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Atoms, Elements, Compounds and Mixtures – Worksheet 1

Atom:



• A *small sample* of the element sodium – Na

 An *atom* of the element sodium – Na • Sodium is a metallic element. It is a shiny silver-grey solid at room temperature and pressure.



 Search http://www.YouTube.com for videos of sodium reacting with water.

a) If a *small piece* of sodium – containing billions of atoms of sodium – is added a beaker of cold water, a vigorous reaction takes place. A colourless solution and hydrogen gas are produced. The hydrogen gas burns with an orange-yellow coloured flame.

 $2Na(s) + 2H_2O(I) \rightarrow 2NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$

 \rightarrow When a small piece of sodium is added to cold water, does a chemical or physical change take place? What evidence from the text supports your answer?

b) If a single atom of sodium were added to a beaker of cold water, a vigorous reaction would still take place. A colourless solution and hydrogen gas would be produced. The hydrogen gas would burn with an orange-yellow coloured flame.

 \rightarrow In what way(s) are the reactions between a small piece of sodium and water and a single atom of sodium and water **i)** similar to each other **ii)** different from each other?

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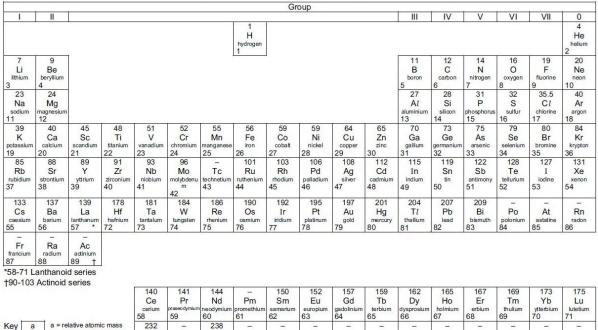
c) If a single atom of sodium could be *cut-in-half*, then atoms of two different chemical elements would be formed – one atom of *carbon* and one atom of *boron*. If the atoms of carbon and boron were added separately to beakers of cold water, they would *not* react to produce a colourless solution and hydrogen gas and *no* flame would be observed.
 → From the information provided in parts a), b) and c), define the term "atom".

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Element:

All known chemical elements are listed in the Periodic Table.



The Periodic Table of the Elements

2. On the Periodic Table shown above:

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Pa

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X = atomic symbol

b = proton (atomic) num

X

a) Draw a red line to separate the metallic elements from the non-metallic elements.

Pu

Am

Cm

b) Identify the two elements (one metallic and one non-metallic) that are liquids at room temperature and pressure. Shade them blue.

Bk

Cf

Es

Fm

Md

No

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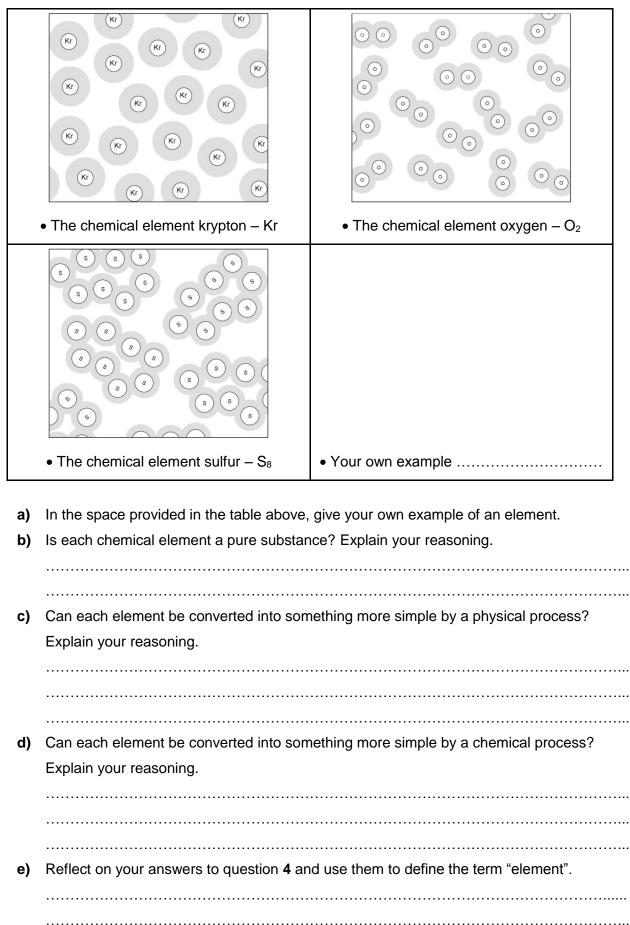
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- c) Identify the eleven non-metallic elements that are gases at room temperature and pressure. Shade them green.
- d) Identify the seven non-metallic elements that are diatomic (composed of molecules that are made-up of two atoms covalently bonded together). Label each one using a red asterisk (*). Produce a mnemonic to help you remember the diatomic elements.

3. Describe the general properties of metallic elements and non-metallic elements.

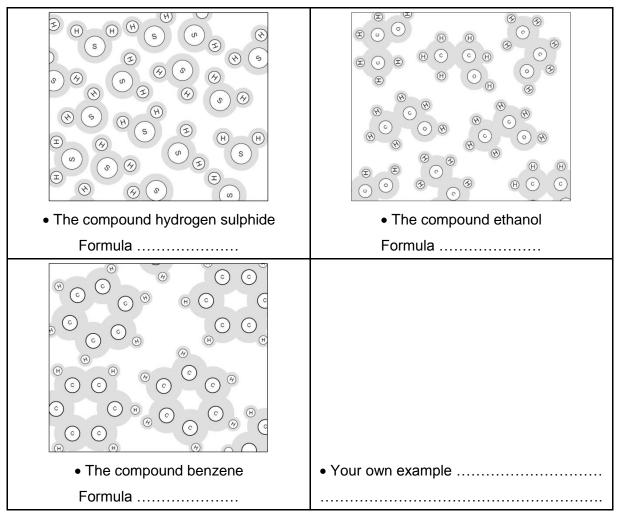
Metallic Elements	Non-metallic Elements	

4. The table below shows three different elements.



Compound:

5. The table below shows three different compounds.



- a) Complete the formulae of the compounds shown in the table above.
- b) In the space provided in the table above, give your own example of a compound.
- c) Is each compound a pure substance? Explain your reasoning.

d) Is the ratio of elements in each compound fixed, or can it vary? Explain your reasoning.
e) Can each compound be converted into something more simple by a physical process? Explain your reasoning.

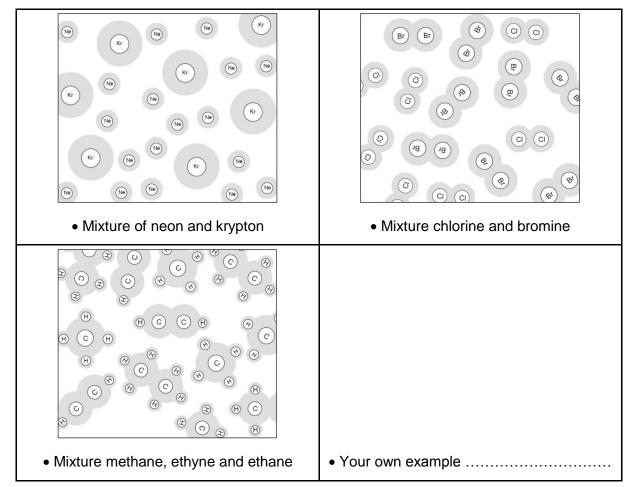
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f) Can each compound be converted into something more simple by a chemical process?
 Explain your reasoning.

g) Reflect on your answers to question **5** and use them to define the term "compound".

Mixture:

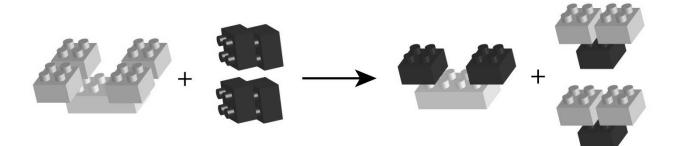
6. The table below shows three different mixtures.



- a) In the space provided in the table above, give your own example of a mixture.
- **b)** Is each mixture a pure substance? Explain your reasoning.

- c) Is the ratio of components in each mixture fixed, or can it vary? Explain your reasoning. d) Can each mixture be converted into something more simple by a physical process? Explain your reasoning. **f**) Reflect on your answers to question 6 and use them to define the term "mixture". g) Give examples of different separation techniques that could be used to separate the components of a mixture.
- **7.** Scientists use models, both physical and mathematical, to help them visualise and understand complex ideas and phenomena that cannot be observed directly. The diagram below shows how Lego[®] bricks are used to model the reaction between methane and oxygen:

methane + oxygen \rightarrow carbon dioxide + water CH₄(g) + 2O₂(g) \rightarrow CO₂(g) + 2H₂O(I)



Use the Lego[®] model of the reaction to help you identify **a**) atoms, **b**) an element, **c**) compounds and **d**) mixtures.