

# FINAL EXAM REVIEW GUIDE

## The nature of science

**Scientific Method** – organized set of investigative procedures necessary so that the results of an experiment are considered valid.

1. **State the problem**
2. **Gather Information**
3. **Hypothesis** – possible explanation, needs to be tested.
4. **Experiment** – tests the effect of one thing on another.

**Independent variable** – changed by the experimenter

**Dependent variable** – changed because of independent variable

**Constant** – part of an experiment that does not change

**Control** – set up that does not contain the variable; used to compare to the test results.

Exclude **Bias** – avoid having expectations

5. **Observations** – gathered DATA from an experiment by using **senses** or tools.
6. **Conclusion** – using Data to make a statement of whether or not the **hypothesis was correct or supported**.

**Theory** – **explanation** of things or events based on many observations and investigations.

**Scientific Law** – statement or **rule** about what happens. Always seems to be true.

**Length** – distance between 2 points.

**Mass** – amount of matter. Measured in grams

**Volume** – amount of space an object takes up

**Temperature** – measure of the energy of motion of the molecules

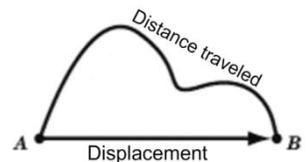
*SI units used to measure can be found on your reference table.*

## Motion

**Motion** – change in position as compared to a frame of reference.

**Distance** – how far something traveled, something is its actual path distance and direction

**Speed** – rate of change of position



**Displacement** – how far from its starting point,



**Constant speed** – speed that does not change

**Instantaneous speed** – speed at a moment in time.

(ex. A car speedometer tells instantaneous speed)

**Average speed** -  $\frac{\text{total distance}}{\text{total time}}$



**Velocity** – speed in a direction. (ex. 10 meters/sec North)

**Acceleration** – rate of change of velocity.  $\frac{v_f - v_i}{\text{time}}$  *Final velocity - Initial Velocity / Time*

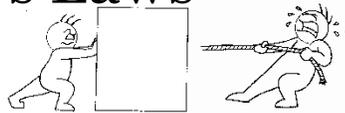
-Acceleration occurs when there is a **change speed OR change direction** Example: a racecar driving in a circle at a constant speed is still acceleration because the direction is changing

**Positive acceleration** – speeding up, going faster.

**Negative acceleration** – slowing down, going slower.

**Friction** opposes motion

## Forces & Newton's Laws



**Force** is a push or a pull

**Balanced forces** - equal forces in opposite directions. Net force = zero

- no acceleration, motion maintained

**Unbalanced Forces** cause acceleration in the direction of the net force

**Net Force** – the total of all forces on an object. **Friction** - a force that opposes motion.

**Balanced forces** – forces that are equal and in the opposite direction

$$25\text{N} \rightarrow \leftarrow 25\text{N}$$

$$15\text{N} \leftrightarrow 15\text{N}$$

\*\*\*\*\***Net force = zero, no change in motion or no acceleration**

**Unbalanced force** – **causes acceleration** (change velocity), net force is in the direction of the acceleration.

$$25\text{N} \rightarrow \leftarrow 12\text{N}$$

Net force is  $13\text{N} \rightarrow$  therefore, Acceleration is  $\rightarrow$

**Momentum (p)** – the force needed to stop an object in motion **p=mv**

**Law of Conservation of Momentum** – momentum can be transferred from one object to another but never lost.

**Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> law:**

**Inertia** - objects resistance to a change in motion

- An objects motion will remain the same unless acted on by an unbalanced force.
- Amount of inertia **depends on mass**

**Acceleration** is the rate of change of velocity

**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Motion:** Force = mass(acceleration)       $F = ma$

**Mass** – the amount of matter in an object. **Weight**- the force on an object due to gravity

**Force of gravity**

- attractive force between objects with mass (mass = amount of matter in an object)
- all objects have gravity
- the amount of gravity **depends on the mass** of the objects and their **distance** apart
- causes **weight** which is measured in Newtons
- decreases with distance (weigh less the farther you are from the center of earth)

**Acceleration of gravity (g)**

- is **equal for all objects** regardless of mass
- **9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>** on earth

**Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law:** action/reaction

- for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction
- Demonstrated when stepping forward off of a boat, causes the boat to push backwards

## Energy

**Energy** is the ability to cause change (do work) and is measured in **Joules (j)**.

Energy does not have to involve motion, work does.

