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## Compound Names and Formulas Activity

## Part 1

Instructions: Study the following compound formulas and their corresponding names. Then answer the questions below.

| Formula | Name | Formula | Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NaCl | sodium chloride | NaBr | sodium bromide |
| KI | potassium iodide | $\mathrm{MgCl}_{2}$ | magnesium chloride |
| MgO | magnesium oxide | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | sodium oxide |
| $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | potassium oxide | $\mathrm{CaF}_{2}$ | calcium fluoride |
| $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{3}$ | aluminum sulfide | $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ | aluminum chloride |
| $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ | potassium nitride | LiBr | lithium bromide |

## Questions:

1. What type of elements are in these compounds? Metals or Nonmetals?
metals and nonmetals
2. How many different types of elements are in each compound?

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3. Is there an order the elements are written in both name and formula? If yes, what is it?
metal is $1^{\text {st }}$; then the nonmetal
4. Subscripts tell how many of each element there are. How are these elements put together? What determines if there needs to be more than one of either element?

The overall charge of the compound must be neutral ( Equal number of + and -)
5. Are there suffixes or prefixes used in the names? If so, is there a pattern to the usage?

Based on the examples of formulas/names and the answers to your questions, come up with a set of rules for naming compounds.

Rules for $\qquad$ Ionic Compounds with 2 elements

## Writing names

- metal first and then nonmetal
- Name the metal first. Do not change its name.
- Name nonmetal second; change the ending to-ide.

Writing Formulas

- the charges must balance out; therefore the should be no charge on the compound
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6. What type of bonding is occurring in these compounds? Explain how this holds the compound together.

Ionic Bonding; Opposite charges attract; held together by charges

Based on your rules, name these compounds.

1. $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ calcium chloride
2. BeO $\qquad$
3. $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$
lithium sulfide
4. $\mathrm{Bal}_{2}$
barium iodide
5. $\mathrm{SrBr}_{2}$ strontium bromide
6. $\mathrm{Na}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$
sodium nitride

Based on your rules, write the formulas for these compounds.

1. lithium iodide $\qquad$ Lil
2. magnesium bromide $\qquad$
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3. cesium oxide $\qquad$
4. beryllium nitride $\mathrm{Be}_{3} \mathbf{N}_{2}$
5. calcium sulfide $\qquad$
6. potassium chloride $\qquad$

## Part 2

Instructions: Study the following compound formulas and their corresponding names. Then answer the questions below. You might need to refer to your Essentials Sheet.

| Formula | Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| NaOH | sodium hydroxide |
| $\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ | magnesium hydroxide |
| $\mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | calcium nitrate |
| NaNO | sodium nitrate |
| $\mathrm{Mg}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ | magnesium phosphate |

Formula
$\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$
$\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}$

Name
ammonium chloride sodium sulfate ammonium oxide

## Questions:

1. Are the similarities to the compounds in part 1? If so, what are they?
metal and nonmetal; metal is still first
2. Are there differences to the compounds in part 1? If so, what are they?
more than two elements; polyatomic ions present- do not change their name; $\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}$can act as a metal
3. What do the () mean? Why are they needed?
( ) are needed when more than one polyatomic ion is needed

Based on the examples of formulas/names and the answers to your questions, come up with a set of rules for naming compounds. These will update the rules you came up with in part 1.

## Rules for Naming lonic Compounds with More than 2 Elements

## Writing names

- Do not change the name of the polyatomic ion
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Writing Formulas

- still need to balance formulas; if more than one polyatomic ion is needed, use ()
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Based on your rules, name these compounds.

1. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ ammonium nitrate
2. $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ _magnesium sulfate
3. $\mathrm{AlPO}_{4}$ $\qquad$ aluminum phosphate
4. $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ potassium sulfate
5. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} \quad$ sodium hydrogen carbonate
6. LiCN lithium cyanide

Based on your rules, write the formulas for these compounds.

1. ammonium nitrate $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$
2. calcium sulfate $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4}$
3. lithium phosphate $\qquad$
4. magnesium carbonate $\qquad$
5. calcium hydroxide $\quad \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$
6. calcium nitrite $\qquad$
7. How would the formulas of beryllium nitride and beryllium nitrate be different?


Even the smallest change in the name can mean a big difference in the formula. It is very important to pay attention to detail.

