

Chemistry Vocabulary

Introduction

1 Elements and elementary substances

1.1 Alkali metals

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
3	Li	Lithium	Lithium	6.94
11	Na	Sodium	Natrium	22.99
19	K	Potassium	Kalium	39.10
37	Rb	Rubidium	Rubidium	85.47
55	Cs	Cesium	Caesium	132.91
87	Fr	Francium	Francium	(223)

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
Li	180.5	1342	BCC	Batteries, alloys
Na	97.7	883	BCC	Reducing agent, coolant
K	63.5	759	BCC	Fertilizer, gun powder
Rb	39.3	688	BCC	Photoelectric cells
Cs	28.4	671	BCC	Atomic clocks
Fr	27	677	—	Radioactive, no use

Preparation Methods:

Sodium (Na): Electrolysis of molten NaCl: $2\text{NaCl} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2\text{Na} + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow$

Potassium (K): Reduction of KCl with Na at high temperature: $\text{KCl} + \text{Na} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{K} \uparrow + \text{NaCl}$

1.2 Alkaline earth metals

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
4	Be	Beryllium	Beryllium	9.01
12	Mg	Magnesium	Magnesium	24.31
20	Ca	Calcium	Calcium	40.08
38	Sr	Strontium	Strontium	87.62
56	Ba	Barium	Barium	137.33
88	Ra	Radium	Radium	(226)

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
Be	1287	2470	HCP	Alloys, X-ray windows
Mg	650	1090	HCP	Alloys, fireworks
Ca	842	1484	FCC	Reducing agent, cement
Sr	777	1382	FCC	Fireworks (red)
Ba	727	1897	BCC	Drilling fluids
Ra	700	1737	BCC	Radioactive, obsolete

Preparation Methods:

Magnesium (Mg): Electrolysis of molten MgCl_2 : $\text{MgCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{Mg} + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow$

Alternatively, reduction of MgO with coke: $\text{MgO} + \text{C} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Mg} \uparrow + \text{CO} \uparrow$

Calcium (Ca): Electrolysis of molten CaCl_2 or reduction of CaO with Al

1.3 Transition metals

Elements (First Row):

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
21	Sc	Scandium	Scandium	44.96
22	Ti	Titanium	Titanium	47.87
23	V	Vanadium	Vanadium	50.94
24	Cr	Chromium	Chromium	52.00
25	Mn	Manganese	Manganese	54.94
26	Fe	Iron	Ferrum	55.85
27	Co	Cobalt	Cobaltum	58.93
28	Ni	Nickel	Niccolum	58.69
29	Cu	Copper	Cuprum	63.55
30	Zn	Zinc	Zincum	65.38

Important Elements (Other Rows):

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
47	Ag	Silver	Argentum	107.87
48	Cd	Cadmium	Cadmium	112.41
74	W	Tungsten	Wolframium	183.84
78	Pt	Platinum	Platinum	195.08
79	Au	Gold	Aurum	196.97
80	Hg	Mercury	Hydrargyrum	200.59

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
Ti	1668	3287	HCP	Aerospace alloys, pigments
V	1910	3407	BCC	Steel alloys, catalysts
Cr	1907	2671	BCC	Stainless steel, plating
Mn	1246	2061	Cubic	Steel production
Fe	1538	2862	BCC	Construction, machinery
Co	1495	2927	HCP	Alloys, magnets
Ni	1455	2913	FCC	Alloys, catalysts, coins
Cu	1085	2562	FCC	Electrical wire, plumbing
Zn	419.5	907	HCP	Galvanization, batteries
Ag	961.8	2162	FCC	Jewelry, conductors
Cd	321.1	767	HCP	Batteries, pigments
W	3422	5555	BCC	Light bulb filaments

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
Pt	1768	3825	FCC	Catalysts, jewelry
Au	1064	2856	FCC	Jewelry, electronics
Hg	-38.8	356.7	Rhombohedral	Thermometers, lamps

Preparation Methods:

Iron (Fe): Reduction in blast furnace: $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{CO} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}_2$

Copper (Cu): Roasting sulfide ore then reduction: $2\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} + 2\text{SO}_2$, then $\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 6\text{Cu} + \text{SO}_2 \uparrow$

Alternatively, leaching and electrowinning from oxide ores.

