

Chapter 2

The Structure of Matter and the Chemical Elements

Gold atom	Phosphorus atom
79 protons	15 protons
118 neutrons	16 neutrons
79 electrons	15 electrons

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Section 2.1 Liquids, Solids, and Gases

Goals

To describe a model that allows you to visualize the particle nature of matter.

To describe the similarities and differences among solids, liquids, and gases in terms of this model.

This is a very important section because it presents a model that you will use throughout your chemistry education and beyond to visualize matter at the submicroscopic level. Be sure you take the time and try to actually visualize the interactions among particles and visualize the movement of these particles. It will be time well spent. The animation found in Chapter 2 of our Web site will help you develop your ability to visualize the particle nature of matter.

[Internet: The Structure of Matter](#)

Section 2.2 The Chemical Elements

Goal: To describe the chemical elements, which are the building blocks of matter.

This section introduces the chemical elements. It is best to memorize all of the element names and symbols for the elements found in Table 2.1. Many instructors will consider this excessive, but I think it really pays off in saved time later. Be sure to ask your instructor which names and symbols you are expected to learn for exams. The tutorial in Chapter 2 of our Web site will help you practice converting between names and symbols of elements.

[Internet: Element Names and Symbols](#)

Section 2.3 The Periodic Table of the Elements

Goal: To describe the periodic table of the elements and show you how you can use it.

The periodic table shown in this section is one of the most important tools of the chemist. It organizes the chemical elements in a way that allows you to quickly obtain a lot of information about them. Be sure that when you are done studying this section, you know (1) how the columns and rows on the periodic table are numbered; (2) how to classify an element as a metal, nonmetal, or metalloid; (3) how to classify an element as a representative (or main-group) element, transition metal, or inner transition metal; (4) how to identify the number for the period in which an element is found; and (5) how to identify an element as a gas, liquid, or solid at room temperature. You should also be able to identify the elements that are alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, halogens, and noble gases.

Section 2.4 The Structure of the Elements

Goal: To describe the structure of the atoms that provide the structure of the elements.

This section introduces atoms for the first time. You will learn about the protons, neutrons, and electrons that form atoms, and you will get an introduction to how these particles are arranged in the atom. Knowledge of the structure of the atom allows us to understand why each element is different from the others. You will discover that electrons can be lost or gained by atoms to form ions, and you will discover why all atoms of an element are not necessarily the same. Different species of atoms of the same element are called isotopes. Chapter 2 of our Web site contains information on the notation used to describe isotopes.

[Internet: Isotope Notation](#)

