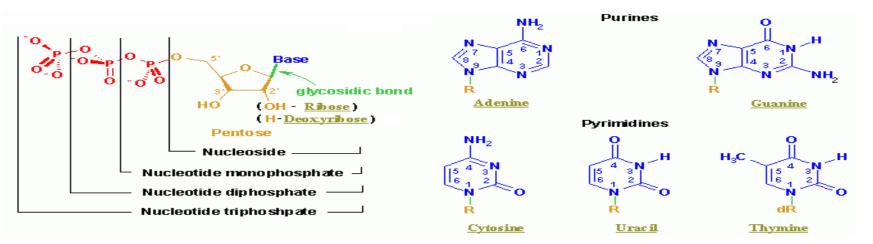
Nucleic acids deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and ribonucleic acid (RNA) = genetic material of cells.

Names derived from type of sugar contained within molecules = ribose

#### Nucleotides

Each monomer of nucleic acid is a nucleotide and consists of 3 portions:

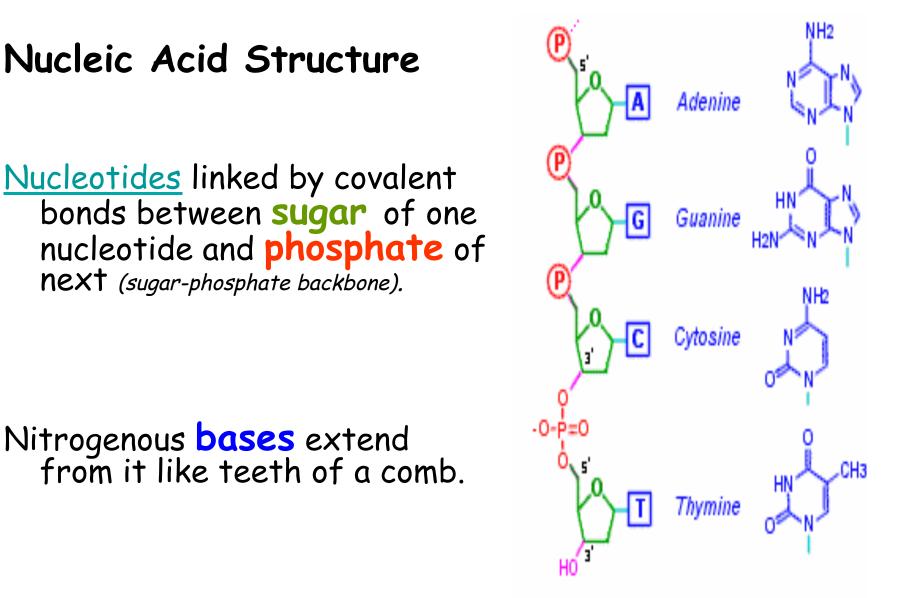
- a sugar
- one or more phosphate
- one of five cyclic nitrogenous bases
  - +adenine, guanine (double-ringed purines)
  - + cytosine, thiamine or uracil (single-ringed pyrimidines)



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Image: <u>Nucleotide Structure</u>, Wikipedia

### Organic Molecules - Nucleic Acids

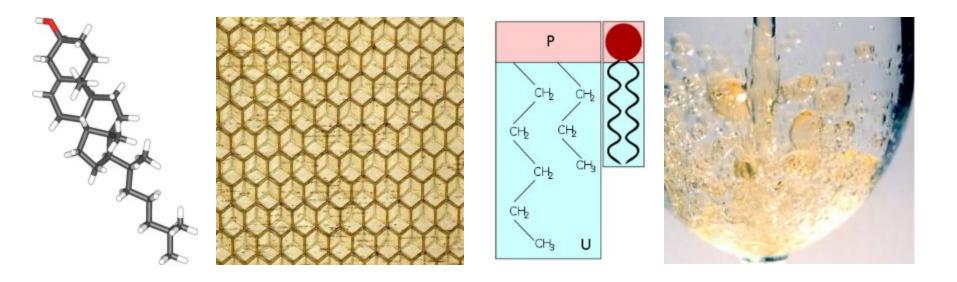


#### Organic Molecules - Lipids (Fats, Phospholipids, Waxes & Steroids)

Hydrophobic macromolecules...insoluble in water.

Not attracted to water because ...

non-polar covalent bonds linking carbon & hydrogen aren't attracted to the polar bonds of water.