Zinc (Zn): Roasting then reduction with carbon: $2\text{ZnS} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{ZnO} + 2\text{SO}_2$, then $\text{ZnO} + \text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Zn} + \text{CO}$

Chromium (Cr): Reduction of Cr_2O_3 with aluminum (thermite process): $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} \longrightarrow 2\text{Cr} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

1.4 Post-transition metals

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
13	Al	Aluminum	Aluminium	26.98
31	Ga	Gallium	Gallium	69.72
49	In	Indium	Indium	114.82
50	Sn	Tin	Stannum	118.71
81	Tl	Thallium	Thallium	204.38
82	Pb	Lead	Plumbum	207.2
83	Bi	Bismuth	Bismuthum	208.98

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
Al	660.3	2519	FCC	Packaging, construction
Ga	29.8	2204	Orthorhombic	Semiconductors, LEDs
In	156.6	2072	Tetragonal	LCD screens, solders
Sn	231.9	2602	Tetragonal	Solder, coatings
Tl	304	1473	HCP	Rat poison (obsolete)
Pb	327.5	1749	FCC	Batteries, radiation shield
Bi	271.4	1564	Rhombohedral	Alloys, cosmetics

Preparation Methods:

Aluminum (Al): Hall-Héroult process (electrolysis of Al_2O_3 dissolved in molten cryolite):

$2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 4\text{Al} + 3\text{O}_2 \uparrow$

Lead (Pb): Roasting galena (PbS) then reduction: $2\text{PbS} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{PbO} + 2\text{SO}_2$, then $\text{PbO} + \text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Pb} + \text{CO}$

Tin (Sn): Reduction of cassiterite (SnO_2) with carbon: $\text{SnO}_2 + 2\text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Sn} + 2\text{CO} \uparrow$

1.5 Metalloids

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
5	B	Boron	Borium	10.81
14	Si	Silicon	Silicium	28.09
32	Ge	Germanium	Germanium	72.64
33	As	Arsenic	Arsenicum	74.92
51	Sb	Antimony	Stibium	121.76
52	Te	Tellurium	Tellurium	127.60
84	Po	Polonium	Polonium	(209)

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Crystal Structure	Application/Source
B	2075	4000	Rhombohedral	Glass, detergents
Si	1414	3265	Diamond cubic	Semiconductors, solar cells
Ge	938.3	2833	Diamond cubic	Semiconductors, optics
As	817	614 (subl.)	Rhombohedral	Alloys, pesticides
Sb	630.6	1587	Rhombohedral	Flame retardants, alloys
Te	449.5	988	Hexagonal	Alloys, solar cells
Po	254	962	Cubic	Radioactive, no common use

Preparation Methods:

Silicon (Si): Reduction of silica (SiO_2) with carbon in electric furnace: $\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{C} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Si} + 2\text{CO} \uparrow$
For ultrapure silicon (semiconductors): Trichlorosilane reduction: $\text{SiHCl}_3 + \text{H}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Si} + 3\text{HCl}$

1.6 Halogen

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
9	F	Fluorine	Fluorum	19.00
17	Cl	Chlorine	Chlorum	35.45
35	Br	Bromine	Bromum	79.90
53	I	Iodine	Iodum	126.90
85	At	Astatine	Astatium	(210)

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Physical State	Application/Source
F_2	-219.6	-188.1	Pale yellow gas	Toothpaste, Teflon
Cl_2	-101.5	-34.0	Yellow-green gas	Disinfectant, PVC
Br_2	-7.2	58.8	Red-brown liquid	Flame retardants, dyes
I_2	113.7	184.3	Purple-black solid	Disinfectant, photography
At_2	302	337	Solid (radioactive)	No practical use

Preparation Methods:

Chlorine (Cl_2): Electrolysis of brine (chlor-alkali process): $2\text{NaCl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + \text{H}_2 \uparrow + 2\text{NaOH}$

Laboratory: Oxidation of HCl: $\text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{HCl} \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{MnCl}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Bromine (Br_2): Oxidation of bromide in seawater: $2\text{Br}^- + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Br}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^-$

Iodine (I_2): Oxidation of iodide from brine or seaweed: $2\text{I}^- + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^-$