Section 2.5 Common Elements

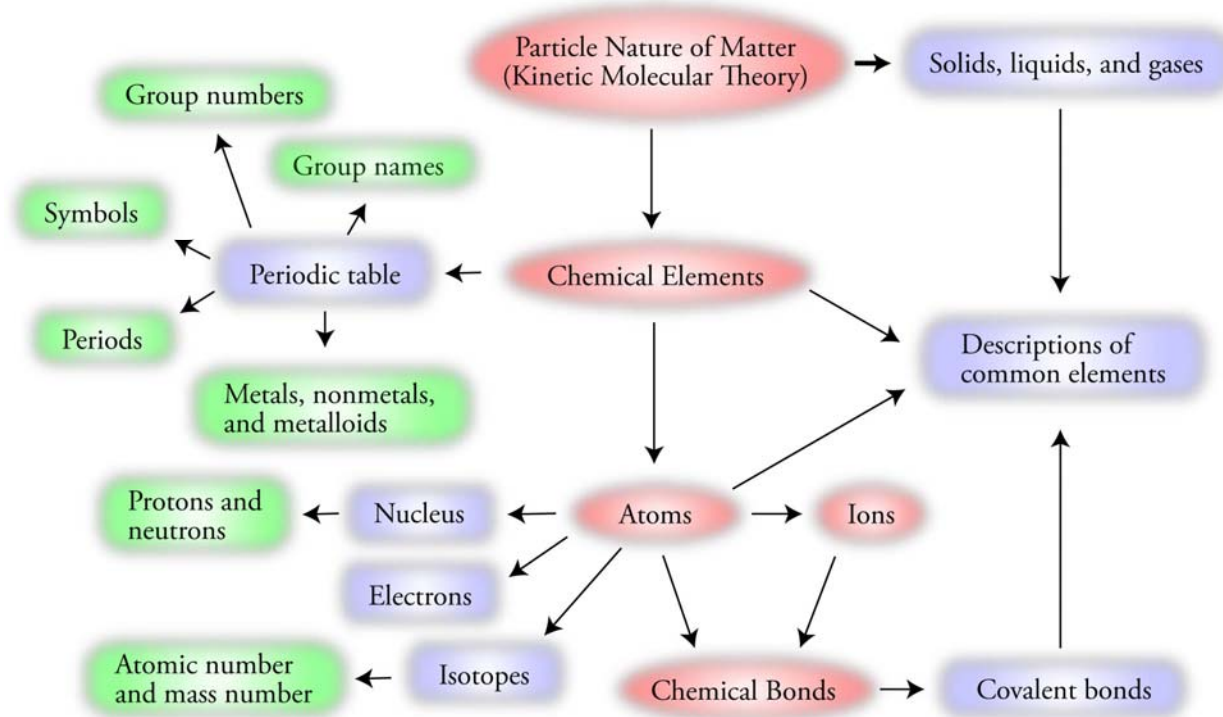
Goal: To apply the information described in the first four sections of this chapter to the description of some common elements.

This section brings the chapter full circle back to the particle nature of solids, liquids, and gases, but after reading this section, you will know more about the particles that compose solid, liquid, and gaseous elements. The section helps you to visualize the particle nature of the elements instead of relating to them as just symbols on the page.

Chapter 2 of our Web site contains an animation will help you visualize the elements mentioned in this section.

[Internet: Element Properties](#)

Chapter 2 Map



Chapter Checklist

- Read the Review Skills section. If there is any skill mentioned that you have not yet mastered, review the material on that topic before reading this chapter.
- Read the chapter quickly before the lecture that describes it.
- Attend class meetings, take notes, and participate in class discussions.
- Work the Chapter Exercises, perhaps using the Chapter Examples as guides.
- Study the Chapter Glossary and test yourself on our Web site:

[Internet: Glossary Quiz](#)

- Study all of the Chapter Objectives. You might want to write a description of how you will meet each objective. (Although it is best to master all of the objectives, the following objectives are especially important because they pertain to skills that you will need while studying other chapters of this text: 2, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, and 24.)
- Memorize the names and symbols of the elements on the following table. Be sure to check with your instructor to determine how many of these you are expected to know and ask whether your instructor wants to add any others.

Element	Symbol	Element	Symbol	Element	Symbol
aluminum	Al	gold	Au	oxygen	O
argon	Ar	helium	He	phosphorus	P
barium	Ba	hydrogen	H	platinum	Pt
beryllium	Be	iodine	I	potassium	K
boron	B	iron	Fe	silicon	Si
bromine	Br	lead	Pb	silver	Ag
cadmium	Cd	lithium	Li	sodium	Na
calcium	Ca	magnesium	Mg	strontium	Sr
carbon	C	manganese	Mn	sulfur	S
chlorine	Cl	mercury	Hg	tin	Sn
chromium	Cr	neon	Ne	uranium	U
copper	Cu	nickel	Ni	xenon	Xe
fluorine	F	nitrogen	N	zinc	Zn

- Learn how to use the periodic table to classify the elements with respect to the following categories:
- Groups 1 to 18
 - Groups 1A to 8A
 - Alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, halogens, and noble gases
 - Metals, nonmetals, and metalloids
 - Representative (main-group) elements, transition metals, and inner transition metals
 - Periods 1 to 7
 - Solids, liquids, or gases at room temperature
- To get a review of the most important topics in the chapter, fill in the blanks in the Key Ideas section.
- Work all of the selected problems at the end of the chapter, and check your answers with the solutions provided in this chapter of the study guide.
- Ask for help if you need it.