**Kinetic Energy (KE)** – energy of motion.

$KE = \frac{1}{2} (\text{mass})(\text{velocity}^2)$       More mass = more energy      More velocity = more energy

**Potential Energy (PE)** – stored energy.

PE= (Mass)(Gravity)(Height)  $P= mgh$  More mass = more energy More height = more energy

- **Elastic Potential** – stored in things that stretch or compress
- **Chemical Potential** – stored in chemical bonds in substances like **gasoline or food**
- **Gravitational Potential (GPE)** – energy of position, based on the objects height above the ground

**Mechanical Energy** = Kinetic Energy + Potential Energy

**Law of Conservation of Energy** – Energy *cannot* be created or destroyed.

Falling objects convert potential energy to kinetic energy

Friction – converts some kinetic energy into thermal energy

**Combustion Engine** – converts chemical potential energy into kinetic energy by burning a fuel, causing it to heat and expand, producing motion (KE).

**Generator**- Converts chemical potential energy into electrical energy

**Nuclear Energy** – changes mass in to energy

**Fission** – atoms split, energy is released      **Fusion** – atoms join, energy is released



**Thermal Energy**- Converting energy into heat

**Electromagnetic Energy**- Energy transferred in waves

## Electricity

**Static Electricity** (not flowing) is due to an **accumulation of electric charge** on an object. Electric Charge is detected with an **electroscope**.

**Law of conservation of charge** states that electric charge cannot be created or destroyed but can only be transferred from one object to another.

**Electric Force** - surrounds every electric charge and exerts a force that either attracts or repels other electric charges

**Opposite** charges **attract**.

**Like** charges **repel**.

**Conductors** allow the **passage** of electrons easily. Ex. **Metals** such as copper or silver or gold  
**Insulators** are materials in which electrons are **not able to move** easily. Ex. Rubber or glass.

**Charging methods:** charge by **contact** or charge by **induction** (coming near a charge)

**Voltage** difference is the **force** that pushes electrons. **Measured in volts** (the energy behind an electron)

**Current** is the **flow** or net movement of electrons. **Measured in Amperes (amps)** (the number of electrons)

**Resistance** **opposes** the **flow** of electrons. **Measured in ohms.**

More resistance = Less current

Conductors have a low resistance.

Insulators have a high resistance.

**Ohms law** relates voltage, current and resistance. **Volts = current x resistance**

Ohm's Triangle



Cover the variable you want to find and perform the resulting calculation (Multiplication/Division) as indicated.

### Circuits

**Closed circuit** is a path for electric current to flow.

**Open circuit** is an incomplete path - does not allow current.



Series



Parallel

**Series Circuit** has only **one path** for the current.

**Parallel circuit** has **more than one path** for the current to flow.

### Sources of Electricity

**Generators** provide **alternating current (AC)** – the positive and negative poles switch. USA's power supply switches 60 times/sec. Measured in hertz. (60Hz)

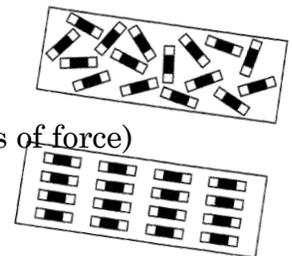
**Be sure to know the following units and the properties associated with each unit:**

**Volts, Amps, ohm, watt, kilowatt hours**

## Magnetism

**Magnetic Field** is the region around a magnet where the **force** acts.

- **Magnets have aligned magnetic domains**
- Iron, cobalt or nickel can be **magnetized by magnetic induction.**
- Magnets apply a **force** which is **strongest at the poles** (closer lines of force)
- **Like poles repel**                      **Opposite poles attract**



### Types of Magnets

**Natural magnets** – lodestone and magnetite

Objects that keep their magnetic properties for a long time are **permanent magnets**

**Current** through a wire **produces a magnetic field** around the wire. Coil the wire to concentrate the field

An **Electromagnet** is a coil of wire wrapped around an iron core. A **solenoid** is missing the iron core \*\* Electromagnets can be turned on or off or have their poles reversed by reversing the current in the coil.\*\*

**More coils = greater field    More current in the wire = greater field**  
**Reverse the current = Reverse the field    No current = no magnetic field**  
**Electromagnets are temporary magnets**

**Galvanometer** : an electromagnet surrounded by permanent magnets that **measures the current** in a wire.

### Producing Electricity

**Electromagnetic Induction** – moving a coil of wire through a magnetic field produces a current in the wire.

**More coils of wire = more current                      Stronger magnetic field = more current**  
**Reverse the direction of the movement of the coil = reverse the current**

A **generator** changes **mechanical energy into electrical energy**.

**Generators** spin a coil of wire therefore they produce **alternating current (AC)**

**Transformers** – change voltage.

**Step-up** transformer **increases the voltage** (high voltage will travel farther in thinner wire)

**Step-down** transformer **decreases the voltage** (low voltage has less push – is safer)

## Waves

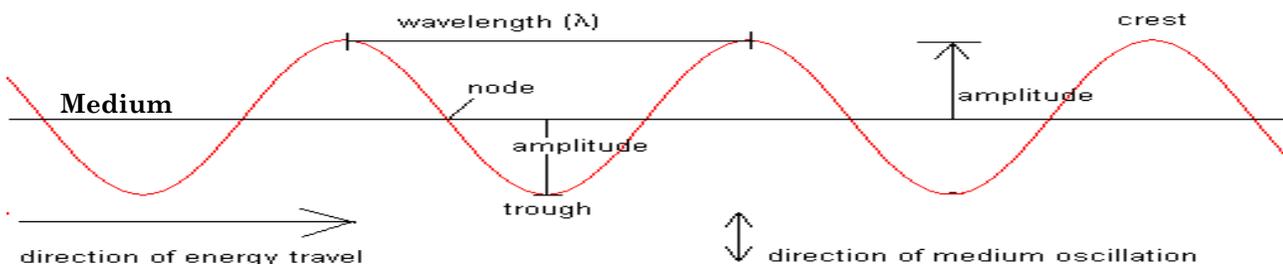
A **wave** is rhythmic disturbance that carries energy without carrying matter.

**Mechanical waves** only travel through a **medium** (matter through which it travels).  
Mechanical waves travel faster through a more dense medium.

### Properties of Waves

A **transverse wave** is a wave where the **medium moves perpendicular** to the direction of the wave. The **high point** of the wave is the **crest**, while the **low point** of the wave is the **trough**.

Ex. Ocean waves



The measurement of distance from one part of a wave to the next part of the same type is called the **wavelength**.

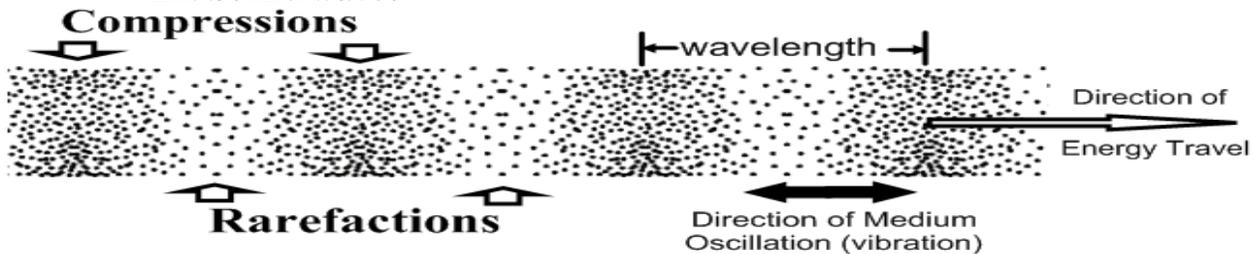
Ex. The distance from crest to crest OR trough to trough

**Frequency** is a measure of the number of wavelengths that pass a given point in a second. Frequency is **measured in hertz (Hz)**. A high frequency wave has short wavelengths.

