

## 6. Inorganic Nomenclature

a. ionic compounds - cation and anion combinations

i. Single-charge cations with elemental anions

1. The single charge cations include:  
groups 1, 2, 13,  $\text{Ag}^{1+}$ , and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

2. To name, given the formula:  $\text{NaCl}$



- Use name of the cation: (Sodium)

- Use the name of the anion dropping the ending  
and add -ide: (Chloride)

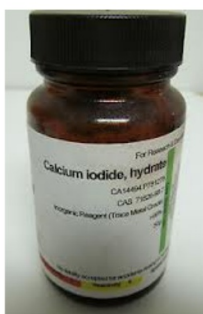
$\text{NaCl}$  = Sodium Chloride

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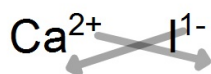
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3. To write the formula, given the name: Calcium Iodide



- Write the symbols for the two ions:  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{I}^{1-}$

- Balance the charges to write the formula.



4. Note: the names that end in -ide are talking about a specific element, the names that do not are usually talking about a polyatomic ion.

Sodium Sulfide
$\text{Na}_2\text{S}$
vs.
Sodium Sulfate
$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$

Examples:



Magnesium Fluoride

Cesium Sulfide

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ii. Multiple-charge cations with elemental anions

1. The multiple charge cations include:  
 $\text{Pb}^{2+}/\text{Pb}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}^{4+}$ , transition metals  
(except Ag and Zn)

\* Need to know roman numerals for this:

1 = I

5 = V

9 = IX

2 = II

6 = VI

10 = X

3 = III

7 = VII

4 = IV

8 = VIII



2. To name, given the formula: FeO

- Figure out the charge of the cation  
(you know the charge of the anion) --> Fe<sup>?</sup> and O<sup>2-</sup>

\*If you know the ratio of Fe to O is 1:1 and the charge of O is 2 negative, then Fe must be 2 positive.

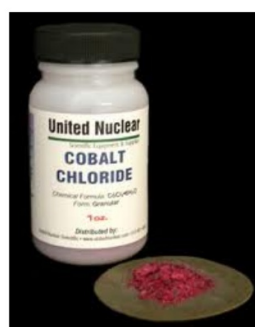
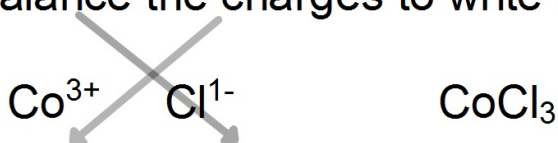
- Write the name of the cation: Iron
- Write roman numerals in ( ) to show the charge of the cation: Iron (II)
- Write the name of the anion with -ide ending

FeO = Iron(II) Oxide

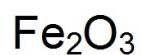


3. To find the formula, knowing the name: Cobalt(III) Chloride

- write the symbols of the ions: Co<sup>3+</sup> and Cl<sup>1-</sup>
- balance the charges to write the formula



Examples:



tin(IV)oxide

tin(II)oxide

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b. covalent compounds (molecules)

1. between non-metals

2. forget the charge

3. What to do:

- Use greek prefixes to indicate how many atoms of each element.

- \*If the first type of atom only has one atom, mono is not needed.

- The last element ends in -ide.

- The Greek prefixes are:

1 = mono  
2 = di  
3 = tri  
4 = tetra  
5 = penta  
6 = hexa  
7 = hepta  
8 = octa  
9 = nona  
10 = deca

Examples:

$\text{CO}_2$  = carbon dioxide

$\text{CO}$  = carbon monoxide

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  = dinitrogen pentoxide



Examples:

$\text{CCl}_4$

$\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_6$

$\text{SiO}_2$

$\text{NI}_3$

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$\text{SO}$

$\text{P}_3\text{Br}_9$

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### c. acid nomenclature

1. **binary acids** - acids with hydrogen and one other element

i. How to name, given the formula:

- write the prefix "hydro"

- write the prefix of the other element followed by "-ic acid"

Examples: HCl --> hydrochloric acid

HF -->

HBr -->

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1. **binary acids** - acids with hydrogen and one other element

ii. How to write the formula, given the name:

- write the atomic symbols of the atoms in acid

- the charge of the other element tells you how many hydrogens you need

Examples: hydrochloric acid --> HCl

hydrosulfuric acid --> H<sub>2</sub>S

hydroxic acid → H<sub>2</sub>O

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2. oxy-acids - acids containing hydrogen, oxygen, and another element

i. common oxyanions:  $(\text{NO}_3)^{1-}$ ,  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ ,  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$

- polyatomic ions that contain oxygen

- combine with hydrogen to form oxyacids

ii. How to name, given the formula:

- write the prefix of the oxyanion followed by "-ic acid"

- Example:  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  --> carbonic acid

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Examples: sulfuric acid -->  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
chloric acid -->  $\text{HClO}_3$

Hydrosulfuric acid

arsenic acid

nitric acid

$\text{HBrO}_3$

$\text{H}_3\text{P}$

$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$

hydroiodic acid

$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$