Web Resources

[Internet: The Structure of Matter](#)

[Internet: Element Names and Symbols](#)

[Internet: Isotope Notation](#)

[Internet: Element Properties](#)

[Internet: Glossary Quiz](#)

Exercises Key

Exercise 2.1 - Elements and the Periodic Table: Complete the following table. (*Obj's 12 & 15-18*)

Name	Symbol	Group number	Metal, nonmetal or metalloid?	Representative element, transition metal, or inner transition metal?	Number for period	Solid, liquid, or gas?
aluminum	Al	13, 3A or IIIA	metal	representative element	3	solid
silicon	Si	14, 4A or IVA	metalloid	representative element	3	solid
nickel	Ni	10, 8B or VIIIB	metal	transition metal	4	solid
sulfur	S	16, 6A or VIA	nonmetal	representative element	3	solid
fluorine	F	17, 7A or VIIA	nonmetal	representative element	2	gas
potassium	K	1, 1A or IA	metal	representative element	4	solid
mercury	Hg	12, 2B or IIB	metal	transition metal	6	liquid
uranium	U	(No group number)	metal	inner transition metal	7	solid
manganese	Mn	7, 7B or VIIIB	metal	transition metal	4	solid
calcium	Ca	2, 2A or IIA	metal	representative element	4	solid
bromine	Br	17	nonmetal	representative element	4	liquid
silver	Ag	1B	metal	transition metal	5	solid
carbon	C	14	nonmetal	representative element	2	solid

Exercise 2.2 - Group Names and the Periodic Table: Write the name of the group on the periodic table to which each of the following elements belongs. (*Obj 13*)

a. helium **noble gases**

c. magnesium **alkaline earth metals**

b. Cl **halogens**

d. Na **alkali metals**

Exercise 2.3 - Cations and Anions: Identify each of the following as a cation or an anion, and determine the charge on each. (*Obj 22*)

a magnesium atom with 12 protons and 10 electrons

$$(+12) + (-10) = +2 \quad \text{This is a +2 cation.}$$

a fluorine atom with 9 protons and 10 electrons

$$(+9) + (-10) = -1 \quad \text{This is a -1 anion.}$$

Review Questions Key

1. Define the term matter.

Matter is anything that occupies space and has mass.

2. Look around you. What do you see that has a length of about a meter? What do you see that has a mass of about a gram?

The distance between the floor and a typical doorknob is about one meter. A penny weighs about 2.5 grams.

Key Ideas Answers

3. Scientific models are like architects' models; they are **simplified but useful** representations of something real.

5. According to the model presented in this chapter, particles of matter are in constant **motion**.

7. Solids, gases, and liquids differ in the freedom of motion of their particles and in how strongly the particles **attract** each other.

9. Particles in a liquid are still close together, but there is generally more **empty space** between them than in a solid. Thus, when a solid substance melts to form a liquid, it usually **expands** to fill a slightly larger volume.

11. When a liquid's temperature is higher, its particles are moving faster and are therefore more likely to **escape** from the liquid.

13. According to our model, each particle in a gas moves freely in a **straight-line path** until it collides with another gas particle or with the particles of a liquid or solid.

15. Elements are substances that cannot be chemically converted into **simpler** ones.

17. The periodic table is arranged in such a way that elements in the same **vertical column** have similar characteristics.

19. At room temperature (20 °C) and normal pressures, most of the elements are **solid**, two of them are **liquid** (Hg and Br), and eleven are **gas** (H, N, O, F, Cl, and the noble gases).

21. A ½-carat diamond contains about 5×10^{21} atoms of carbon. If these atoms, tiny as they are, were arranged in a straight line with each one touching its neighbors, the line would stretch from here to the **sun**.

23. The diameter of a typical nucleus is about 10^{-15} meter.

25. Chemists use a model for electrons in which each electron is visualized as generating a **cloud** of negative charge that surrounds the nucleus.