The **rest position** of transverse wave is the position halfway between the crest and trough; where the wave would rest or settle if it had no energy.

**Compressional wave** is a mechanical wave where the **medium moves parallel** to the direction of the wave.

Ex. Sound waves



**Compressions** are areas where the medium **particles are squeezed** close together (compressed)

**Rarefactions** are areas where the medium **particles are spread** farther apart than normal.

**Amplitude** - is the distance from the rest position to the crest or trough. (transverse waves)  
- the difference between compressions and rarefactions. (compressional waves)  
- measures the **amount of energy** carried by the wave

## Wave Behavior

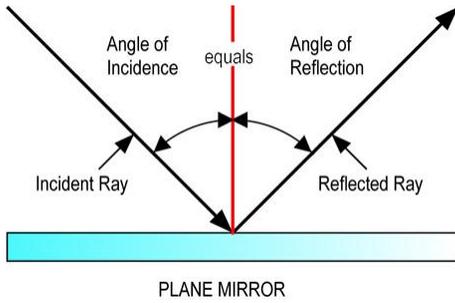
**Reflection** is when a wave bounces off of a surface.

**Law of Reflection** states that the angle of incidence of a wave = the angle of reflection.

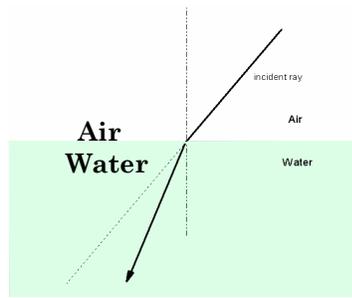
**Refraction** – when a **wave bends** because its speed changed while **traveling through** one medium into another. Ex. A lens causes light to refract.

**Diffraction** – when a **wave bends around** a barrier.

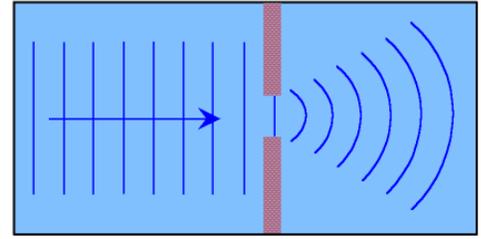
Ex. Sound can be heard from around a wall in another room.



**Reflection**



**Refraction**



**Diffraction**

# Sound Waves

## Properties of Sound

Sound is a **compressional wave**. Sound waves **require a medium** through which to travel.

Sound waves will travel **faster through a denser medium**

More **Energy** = more **Amplitude** = greater **Intensity**. Intensity is measured in **decibels (dB)**

Human perception of sound intensity is called **Loudness**

## Sound Frequency - pitch

Shorter wavelength = Higher frequency = Higher pitch

Longer wavelength = Lower frequency = Lower pitch

The **Doppler Effect** is the apparent change in frequency due to the movement of the source of the sound

- Objects **moving closer** have an apparent **higher frequency** than they are actually emitting
- Objects **moving away** have an apparent **lower frequency** than they are actually emitting