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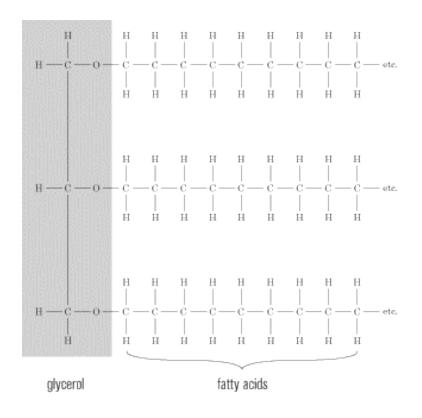


### Fats

Fats and oils are made from two kinds of molecules:

- glycerol (a type of alcohol)
- fatty acids

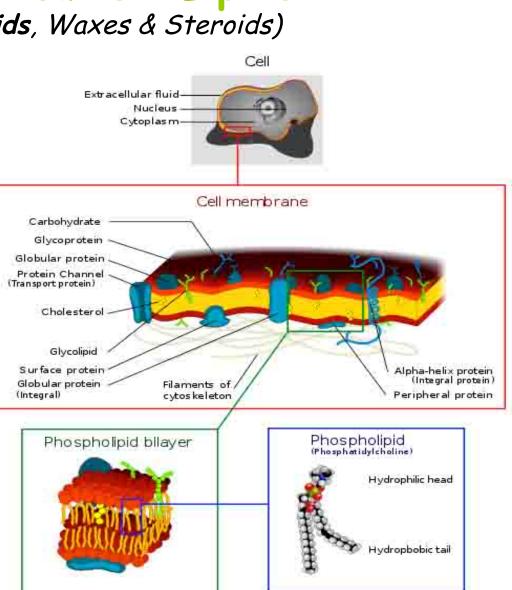
(triglycerides)



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#### Phospholipids

- Phospholipids are a major component of all cell membranes.
  - Most phospholipids contain a diglyceride as the tail, and a phosphate group for head.
    - Hydrocarbon tails are hydrophobic, but phosphate heads are hydrophilic.
    - So phospholipids are soluble in both water and oil.
    - Tails from both layers facing inward and the heads facing outward = **phospholipid bilayer**.





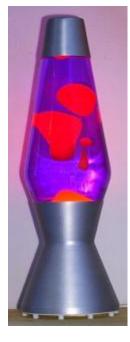
wax ester

Waxes

Do not have a hydrophilic head: so completely water insoluble.

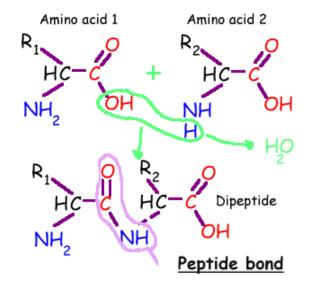
Steroids

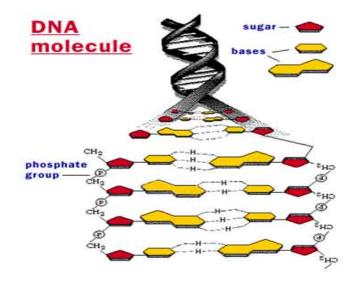
- The central core of a cholesterol molecule (4 fused rings) is shared by all steroids.
- Cholesterol is precursor to our sex hormones and Vitamin D.
  - Our cell membranes contain cholesterol (in between the phospholipids) to help keep membrane "fluid" even when exposed to cooler temperatures.



cholesterol







Images: <u>Cholesterol</u>, Wiki; Chilesterol; Amino Acids & Peptide Bonds; <u>DNA Molecule</u>, National Science Foundation

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# **Confused?**

Here are some links to fun resources that further explain Chemistry:

- <u>Inorganic Chemistry Main Page</u> on the Virtual Cell Biology Classroom of <u>Science Prof Online</u>.
- <u>"What Kind of Bonds AreThese?"</u> song and slide show by Mark Rosengarten.
- <u>Ionic vs. Covalent Bonding</u> animated science tutorial.
- <u>Chemical Structures & Bonding</u> animated science tutorial.
- "<u>Meet the Elements</u>" music video by They Might Be Giants.
- <u>Redox Reactions</u> video lecture by Kahnacademy.
- <u>Chem4Kids</u> website by Rader.
- <u>Acid & Bases, an Introduction</u> by Vision Learning
- <u>Buffer System</u> YouTube video.
- Organic Chemistry Main Page on the Virtual Cell Biology Classroom of <u>Science Prof Online</u>.
- <u>Macromolecules</u> interactive science tutorial.
- DNA Structure Cell Biology Animation from John Kyrk.

(You must be in PPT slideshow view to click on links.)



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