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Chemical Formula

Tells the	number of			
Molec	ular: (bonding)		
	Formula represents the n	umber of	_of each	
	in a si			
<u>Ionic</u> :	(bon	ding)		
	Formula represents the _	represents the		
	positive and negative	in one		
	·			
		Ionic Bond		
The	that binds	charged		
together.				
		<u>Metals</u>		
•		electrons		
• ions are _	charged	Ł		
•				
		Nonmetals		
•	electrons			
• ions are _	charged	ł		
•				

Writing Ionic Formulas

1.	Write the	for the	
	• The	_ is written first.	
	• The	_ is written second.	
2.	Determine the	on each ion.	
3.	Select	that will make the	
	charge equal to the		charge.
ex	amples: sodium chloride	magnesiun	n chloride
	<u>Cr</u>	riss-Cross Method for Formula	Writing
•	Write symbol of	followed by symbol of	
	along with their	·	
•	Use the	of the cha	rge of each ion as the
	for th	e other.	
•	If a subscript is	, omit it.	
•	If the subscripts are the Subscripts must be simpli	same, them. fied in an ionic formula.	
E×	camples: Ca ²⁺ O ²⁻	K ¹⁺ ClO ₃ ¹⁻ Al ³⁺	504 ²⁻
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Ionic	compounds	are	compo	osed	of _			and
	When	writing	g an ion	ic form	ula, the	total		
charge must	equal the tota	al			_ charg	e because	the	number of
electrons			must	equal	the	number	of	electrons
	Alway	vs write	e the s	ymbol	of the <u></u>			first,
followed by	the symbol of	f the $_{-}$			<u> </u>	The		
method is a	short-cut to	correct	t form	ula wri [.]	ting as	long as w	e re	member to
simplify our	subscripts!							

In each box, write the formula of the ionic compound consisting of the positive ion to the left of the box and the negative ion above the box.

	Cl⁻	S ²⁻	F⁻	N ³⁻	O ²⁻	P ³⁻
Mg ²⁺						
Cs⁺						
Cr ³⁺						
Na⁺						
Zn ²⁺						
Al ³⁺						

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Ternary compounds have	kinds of elements. They are
nearly always composed of a monatomic () metallic ion and a
polyatomic () anion. The only po	sitively charged polyatomic ion
is To write the formula c	of a ternary compound is no
different than to write the formula of a binary com	pound with one exception. If a
subscript is necessary for the polyatomic ion in	order to
charge, we must place the polyatomic ion in	

In each box, write the formula of the ionic compound consisting of the positive ion to the left of the box and the negative ion above the box.

	OH-	504 ²⁻	NO ₃ ⁻	<i>CO</i> ₃ ²⁻	PO4 ³⁻
K⁺					
Mn ²⁺					
NH₄⁺					
Al ³⁺					
Ca ²⁺					
Fe ³⁺					

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Write the formula of the compound formed from the following pairs of ions:

1.	Li⁺, O²-	8.	Cu⁺, NO₃⁻
2.	Ag⁺, OH⁻	9.	Mn ²⁺ , S ²⁻
3.	Mg ²⁺ , SO4 ²⁻	10.	K⁺, MnO₄⁻
4.	NH4 ⁺ , CO3 ²⁻	11.	Al ³⁺ , SO4 ²⁻
5.	Ca ²⁺ , P ³⁻	12.	H⁺, PO4 ³⁻
6.	Sn ⁴⁺ , O ²⁻	13.	Hg ²⁺ , ClO ₄ -
7.	Sn⁴⁺, IO₃⁻	14.	Fe ³⁺ , CN⁻

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