

Chemical Formula Writing Worksheet

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Anions -	chloride	oxide	iodide	hydride	sulfide	nitride
Cations +						
Sodium						
Potassium						
Magnesium						
Calcium						
Copper(II)						
Iron(II)						
Iron(III)						
Silver						
Zinc						
Aluminum						

Set 2

Anions -	bromide	oxide	fluoride	astatide	selenide	phosphide
Cations +						
Lithium						
Barium						
Cesium						
Strontium						
Copper(I)						
Copper(II)						
Lead(II)						
Lead(IV)						
Gallium						
Nickel(II)						

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Anions -	nitrate NO_3^-	sulfate SO_4^{2-}	hydroxide OH^-	carbonate CO_3^{2-}	phosphate PO_4^{3-}	hydrogen carbonate HCO_3^-
Cations +						
Sodium						
Potassium						
Magnesium						
Barium						
Iron(II)						
Iron(III)						
Silver						
Zinc						
Aluminum						
Ammonium						

Set 4 (The combining power of silver is 1 and zinc is 2. The formula for the ammonium ion is NH_4^+)

Anions -	nitrite NO_2^-	chromate CrO_4^{2-}	sulfite, SO_3^{2-}	dichromate $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	chlorate ClO_3^-	acetate* CH_3COO^-
Cations +						
Lithium						
Mercury(I)						
Tin(II)						
Silver						
Iron(II)						
Iron(III)						
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Chemical Formula Writing Worksheet - Answers

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Cations + \ Anions -	chloride Cl ⁻	oxide O ²⁻	iodide I ⁻	hydride H ⁻	sulfide S ²⁻	nitride N ³⁻
Sodium Na ⁺	NaCl	Na ₂ O	NaI	NaH	Na ₂ S	Na ₃ N
Potassium K ⁺	KCl	K ₂ O	KI	KH	K ₂ S	K ₃ N
Magnesium Mg ²⁺	MgCl ₂	MgO	MgI ₂	MgH ₂	MgS	Mg ₃ N ₂
Calcium Ca ²⁺	CaCl ₂	CaO	CaI ₂	CaH ₂	CaS	Ca ₃ N ₂
Copper(II) Cu ²⁺	CuCl ₂	CuO	CuI ₂	CuH ₂	CuS	Cu ₃ N ₂
Iron(II) Fe ²⁺	FeCl ₂	FeO	FeI ₂	FeH ₂	FeS	Fe ₃ N ₂
Iron(III) Fe ³⁺	FeCl ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	FeI ₃	FeH ₃	Fe ₂ S ₃	FeN
Silver Ag ⁺	AgCl	Ag ₂ O	AgI	AgH	Ag ₂ S	Ag ₃ N
Zinc Zn ²⁺	ZnCl ₂	ZnO	ZnI ₂	ZnH ₂	ZnS	Zn ₃ N ₂
Aluminum Al ³⁺	AlCl ₃	Al ₂ O ₃	AlI ₃	AlH ₃	Al ₂ S ₃	AlN

Set 2

Cations + \ Anions -	bromide Br ⁻	oxide O ²⁻	fluoride F ⁻	astatide At ⁻	selenide Se ²⁻	phosphide P ³⁻
Lithium Li ⁺	LiBr	Li ₂ O	LiF	LiAt	Li ₂ Se	Li ₃ P
Barium Ba ²⁺	BaBr ₂	BaO	BaF ₂	BaAt ₂	BaSe	Ba ₃ P ₂
Cesium Cs ⁺	CsBr	Cs ₂ O	CsF	CsAt	Cs ₂ Se	Cs ₃ P
Strontium Sr ²⁺	SrBr ₂	SrO	SrF ₂	SrAt ₂	SrSe	Sr ₃ P ₂
Copper(I) Cu ⁺	CuBr	Cu ₂ O	CuF	CuAt	Cu ₂ Se	Cu ₃ P
Copper(II) Cu ²⁺	CuBr ₂	CuO	CuF ₂	CuAt ₂	CuSe	Cu ₃ P ₂
Lead(II) Pb ²⁺	PbBr ₂	Pb ₂ O ₃	PbF ₃	PbAt ₂	PbSe	Pb ₃ P ₂
Lead(IV) Pb ⁴⁺	PbBr ₄	Pb ₂ O	PbF ₄	PbAt ₄	PbSe ₂	Pb ₃ P ₄
Gallium Ga ³⁺	GaBr ₃	Ga ₂ O ₃	GaF ₃	GaAt ₃	Ga ₂ Se ₃	GaP
Nickel(II) Ni ²⁺	NiBr ₂	NiO	NiF ₂	NiAt ₂	NiSe	Ni ₃ P ₂