## Part 3

Instructions: Study the following compound formulas and their corresponding names. Then answer the questions below.
Formula
CuCl
$\mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$\mathrm{FeF}_{2}$
FeO
$\mathrm{VF}_{5}$
$\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$
$\mathrm{AgCl}^{2}$
$\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$
$\mathrm{FeCO}_{3}$

Name<br>copper (I) chloride<br>copper (I) oxide iron (II) fluoride iron (II) oxide<br>vandium (V) fluoride<br>cobalt (II) chloride<br>silver chloride<br>zinc chloride<br>iron (II) carbonate

Formula<br>$\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$<br>CuO<br>$\mathrm{FeF}_{3}$<br>$\mathrm{Fe}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$<br>$\mathrm{CrCl}_{3}$<br>$\mathrm{CoCl}_{3}$<br>$\mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$<br>ZnS<br>$\mathrm{CuNO}_{3}$

Name<br>copper (II) chloride<br>copper (II) oxide iron (III) fluoride<br>iron (III) oxide chromium (III) chloride cobalt (III) chloride silver sulfide zinc sulfide<br>copper (I) nitrate

## Questions:

1. Are the similarities to the compounds in part 1 and 2 ? If so, what are they?
metal and nonmetal; nonmetal is still first; nonmetal still ends in -ide unless polyatomic
2. Are there differences to the compounds in part 1 and 2 ? If so, what are they?

Roman numerals are present
3. What group of elements is involved in these compounds?

## Transition metals

4. How is the Roman numeral determined? What does the Roman numeral indicate?

The Roman numeral is the charge of the transition metal, this needs to be indicated since transition metals can change charges.
5. Which do not have a roman numeral in the name? Why?
silver and zinc do not have roman numerals

Silver is always $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$and zinc is always $\mathrm{Zn}^{+2}$. Since all chemist know this, there is no need to indicate the charge.

Based on the examples of formulas/names and the answers to your questions, come up with a set of rules for naming compounds. These will update the rules you came up with in part 1 and 2.

## Rules for Naming Ionic Compounds

## Writing names

- Show the charge of the transition metal with a Roman numeral. This can be determined by looking at the nonmetal.
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Writing Formulas

- Balance the compound by using the charge indicated by the roman numeral in the name.

Based on your rules, name these compounds.

1. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{3}$ _cobalt (III) chloride
2. $\mathrm{CrF}_{6}$ chromiun (VI) fluoride
3. AgBr silver bromide
4. $\mathrm{Fe}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ iron (III) oxide
5. $\mathrm{CrF}_{3}$ _chromium (III) fluoride
6. $\quad \mathrm{SnCl}_{4}$ tin (IV) chloride

Based on your rules, write the formulas for these compounds.

1. manganese (IV) oxide $\qquad$ $\mathrm{MnO}_{2}$
2. nickel (II) chloride $\qquad$
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3. zinc chloride $\qquad$
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4. lead (IV) sulfide $\qquad$ $\mathrm{PbS}_{2}$
5. cobalt (III) oxide $\qquad$
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6. chromium (III) oxide $\qquad$
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Explain how FeO and $\mathrm{Fe}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ are named differently.


## Part 4

Instructions: Study the following compound formulas and their corresponding names. Then answer the questions below.
Formula
$\mathrm{CO}_{2}$
$\mathrm{SO}_{2}$
$\mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$\mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}$
$\mathrm{NBr}_{3}$
$\mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$

| Name | Formula |
| :--- | :--- |
| carbon dioxide | CO |
| sulfur dioxide | NO |
| dinitrogen monoxide | $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ |
| tetraphosphorous decoxide | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ |
| nitrogen tribromide | $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ |
| dinitrogen tetroxide |  |

Name carbon monoxide nitrogen monoxide diphosphorous pentoxide carbon tetrachloride silicon dioxide

Questions:

1. What type of elements are in these compounds? Metals or Nonmetals?

Nonmetals only
2. How many different types of element are in each compound?

## 2 elements

3. Are there suffixes or prefixes used in the names? If so, is there a pattern to the usage?
suffix: -ide is on the second element only
prefixes: tell how many of each element
mono- 1
di-2
tri-3
tetra-4
penta- 5
4. How are these different than the compounds used in parts 1-3? Discuss both the names and the formulas.
just nonmetals; names tells how many of each element; not held together by charges

Based on the examples of formulas/names and the answers to your questions, come up with a set of rules for naming compounds.

## Rules for Naming Covalent Compounds

## Writing names

- name first element in formula- do not change name
- name second element and change ending to -ide
- use prefixes to tell how many of each element
- no mono- on first element

Writing Formulas

- use prefixes to determine what subscripts should be
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Based on your rules, name these compounds.

1. $\mathrm{OF}_{2}$ oxygen difluoride
2. $\mathrm{Nl}_{3}$ nitrogen triiodide
3. $\mathrm{PCl}_{3}$ _phosphorus trichloride
4. $\mathrm{SiBr}_{2}$ _silicon dibromide
5. $\mathrm{SO}_{3}$ _sulfur trioxide $\qquad$

Based on your rules, write the formulas for these compounds.

1. disulfur dichloride $\qquad$
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2. xenon tetrafluoride $\qquad$
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3. phosphorous pentabromide $\mathrm{PBr}_{5}$ $\qquad$
4. bromine monofluoride $\qquad$ BrF
5. dinitrogen tetrafluoride $\qquad$ $\mathrm{N}_{2} \underline{F}_{4}$
6. diboron trioxide $\qquad$
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