27. When an atom **gains** one or more electrons, it then has more electrons than protons and more minus charge than plus charge. Thus it becomes an anion, which is an ion with a negative charge.
29. Atoms are assigned to elements on the basis of their **chemical** characteristics.
31. Each noble gas particle consists of a **single atom**.

Problems Key

Section 2.1 Solids, Liquids, and Gases

For each of the questions in this section, illustrate your written answers with simple drawings of the particles that form the structures of the substances mentioned. You do not need to be specific about the nature of the particles. Think of them as simple spheres, and draw them as circles.

33. If you heat white sugar very carefully, it will melt. (*Obj's 2, 3, 4, & 6*)
- Before you begin to heat the sugar, the sugar granules maintain a constant shape and volume. Why?
Strong attractions between the particles keep each particle at the same average distance from other particles, keeping the volume constant, and the strong attractions between particles also keep each particle in a confined volume, causing the solid to maintain a constant shape.
 - As you begin to heat the solid sugar, what changes are taking place in its structure?
The velocity of the particles increases, causing more violent collisions between them. This causes them to move apart, so the solid expands. See Figure 2.1 in the textbook.
 - What happens to the sugar's structure when sugar melts?
The particles break out of their positions in the solid and move more freely throughout the liquid, constantly breaking old attractions and making new ones, allowing the liquid to easily change its shape. Although the particles are still close together in the liquid, they are more disorganized, and there is a little more empty space between them than in the solid.
35. Ethylene glycol, an automobile coolant and antifreeze, is commonly mixed with water and added to car radiators. Because it freezes at a lower temperature than water and boils at a higher temperature than water, it helps to keep the liquid in your radiator from freezing or boiling. (*Obj's 2, 3, 6, & 8*)
- At a constant temperature, liquid ethylene glycol maintains a constant volume but takes on the shape its container. Why?
The attractions between liquid particles are not strong enough to keep the particles in position like the solid. The movement of particles allows the liquid to take the shape of its container. The attractions are strong enough to keep the particles at the same average distance, leading to constant volume.

- b. The ethylene glycol-water mixture in your car's radiator heats up as you drive. What is happening to the particles in the liquid?

The velocity of the particles increases, so they will move throughout the liquid more rapidly. The particles will collide with more force. This causes them to move apart, so the liquid expands slightly.

- c. If you spill some engine coolant on your driveway, it evaporates without leaving any residue. Describe the process of evaporation of liquid ethylene glycol, and explain what happens to the ethylene glycol particles that you spilled.

Particles that are at the surface of the liquid and that are moving away from the surface fast enough to break the attractions that pull them back will escape to the gaseous form. The gas particles will disperse throughout the neighborhood as they mix with the particles in the air. See Figures 2.3 and 2.4 in the textbook.

37. As the summer sun heats up the air at the beach, what is changing for the air particles?

The air particles are moving faster.

39. A gaseous mixture of air and gasoline enters the cylinders of a car engine and is compressed into a smaller volume before being ignited. Explain why gases can be compressed.

There is plenty of empty space between particles in a gas.

Section 2.2 The Chemical Elements and Section 2.3 The Periodic Table of the Elements

40. Write the chemical symbols that represent the following elements. (*Obj 11*)

a. chlorine **Cl**

c. phosphorus **P**

b. zinc **Zn**

d. uranium **U**

43. Write the element names that correspond to the following symbols. (*Obj 11*)

a. C **carbon**

c. Ne **neon**

b. Cu **copper**

d. K **potassium**

46. Complete the following table. (*Objs 11, 12, 15, 16, & 17*)

Element name	Element symbol	Group number on periodic table	Metal, nonmetal, or metalloid?	Representative element, transition metal, or inner transition metal?	Number of period
sodium	Na	1 or 1A or IA	metal	Representative element	3
tin	Sn	14 or 4A or IVA	metal	Representative element	5
helium	He	18 or 8A or VIIIA	nonmetal	Representative element	1
nickel	Ni	10 or 8B or VIIIB	metal	Transition metal	4
silver	Ag	11 or 1B or IB	metal	Transition metal	5
aluminum	Al	13 or 3A or IIIA	metal	Representative element	3
silicon	Si	14 or 4A or IVA	metalloid	Representative element	3
sulfur	S	16	nonmetal	Representative element	3
mercury	Hg	2B	metal	Transition metal	6