Normal human hearing range is 20 to 20,000 Hz

Below 20 Hz is **infrasonic** (subsonic) Above 20,000 Hz is **ultrasonic**

## Uses of Sound

**Echolocation** uses reflected sound waves to locate objects

**Sonar** – a type of echolocation that uses the reflection of human created underwater sound waves to detect objects

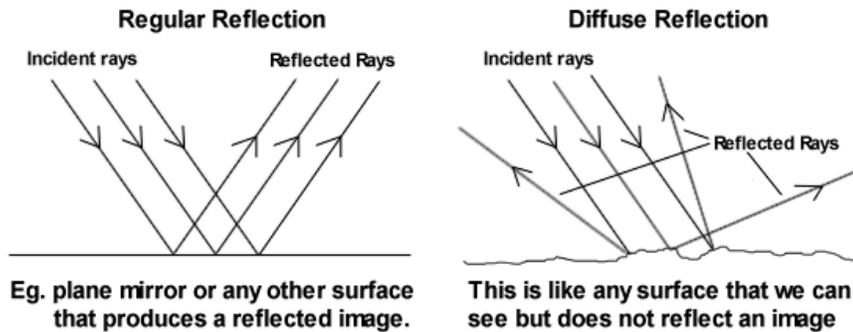
**Acoustics** is the study of sound

# Light Waves

## Behavior of Light

**Refraction-** Bending of light due to differences in densities

**Reflection** – light bounces off of the material's surface



**Regular Reflection-** occurs when the surface light is reflecting off is smooth

**Diffuse Reflection-** occurs when the surface the light is reflecting off is rough

**Opaque Materials** – no light is transmitted, all light is absorbed or reflected

**Translucent** – some light is transmitted, some is either reflected or absorbed, cannot see through clearly

**Transparent** – all light is transmitted, can see through clearly

**Visible Spectrum** – all wavelengths of light that can be seen by the normal human eye

Each wavelength is seen as a different color

These colors seen in a rainbow ROYGBIV

**Rainbows**– caused by the refraction of light and light reflecting off of the rain drops

## Light and Color

**White materials** reflect all colors of the visible spectrum

**Black materials** absorb all colors of the visible spectrum

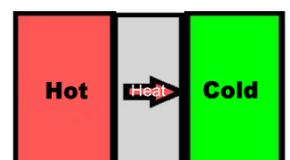
**Colored materials** reflect the color which they appear and absorb all other colors

## Thermal Energy

**Temperature** – the measure of the average kinetic energy of all the particles in an object.

**Internal Potential Energy** – when the particles are forced to expand

**Thermal energy** – total kinetic energy and the **internal** potential energy  
Measured with a **thermometer**



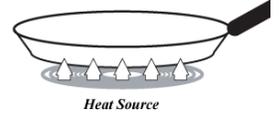
**Heat** – the flow of thermal energy from high temperature to low temperature.

**Specific Heat** – the amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance one degree Celsius.

❖ the specific heat of **water** is very high!!

## Thermal Energy Transfer

**Conduction** – transfer of energy by contact, the **collision of the particles**.

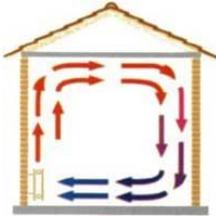


**COOKING BY CONDUCTION**

**Conductors** transfer heat easily (**Metals** are the best) ex. A metal pot on the stove.

**Insulators** reduce the flow of heat. (**air is an excellent insulator**) ex. A fluffy blanket.

**Convection** – transfer of thermal energy by the **bulk movement** (current) of a fluid (liquid or gas).



ex. A radiator in a house heats the room by convection.  
ex. 2. Convection currents on earth **cause winds!**

**Radiation** – transfer of energy by electromagnetic waves (ex. light, ultraviolet, radio waves, etc.).



- the **suns energy** is transmitted to earth by radiation. (**does not require matter**)
- **Dark** materials **absorb** radiation better.
- **Shiny** materials **reflect** radiant energy.

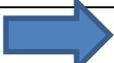
# Solids, Liquids & Gases

The **KINETIC THEORY OF MATTER** states that all matter is made up of small particles that are in constant motion. The particles collide with each other and the walls of their container.

The more kinetic energy = more motion = **higher** temperature = matter expands  
**Thermal Expansion** is the increase in size due to the rise in temperature

| <i>State of Matter</i> | <i>Volume &amp; Shape</i>              | <i>Kinetic Energy of the Particles</i> | <i>Particle behavior</i>      |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Solid</b>           | Definite Shape & Volume                | Low kinetic Energy                     | Vibrate in a fixed place      |
| <b>Liquid</b>          | Definite Volume & No definite Shape    | More kinetic energy than a solid       | Move freely within the liquid |
| <b>Gas</b>             | No definite Volume & No definite Shape | More kinetic energy than a liquid      | Move freely in any direction  |
| <b>Plasma ***</b>      | No definite Volume & No definite Shape | Highest Kinetic Energy                 | Electrically Charged ions     |

**\*\*\*Plasma is the most common state of matter in the universe**

| <i>Phase Change</i>  | <i>Term for Phase Change</i>  | <i>Heat movement during phase change</i>   |
|--|---|--|
| Solid  Liquid | Melting<br><b>Melting Point:</b> is the temperature when the solid liquefies        | Heat energy is <b>added</b> to reach the solids melting point causing it to liquefy        |
| Liquid  Solid | Freezing or Solidification  | Heat energy is <b>removed</b> to cause the liquid to solidify                              |
| Liquid  Gas   | Evaporation or Vaporization<br><b>Boiling Point:</b> Temperature when bubbles start | Heat energy is <b>added</b> to the liquid to reach its boiling point and cause evaporation |
| Gas  Liquid   | Condensation  | Heat energy is <b>removed</b> from the gas causing it to turn back into a liquid           |
| Solid  Gas    | Sublimation   | Heat energy is <b>added</b> so quickly the liquid phase is skipped                         |

**Phase change** requires the addition or removal of thermal energy or pressure. A phase change is a physical change. **There is no temperature change** during a phase change.

**Heat of Fusion:** The amount of energy needed to cause the solid to liquefy

**Heat of Vaporization:** The amount of heat energy required to cause the liquid to evaporate

## *Fluid Principles*

**Archimedes' Principle** - the **buoyant force** on an object in a fluid is **equal to the weight of the fluid displaced** by the object.



Ex. This principle allows a **ship to float**.

Whether an object will sink or float is based on Archimedes' principle

**Buoyancy** is the ability of the fluid to apply an upward force on an object (buoys float)

**Bernoulli's Principle** - as the **velocity** of a fluid **increases**, the **pressure** exerted by the fluid **decreases**.



- Faster moving fluid has less pressure.

Ex. This principle is used to make a **plane fly**.

**Pascal's principle** – the **pressure** in a fluid is equal throughout the fluid. The pressure in a fluid is measured in a unit called **Pascal**.

## *Gas Laws*

**Boyle's Law** - As the **volume** of a gas **decreases** the **pressure increases** as long as the temperature remains the same.

**Charles' Law** - As the **temperature** of a gas **increases** the **volume** of the gas also **increases**  
**Charles' Law is thermal expansion of a gas**

## **Properties of Matter**

**Element**- a substance made up of only one type of atom

Ex. Sodium; Na – an explosive metal has only atoms made with 11 protons

Chlorine; Cl – a poisonous gas, has only atoms made with 17 protons

**Compound**- a substance made up of two or more elements **chemically combined**

- **properties** of individual elements are **not retained** (properties are lost)
- Sodium and Chlorine chemically joined in a compound forms Sodium Chloride; NaCl – table salt!
- Can be **separated by chemical means**.

**Pure Substance**- a material made up of only one type of matter, matter with a fixed composition

- can be an element or compound.

**Mixture**

- two or more elements **combined physically**
- each substance **maintains its own properties**
- can be **separated by physical means**. **Distillation** uses boiling point to separate substances

**Homogeneous Mixtures** are evenly mixed, are the **same throughout**, and remain mixed.

**Solution-** type of homogeneous mixture where one substance is dissolved in another substance the particles are too small to be seen with a microscope and will not settle out.

Ex. Salt water, iced tea,

**Colloid-** type of homogeneous mixture like a solution with larger particles that do not settle out.

❖ *Ex. Fog, smoke*

**Tyndall effect** – the scattering of light by colloids. Used to detect colloids.

**Heterogeneous Mixtures** are not evenly mixed. They are not **the same throughout**.

❖ *Ex. Italian salad dressing, rice Pudding, chocolate chip cookie, concrete*

**Suspension-** heterogeneous mixture like a solution with visible particles that settle out

❖ *Ex. muddy water, ketchup, mustard*

**Physical Properties** - characteristics that can be determined without changing the substance in to something new.

❖ *Ex. Mass, Magnetism, Volume, Density, Color, Size, Odor, Viscosity, Phase .*

**Chemical Properties** - describe how a substance will react or change when it reacts with another substance.

❖ *Ex. Flammability (tells that it can burn not that it is burning)*

**Physical Change** – change in a physical property, still the same substance.

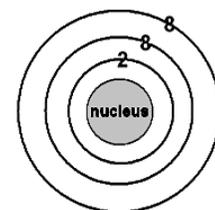
❖ *Ex. Phase change, change in shape*

**Chemical Change** – involves a chemical reaction to **produce a new substance**. (may be indicated by bubbles)

❖ *Ex. Rusting, Corrosion, Burning*

**The Law of Conservation of Mass**

The total mass of all substances before chemical change is equal to the total mass of the substances before the chemical change



## Periodic Table

All matter is made up of **atoms**

An atom is the smallest piece of an element that still has the properties of the element

### Sub atomic particles

Atoms are made up of **Protons (+), Neutrons (0), and Electrons (-)**

**Protons and Neutrons** each have a **mass of 1amu**, are **in the nucleus** & each contain 3 quarks +

**Electrons** are found at different levels around the nucleus in the **electron cloud**.

**Electron energy levels:** Level 1 holds 2 electrons Levels 2 & 3 hold 8 electrons (for now)

Electrons have such a small mass, it is almost zero.

**Valence electrons** are the outer most electrons

**Dot diagram** – shows the valence electrons



## Special atoms

**Isotopes** – are varieties of the same atom with **different #'s of neutrons**

**Ion** – is an atom with an electrical **charge (+ or -)** because the # of protons does not match the # of electrons

## Periodic Table

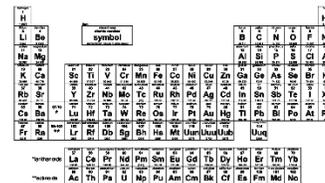
List of elements organized by atomic number

**Atomic #** and symbol is unique to each type of atom. **Atomic #** tells the **# of protons**.

**Mass #** is the **sum of the protons and neutrons**

**Atomic Mass** – **average mass** of all the isotopes of an element

Most elements are solids at room temperature



## Periodic Table Arrangement

Elements are arranged by their atomic number

**Columns** (or groups) – vertical, elements have similar properties

**Rows** (or periods) – horizontal, elements have similar size, properties repeat in each row

Most elements are **metals** – need to lose electron(s) Most active on left

**Nonmetals** – need to gain electrons Most active **towards** right

**Metalloids** – will gain or lose electrons, have properties of both metals and nonmetals

**Noble Gases** – (far right column) stable, have just the right outer electrons, do not react, **far right**

## Bonding

**Bond** - a force that holds atoms in a compound together due to the behavior of their electrons

**Ionic Bond** – **transfer of electrons** from metal to the nonmetal creating opposite ions



- bond between a metal and a nonmetal.
- the **metal needs to lose** electrons while the **nonmetal needs to gain** electrons
- the atoms stay **attracted because opposite charges attract**

**Covalent Bond** – **share electrons** in outer most electron cloud.



- Bond between two nonmetals (both want to gain electrons)
- Ex. H<sub>2</sub>O each hydrogen atom shares one electron with the oxygen atom.

**Metallic Bond** – valence **electrons flow freely** among the positive nuclei

- bond between metals
- metals are **good conductors** of electricity