

# Types of Atoms

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A closer look at neutral atoms and ions

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- \* There are various type of atoms
- \* **Neutral Atom:** same number of protons and electrons
- \* No charge
- \* What we have looked at so far

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- \* Ion: The number of protons is different from the number of electrons
- \* Have a charge

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\* Cations (Positive Ion) - an ion that has more protons than electrons.



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\* Anions (negative ion)- an ion that has more electrons than protons.

# Forming Ions

- \* **Stable Octet Rule:**

- \* Atoms will lose or gain electrons in order to have a full outermost (VALENCE) shell. Contains eight electrons.

- \* This makes them stable.

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# Metal Atom vs Metal Ion

Mg Atom

Mg Ion



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Hint: it is easier to take away 2 electrons  
instead of adding 6

# Metal Atom vs Metal Ion

- \* Rule: metals lose electrons and have a positive charge equal to the group number.
- \* Examples: Lithium, Sodium, Beryllium, Magnesium

# Non-metal Atom vs Non-metal Ion

P Atom

P Ion

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Hint: it is easier to gain 3 electrons  
instead of taking away 5

# Non-metal Atom vs Non-metal Ion

- \* Rule: non-metals gain electrons and have a negative charge equal to eighteen minus the group number.
- \* Example: Phosphorous is group 15.  $18-5=3$ . Therefore phosphorous has a charge of -3.
- \* Examples: Flourine, oxygen, nitrogen

# A few anomalies...

- \* Noble gases (Group 18) already have a full outer shell, so they have no charge.
- \* Hydrogen is a non-metal but still forms a positive ion. It is the exception to the rule.

# Practice Practice

- \* Practice drawing the following ions and write the charge
- \* Boron, Aluminum, Potassium, Sulphur

# Writing Ions

- \* When Potassium loses an electron, it becomes positive by one and should be written like this  $K^{1+}$  or  $K^+$
- \* When sulphur gains two electrons, it becomes negative by two and is to be written like this  $S^{2-}$



# Overview

- \* Metal ions will have a positive charge (cations)
  - \*  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Be}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Li}^+$
- \* Non-metals will have a negative charge (anions)
  - \*  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{S}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{N}^{3-}$ ,  $\text{P}^{3-}$