48. Write the name of the group to which each of the following belongs. (*Obj 13*)
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|------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| a. bromine | halogens | c. potassium | alkali metals |
| b. neon | noble gases | d. beryllium | alkaline earth metals |
50. Identify each of the following elements as a solid, a liquid, or a gas at room temperature and pressure. (*Obj 18*)
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|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| a. Kr | gas | d. fluorine | gas |
| b. bromine | liquid | e. Ge | solid |
| c. Sb | solid | f. sulfur | solid |
52. Which two of the following elements would you expect to be most similar: lithium, aluminum, iodine, oxygen, and potassium?
- Lithium and potassium; they are both alkali metals in group 1.**
54. Write the name and symbol for the elements that fit the following descriptions.
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| a. the halogen in the third period | chlorine, Cl |
| b. the alkali metal in the fourth period | potassium, K |
| c. the metalloid in the third period | silicon, Si |
56. Which element would you expect to be malleable, manganese or phosphorus? Why?
- Because manganese is a metal, we expect it to be malleable.*

Section 2.4 The Structure of the Elements

58. Describe the nuclear model of the atom, including the general location of the protons, neutrons, and electrons, the relative size of the nucleus compared to the size of the atom, and the modern description of the electron. (*Obj 20*)
- Protons and neutrons are in a tiny core of the atom called the nucleus, which has a diameter of about 1/100,000 the diameter of the atom. The position and motion of the electrons are uncertain, but they generate a negative charge that is felt in the space that surrounds the nucleus.*
60. Identify each of the following as a cation or an anion, and determine the charge on each. (*Obj 22*)
- a lithium atom with 3 protons and 2 electrons
 $(+3) + (-2) = +1$ This is a **cation** with a **+1** charge.
- a sulfur atom with 16 protons and 18 electrons
 $(+16) + (-18) = -2$ This is an **anion** with a **-2** charge.
63. Write the atomic number for each of the following elements.
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|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| a. Oxygen | 8 | d. Li | 3 |
| b. Mg | 12 | e. lead | 82 |
| c. uranium | 92 | f. Mn | 25 |
66. Write the name and symbol for the elements that fit the following descriptions.
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|---|--------------------|
| a. 27 protons in the nucleus of each atom | cobalt, Co |
| b. 50 electrons in each uncharged atom | tin, Sn |
| c. 18 electrons in each +2 cation | calcium, Ca |
| d. 10 electrons in each -1 anion | fluorine, F |

Section 2.5 Common Elements

68. Describe the hydrogen molecule, including a rough sketch of the electron-charge cloud created by its electrons. (*Obj 25*)

See the image of the hydrogen molecule in Figure 2.13 of the textbook. The cloud around the two hydrogen nuclei represents the negative charge cloud generated by the two electrons in the covalent bond that holds the atoms together in the H_2 molecule.

70. Describe the structure of each of the following substances, including a description of the nature of the particles that form each structure. (*Obj 24*)

a. neon gas

Neon is composed of separate neon atoms. Its structure is very similar to the structure of He shown in Figure 2.12 in the textbook.

b. bromine liquid

Bromine is composed of Br_2 molecules. See Figure 2.16 in the textbook.

c. nitrogen gas

Nitrogen is composed of N_2 molecules. Its structure is very similar to the structure of H_2 shown in Figure 2.15 in the textbook.

72. Describe the “sea-of-electrons” model for metallic solids. (*Obj 27*)

Each atom in a metallic solid has released one or more electrons, allowing the electrons to move freely throughout the solid. When the atoms lose these electrons, the atoms become cations, which form the organized structure we associate with solids. The released electrons flow between the stationary cations like water flows between islands in the ocean. See Figure 2.18 in the textbook.