Or from Chile saltpeter: $2\text{NaIO}_3 + 5\text{NaHSO}_3 \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 3\text{NaHSO}_4 + 2\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Fluorine (F_2): Electrolysis of KF in anhydrous HF: $2\text{HF} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{H}_2 + \text{F}_2 \uparrow$

1.7 Noble gases

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
2	He	Helium	Helium	4.00
10	Ne	Neon	Neon	20.18
18	Ar	Argon	Argon	39.95
36	Kr	Krypton	Krypton	83.80
54	Xe	Xenon	Xenon	131.29
86	Rn	Radon	Radon	(222)

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Physical State	Application/Source
He	-272.2	-268.9	Colorless gas	Balloons, cryogenics
Ne	-248.6	-246.0	Colorless gas	Neon signs, lasers
Ar	-189.3	-185.8	Colorless gas	Welding, light bulbs
Kr	-157.4	-153.2	Colorless gas	Flash lamps, lasers
Xe	-111.8	-108.1	Colorless gas	Anesthesia, ion drives
Rn	-71	-61.7	Colorless gas	Radioactive tracer

Preparation:

Noble gases are obtained by fractional distillation of liquid air (except He and Rn).

Helium (He): Extracted from natural gas wells.

Radon (Rn): Decay product of radium, collected from uranium/thorium ores.

1.8 Other Nonmetals

Elements:

Atomic No.	Symbol	English Name	Latin Name	Rel. Atomic Mass
1	H	Hydrogen	Hydrogenium	1.008
6	C	Carbon	Carboneum	12.01
7	N	Nitrogen	Nitrogenium	14.01
8	O	Oxygen	Oxygenium	16.00
15	P	Phosphorus	Phosphorus	30.97
16	S	Sulfur	Sulfur	32.07
34	Se	Selenium	Selenium	78.96

Elementary Substances:

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Form/Structure	Application/Source
H ₂	-259.2	-252.9	Colorless gas	Fuel, ammonia synthesis
C (graphite)	3825	4827 (subl.)	Hexagonal layers	Pencils, electrodes
C (diamond)	3550	—	Cubic crystal	Jewelry, cutting tools
C (fullerene)	—	—	Molecular cage	Research, electronics
N ₂	-210.0	-195.8	Colorless gas	Fertilizers, inert atm.
O ₂	-218.8	-183.0	Colorless gas	Respiration, combustion
O ₃ (ozone)	-192.5	-112.0	Blue gas	Sterilization, UV shield
P (white)	44.2	280	Molecular solid	Incendiaries, match

Element	M.P. (°C)	B.P. (°C)	Form/Structure	Application/Source
P (red)	590	431 (subl.)	Amorphous	Safety matches
P (black)	—	—	Layered	Research
S (rhombic)	115.2	444.6	Orthorhombic	Sulfuric acid, vulcanize
S (monoclinic)	119	444.6	Monoclinic	Allotrope of sulfur
Se (gray)	221	685	Hexagonal	Photocells, glass

Preparation Methods:

Hydrogen (H₂):

- Steam reforming of methane: $\text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{high T}]{\text{catalyst}} \text{CO} + 3 \text{H}_2$
- Electrolysis of water: $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2 \text{H}_2 \uparrow + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Laboratory: Reaction of metals with acids: $\text{Zn} + 2 \text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$

Oxygen (O₂):

- Fractional distillation of liquid air
- Electrolysis of water: $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2 \text{H}_2 \uparrow + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Laboratory: Decomposition of KMnO₄: $2 \text{KMnO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{K}_2\text{MnO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Or: $2 \text{KClO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{MnO}_2, \text{heat}} 2 \text{KCl} + 3 \text{O}_2 \uparrow$

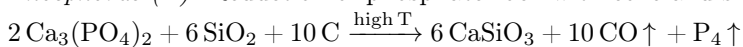
Nitrogen (N₂): Fractional distillation of liquid air

Chlorine (Cl₂): See Halogen section

Sulfur (S):

- Frasch process: Melting underground sulfur with superheated water
- Recovered from petroleum refining and natural gas processing

Phosphorus (P): Reduction of phosphate rock with coke and silica:



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