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**ST MARY'S SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT:  
APPLIED SCIENCE**

**APPLIED SCIENCE  
BRIDGING COURSE**

**WEEK 1**

**Periodicity and Properties of Elements**

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>PHYSICS CLASS</b>	

**VERSION 1.1**



**APPLIED SCIENCE  
TOPIC 1  
BRIDGING WORK**

**THIS MUST  
BE BROUGHT  
TO LESSONS  
AT THE  
START OF  
YEAR 12.**



## **WEEK 1**

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#### **1. The Electronic Structure of the Atom**

#### **2. Ionic Bonding**

#### **3. Covalent Bonding**

### **Overview**

This bridging course will provide you with a mixture of information about Extended Certificate Applied Science and what to expect from the course, as well as key work to complete. Students who are expecting to study Extended Certificate Applied Science, and are likely to meet the entry requirements, must complete the bridging course fully and thoroughly, to the best of their ability.

You should complete all work on paper and keep it in a file, in an ordered way. You will submit it to your teacher in September.

All of the work will be reviewed, and selected work will be assessed, and you will be given feedback on it. This work will be signalled to you. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school and appropriate resources will be sent to you.

If you are thinking about studying Extended Certificate Applied Science, you should attempt this work to see whether or not you think studying a subject like this is right for you. If you later decide to study Extended Certificate Applied Science, you must ensure you complete this work in full.

**This work should be completed after you have read and completed the Study Skills work that all of Year 12 should complete.**



## Introduction

Welcome to the Science Department at St Mary's Catholic School. I am delighted that you have chosen to study this qualification and hope you feel comfortable with your study environment, and that you value the support you will be given by your teaching staff. This book has been designed to inform you about your programme of study; including the ways you will be assessed and how to fully understand the grade you can achieve on completion.

BTEC courses do work differently to other subjects and you will be expected to work hard both in and out of your lesson to meet coursework deadlines. You will also be presented with many different opportunities to broaden your vocational learning, as this qualification contains a wide range of contemporary topics pertaining to Applied Science. A variety of assessment methods are used, ranging from external exams to course work. Additionally, this BTEC qualification has been designed with employers and representatives from higher education and professional bodies. In this way, the qualification is up to date and covers all of the knowledge, skills and attributes that are required across a range of technical science sectors.

I have high expectations of all students studying this BTEC qualification and all of the teachers in the department have researched and prepared in great depth to ensure that you receive quality teaching. Please use this book to get a feel of what the course is about and to ensure you are fully aware of what is expected of you. The Science Department has planned lots of innovative and creative ways to deliver the programme. This will help to promote your learning and successfully prepare you for the various assessments.

The Science Department has planned an exciting year ahead. We wish you the very best in your academic pathway and we look forward to working with you to achieve great success!



## Course Overview

The BTEC Applied Science Extended Certificate is a 2 year course comprising of 4 units.

### Year 12

Unit 1 – 90 GLH

Unit 2 – 90 GLH

### Year 13

Unit 3 – 120 GLH

Unit 10 – 60 GLH

GLH stands for Guideline Learning Hours, and represents the amount of time you will spend on each part of the course, and also how much each unit contributes to the final grade. You will see that Year 12 and 13 contribute equally to the final grade. In Year 12 Units, 1 and 2 are equally split and will take the same amount of time. In Year 13 Unit 3 contributes 66% of the mark and will take 66% of the time.

Each unit is awarded a grade (Distinction, Merit, Pass or Unclassified). Each grade is worth a certain number of marks.

	Unit 1*	Unit 2	Unit 3*	Unit 10
Distinction	24	24	32	16
Merit	15	15	20	10
Pass	9	9	12	6
Unclassified	0	0	0	0

\*These units are examined. For examined units marks may be awarded between these boundaries. These marks are the minimum you need for a grade.

To arrive at your final grade your marks are added together. The final grade boundaries are shown in the table.

Grade	Points	A-Level Equivalent Grade
Distinction*	90	A*
Distinction	74	A
Merit	52	C
Pass	36	E

To gain a pass you must achieve a pass in all units. If you fail a unit you will fail the course regardless of your score.

