

CHEMISTRY

Topic: Structure of the Atom

Learning outcomes

By the end of these lessons, you should be able to:

- define an atom
- state the components of an atom
- draw a structure of an atom
- define isotopes

Lesson 1: Structure and Components of an Atom

Introduction

An atom is the smallest electrically neutral indivisible particle of an element that takes part in chemical reactions.

An atom consists of an extremely dense region called a **Nucleus** which is surrounded by circular paths called **Energy levels**. The nucleus contains two sub-atomic particles called,

- Protons** which are positively charged.
- Neutrons** which have no charge.

Energy levels hold the electrons which are negatively charged.

Activity 1

Using the information in the introduction, draw the general structure of an atom.

Activity 2

Study the given table and complete it correctly

Particle	Symbol	Charge	Mass	Position in atom
Proton				
Electron				
Neutron				

Question:

Why are atoms electrically charged yet both protons and electrons are electrically charged?

Lesson 2: Atomic number and Mass number

Introduction

Each element has an atomic number and a mass number. These numbers can be used to

calculate the number of each of the sub-atomic particles in the atom of every element.

Atomic number refers to the number of protons in the nucleus of an atom. **Mass number** or **atomic mass** refers to the sum of the protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an atom, i.e. $mass\ number = number\ of\ protons + number\ of\ neutrons$

Example

Consider an atom of sodium element ${}_{11}^{23}Na$

The symbol of sodium atom is Na

The atomic number of sodium atom is 11

The mass number of sodium atom is 23

Sodium atom has 12 neutrons i.e. $23 - 11 = 12$

Activity 1: The given table shows mass numbers and atomic numbers of atoms P, Q and R, where the letters used are not the actual symbols of the elements. Answer the questions that follow.

Atom	Mass number	Atomic number
P	4	2
Q	9	4
R	11	5

- How many protons are there in P?
- How many electrons are there in Q?
- How many neutrons are there in R?

Activity 2:

Atom T contains 11 protons and 13 neutrons

- State the i) atomic number of T
ii) number of electrons in T
- Determine the atomic mass of T

Lesson 3: Electronic configuration

Introduction

Electronic configuration is the arrangement of electrons in the energy levels around the nucleus.

The first energy level takes a maximum of two (2) electrons.

The second energy level takes a maximum of eight (8) electrons.

The third energy level takes a maximum of eight (8) electrons.

Example:

The atomic number of Potassium is 19 and the mass number is 39. Potassium has 19 electrons, 19 protons and 20 neutrons. In the electronic configuration of Potassium atom, two electrons go into the first energy level which is then complete; eight electrons go into the second energy level which is then complete; the other eight then occupy the third energy level and the remaining electron goes to the fourth energy level.

The electronic configuration of Potassium atom is 2:8:8:1

Activity 3:

The table given shows the first twenty elements of the Periodic Table arranged in order of their atomic numbers. Study it well and complete it correctly.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic configuration
Hydrogen			
Helium			
Lithium			
Beryllium			
Boron			
Carbon			
Nitrogen			
Oxygen			
Fluorine			
Neon			
Sodium			
Magnesium			
Aluminum			
Silicon			
Phosphorus			
Sulphur			
Chlorine			
Argon			
Potassium			
Calcium			

Activity 4:

Draw the electronic structures for each of the first twenty elements of the Periodic Table.

ACTIVITY: Making models of atoms

- Materials needed:
- small size seeds,
- beads,
- small stones,
- glue
- large sheet of Paper e.g a newspaper

Procedure:

Step 1:

pick and arrange seeds, beads and stones for the model, where seeds represent electrons; beads represent protons; and stones represent neutrons.

Step 2:

Draw the outline of the structure of Carbon atom on the large sheet of Paper or the newspaper.

Step 3:

Place the seeds, beads and stones in their right positions on the outline of the Carbon atom structure drawn in step 2.

Step 4:

Display the completed model of the Carbon atom structure. Follow the above procedure and make models for these atoms, Lithium, Oxygen, Neon, Sulphur and Calcium.

LESSON 4: ISOTOPES

Introduction

Isotopes are atoms of the same element having the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons.

An atom of any element is represented by, A_ZX where A is the mass number of element X and Z is the atomic number of element X.

Examples of elements that show isotopy are; Chlorine, Hydrogen, Carbon, Potassium and Oxygen.

The Isotopes of Carbon are;

-carbon 12, ${}^{12}\text{C}$

-carbon 13, ${}^{13}\text{C}$

-carbon 14, ${}^{14}\text{C}$

NOTE:

For all the isotopes of any element, Z is constant and A varies because there are different numbers of neutrons in the different isotopes of the element.

Activity 4

- Define the term Isotopy
- mention any six (6) uses of isotopes.

Topic: Periodic table

Learning outcomes

By the end of these activities you should be able to:

- identify groups and periods in the periodic table
- describe the arrangement of elements in the periodic table

Introduction:

Visit a place where you keep utensils, how is your storage stand organized? Are plates mixed with cups and saucepans?

In a good store, materials are classified and kept according to use, shape, materials or size.

Activity 1.1: Making a kitchen-ware storage order sheet

Materials needed:

- A paper and pen
- Picture of items found in the kitchen

Procedure:

- The picture below shows how kitchen items were arranged in store shelf, study the pattern in which they are organised.
- On a sheet of paper, draw a table with boxes similar to those in the picture



- Identify and write the name of each item in a matching box on paper.

Observations and conclusion:

- Which name can you give to items in each row and column?
- Why is it important to organize items at home?

Just like you have discovered that the items above were logically organized in patterns and that this is important in your daily life.

In the world, there are 118 chemical elements. For these elements to be easily studied, they were logically arranged into vertical sections (columns) called **groups** and horizontal sections (rows) called **periods**.

Elements in periods and groups form the **periodic table** of chemical elements as shown below.

Activity 1.2: Analysing the arrangement of elements in the periodic table

Materials needed:

- The periodic table
- Pen and paper

Procedure:

- Count and write the number of periods and groups in the periodic table.
- Study group I and II, how is the atomic number of the elements used to determine their arrangement in the groups?
- Draw the electronic structure of lithium, sodium and potassium. How does their atomic size vary down the group?
- Write the electronic configuration of sodium, magnesium, aluminium and chlorine. How does atomic number and atomic size vary across the period?

Periodic table of the elements

group	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	0	2									
1	H								He									
2	Li	Be							Ne									
3	Na	Mg							Ar									
4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
5	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
6	Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
7	Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Nh	Fl	Mc	Lv	Ts	Og
lanthanoid series	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71				
	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu				
actinoid series	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103				
	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr				