

## Chemistry: Elements and Chemical reactions



#### Periodic table recap

The arrangement of the periodic table has changed.

#### Early 1800s

- Arranged by relative atomic mass.
- Scientists had not yet discovered protons, neutrons or electrons.
- There were gaps for missing elements that had not been found yet.

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- Ordered mainly by atomic mass.
- Elements with similar properties in the same group.
- Gaps left for elements that hadn't been found yet.

#### Modern Day

- In order of increasing atomic mass.
- Repeating patterns in the properties of the elements.
- Metals are on the left and non-metals are on the right.

Properties of metals - Ductile - Malleable

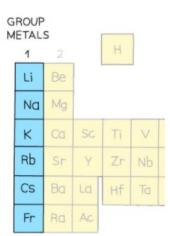
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- High melting and boiling point
- Conduct heat Conduct electricity

Properties of non-metals - Brittle

- Insulators of heat and electricity
- Not always solids lower density

## Group 1: Alkali Metals



- The group 1 metals are known as the alkali metals
  - They form alkaline solutions when they react with water
- The group 1 metals are lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, caesium and francium and they are found in the first column of the periodic table
- The alkali metals share similar characteristic chemical properties because they each have one electron in their outermost shell
- · Some of these properties are:
  - o They are all soft metals which can easily be cut with a knife
  - o They have relatively low densities and low melting points
  - o They are very reactive (they only need to lose one electron to become highly stable)

### **Physical Trends**

- Apart from the chemical trends there are also patterns to be seen in the physical properties
- The alkali metals are **soft** and easy to cut, getting softer as you move down the group
- The first three alkali metals are less dense than water

#### Group 1 reactions with water

Element	Reaction	Observations
Li	Lithium + Water $\longrightarrow$ Lithium hydroxide + Hydrogen 2Li(s) + 2H <sub>2</sub> O(l) $\longrightarrow$ 2LiOH(aq) + H <sub>2</sub> (g)	Relatively slow reaction Lithium doesn't melt Fizzing can be seen and heard as the lithium reacts
Na	Sodium + Water $\longrightarrow$ Sodium hydroxide + Hydrogen 2Na(s) + 2H <sub>2</sub> O(l) $\longrightarrow$ 2NaOH(aq) + H <sub>2</sub> (g)	Large amounts of heat released causes the sodium to melt     Hydrogen released catches fire and causes the ball of sodium to dash across the surface
К	$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Potassium} + \text{Water} & \longrightarrow & \text{Potassium hydroxide} \ + \ \text{Hydrogen} \\ 2\text{K(s)} & + 2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} & \longrightarrow & 2\text{KOH(aq)} & + \ \text{H}_2 \text{ (g)} \end{array}$	Reacts more violently than sodium  Enough heat released so hydrogen burns with a lilac coloured flame  Melts into a shiny ball that dashes around the surface

## Group 0: Noble Gases

- The elements in group 0 of the periodic table are called the noble gases
- They are all non-metal, monatomic (exist as single atoms), colourless, non-flammable gases at room temperature
- The group 0 elements all have full outer shells of electrons; this electronic configuration is extremely stable
- Elements participate in reactions to complete their outer shells by losing, gaining, or sharing electrons
  - The Group 0 elements do not need to do this, because of their full outer shells which makes them unreactive and inert
- Other than helium which has 2 electrons in its outer shell, the noble gases have eight valence electrons (which is why you may see this group labelled "group 8")
- As with other groups, there are trends in the physical properties of the noble gases
- The noble gases have very low melting and boiling points
- They show an increase in boiling point as we move down the group due to an increase in the relative atomic mass (the atoms get larger as you move down the group)





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### Group 7: Halogens

- The elements in group 7 are known as the halogens
  - o These are fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and astatine
- These elements are non-metals that are poisonous
- All halogens have similar reactions as they each have seven electrons in their outermost shell
- Halogens are **diatomic**, meaning they form molecules made of pairs of atoms sharing electrons (forming a single covalent bond between the two halogen atoms) such as F<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, etc
- When halogen atoms gain an electron during reactions, they form -1 ions called halide ions
  - The colours of the halogens also change as you descend the group they become darker



Halogen	State & Appearance at Room Temperature	Characteristics	Colour in solution
Fluorine	Yellow gas	Very reactive, poisonous gas	-
Chlorine	Pale yellow-green gas	Reactive, poisonous and dense gas	Pale green
Bromine	Red-brown liquid	Dense red-brown volatile liquid	Orange
lodine	Purple-black solid	Shimmery, crystalline solid, sublimes to form a purple vapour	Dark brown

#### **Energy Changes**

Energy cannot be **created or destroyed**, you can only move it from place to place or change it to a different form of energy.

Exothermic reactions transfers energy to the surroundings. The temperature of the surroundings increases. This means the product molecules must have LESS energy than the reactant molecules.

Exothermic reactions include combustion, neutralisation and many oxidation reactions.

Uses: self-heating cans and hand warmers

Endothermic reactions absorb energy from the surroundings. The temperature of the surroundings decreases.

This means the product molecules have MORE energy than the reactant molecules.

Endothermic reactions include thermal decompositions and the reaction of citric acid with sodium hydrogen carbonate.

Uses: sports injuries cold packs

Exothermic Reaction	Endothermic Reaction
Temp of surroundings	Temp of surroundings
INCREASES	DECREASES

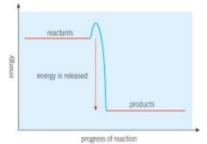


Figure 1 The reaction profile for an exothermic reaction

The reaction profile for exothermic shows the products are at a lower energy level than the reactants. This means when the reactants form the products, energy is transferred TO the surroundings. The surroundings get warmer.



The reaction profile for endothermic shows the products are at a higher energy level than the reactants. This means when the reactants form the products, energy is transferred FROM the surroundings, The surroundings get colder.

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