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Sodium Na^+	LiNO_3	Li_2SO_4	LiOH	Li_2CO_3	Li_3PO_4	LiHCO_3
Potassium K^+	KNO_3	K_2SO_4	KOH	K_2CO_3	K_3PO_4	KHCO_3
Magnesium Mg^{2+}	$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	MgSO_4	Mg(OH)_2	MgCO_3	$\text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\text{Mg(HCO}_3)_2$
Barium Ba^{2+}	$\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	BaSO_4	Ba(OH)_2	BaCO_3	$\text{Ba}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\text{Ba(HCO}_3)_2$
Iron(II) Fe^{2+}	$\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	FeSO_4	Fe(OH)_2	FeCO_3	$\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\text{Fe(HCO}_3)_2$
Iron(III) Fe^{3+}	$\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$	Fe(OH)_3	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$	FePO_4	$\text{Fe(HCO}_3)_3$
Silver Ag^+	AgNO_3	Ag_2SO_4	AgOH	Ag_2CO_3	Ag_3PO_4	AgHCO_3
Zinc Zn^{2+}	$\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	ZnSO_4	Zn(OH)_2	ZnCO_3	$\text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\text{Zn(HCO}_3)_2$
Aluminum Al^{3+}	$\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	$\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$	Al(OH)_3	$\text{Al}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$	AlPO_4	$\text{Al(HCO}_3)_3$
Ammonium NH_4^+	NH_4NO_3	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	NH_4OH	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$	$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4$	NH_4HCO_3

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Lithium Li^+	LiNO_2	Li_2CrO_4	Li_2SO_3	$\text{Li}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	LiClO_3	CH_3COOLi
Mercury(I) Hg^+	HgNO_2	Hg_2CrO_4	Hg_2SO_3	$\text{Hg}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	HgClO_3	CH_3COOHg
Tin(II) Sn^{2+}	$\text{Sn}(\text{NO}_2)_2$	SnCrO_4	$\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_3)_2$	SnCr_2O_7	$\text{Sn}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Sn}$
Silver Ag^+	AgNO_2	Ag_2CrO_4	AgSO_3	$\text{Ag}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	AgClO_3	CH_3COOAg
Iron(II) Fe^{2+}	$\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_2)_2$	FeCrO_4	$\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_3)_2$	FeCr_2O_7	$\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Fe}$
Iron(III) Fe^{3+}	$\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_2)_3$	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3$	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_3)_3$	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7)_3$	$\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_3)_3$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_3\text{Fe}$
Barium Ba^{2+}	$\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_2)_2$	BaCrO_4	$\text{Ba}(\text{SO}_3)_2$	BaCr_2O_7	$\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Ba}$
Zinc Zn^{2+}	$\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_2)_2$	ZnCrO_4	$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_3)_2$	ZnCr_2O_7	$\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Zn}$
Aluminum Al^{3+}	$\text{Al}(\text{NO}_2)_3$	$\text{Al}_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3$	$\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_3)_3$	$\text{Al}_2(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7)_3$	$\text{Al}(\text{ClO}_3)_3$	$(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_3\text{Al}$
Ammonium NH_4^+	NH_4NO_2	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CrO}_4$	NH_4SO_3	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	NH_4ClO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$

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