

Background: All About Elements



7 Main Ideas

1. Elements are substances that are composed of only one type of atom!
2. Elements can be considered the simplest, purest forms of matter.
3. Atoms can be thought of as the smallest units of matter with specific identities.
4. An atom is made up of smaller particles called subatomic particles.
5. There are three types of subatomic particles: protons, neutrons, and electrons.
6. An atom's identity is determined by its number of protons
7. If an atom is broken up into subatomic particles, it loses its identity. That means that an atom will not have the same chemical properties if it is broken into subatomic particles.

Helpful Formulas

Atomic # = Number of Protons

(In neutral atoms, the atomic number is also equal to the number of electrons.)

Mass # = # Protons + # Neutrons

So,

neutrons = Mass # - Atomic

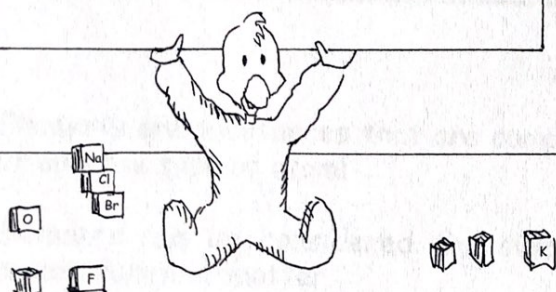
⊕ PROTON
 ○ NEUTRON
 ● ELECTRON

ATOMIC NUMBER → 3
Li
 Lithium
 6.941

Using a periodic table, fill out the chart below with the correct information. Assume that all the elements are neutral.

Element	Atomic Number	Mass Number	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
Hydrogen	1	1	1	0	1
Carbon	6	12	6	6	6
Nitrogen					
Lithium					
Helium					
Fluorine					

For each element, fill
in the missing information!



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2
He
Helium
4.0026

PROTONS 2
NEUTRONS 2
ELECTRONS 2

7
N
Nitrogen
14.007

PROTONS 7
NEUTRONS 7
ELECTRONS 7

3
Li
Lithium
6.941

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

6
C
Carbon
12.011

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

9
F
Flourine
18.998

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

19
K
Potassium
39.098

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

29
Cu
Copper
63.546

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

50
Sn
Tin
118.69

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

80
Hg
Mercury
200.59

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____

18
Ar
Argon
39.948

PROTONS _____
NEUTRONS _____
ELECTRONS _____