In units 2 and 10, a number of assignments contribute to each unit. Your grade for that unit will be the lowest grade you achieve. For example if you achieved a P, M, D, D in Unit 2, your grade for that unit would be a Pass.



## Assessment Schedule

In Year 12 you will complete Unit 1 and Unit 2

### Unit 2

This will be taught between the start of the year and Christmas.

You will complete 4 assignments

#### **Assignment A** – Titration and Colorimetry.

You will investigate methods to determine the pH of a solution. You will also use colorimetry to determine the concentration of a solution.

#### **Assignment B** – Calorimetry.

You will investigate different methods of measuring temperature. You will also use a cooling curve to determine the rate of cooling, and the melting point of different substances.

#### **Assignment C** – Chromatography.

You will use chromatography techniques to identify substances in a plant leaf extract and a mixture of amino acids.

#### **Assignment D** – Personal Review.

You will produce an assignment evaluating the personal and technical skills that you have developed over the unit.

This unit will be assessed by your teacher. All work must be submitted by the given deadline. A sample of assignments will be moderated by a Pearson moderator. Remember that you must pass the unit to pass the course, and that the grade awarded will be the lowest one you achieve.

You will be given interim and final deadlines for each assignment which must be met.



## **Unit 1**

Unit 1 is made up of Biology, Chemistry and Physics theory, and will be taught by specialist teachers.

The level of difficulty is around that of A-level.

This will be taught between Christmas and May.

You will complete a Biology, Chemistry and Physics exam, each of which are worth 30 marks and last 40 minutes.

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

You are allowed to resit each exam once.



## **Aim**

In this bridging course, we will outline the basic principles of the key topics covered in Unit 1.

In each topic, we will start by reviewing the understanding which you gained in GCSE Science and apply it to more advanced applications found in Extended Certificate Applied Science.

This is not a comprehensive overview of the Extended Certificate Applied Science specification, rather a taster on what is covered throughout the course.

This bridging course should give you an experience of the level you will be expected to study at, at the start of Year 12

## **Important**

Please remember to look after your own wellbeing as you work through this bridging course.

Please take regular breaks as you go through this work.

This work should take approximately 5 hours, so should not be completed in one sitting.

Do not worry or panic if there is something challenging or which you do not understand at first. This is completely normal.

If you do not understand a concept after reviewing this work, please contact Mr. Turnbull on his school e-mail address.

# **WEEK 1: CHEMISTRY**



## TOPIC 1: THE ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF THE ATOM

### SPEC CHECK

Specification	Learning Outcomes
Understand the electronic structure of atoms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Know that atoms have electron shells / energy levels which consist of subshells (s, p and d)</li><li>• Know the number and type of subshells in the first four energy levels</li><li>• Know how to place these subshells in order of increasing energy</li><li>• Be able to write the electronic structure (configuration) of the first 36 elements of the periodic table using s, p and d subshell notation</li></ul>
Electronic orbitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Know that subshells contain electronic (atomic) orbitals</li><li>• Know that an orbital is a region of space where an electron is likely to be found</li><li>• Know that an orbital can hold up to 2 electrons</li><li>• Know the shapes and orientation of s and p orbitals</li><li>• Be able to interpret electron density plots for s and p orbitals</li><li>• Know the number and type of orbitals in each subshell for the first 36 elements</li></ul>
Aufbau principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that to predict the electronic configuration of an atom, electrons fill the shells, subshells and orbitals of lowest energy first</li><li>• Understand that orbitals with the same energy must be filled singly before electrons are paired</li><li>• Understand that when electrons are paired, the spins of the two electrons are opposite to each other, in order to reduce repulsion</li><li>• Be able to use the electron-in-box model to show how electrons fill the orbitals in atoms of the first 36 elements</li></ul>
Bohr theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that electrons occupy shells or energy levels, orbiting the nucleus of the atom</li><li>• Understand that an electron can move from its ground state energy level to a higher energy level by absorption of a quantum of radiation</li></ul>

Read the information found in the key information to understand the concepts of this topic.





## KEY INFORMATION

Bohr's model describes the shape in space where electrons can be found in atoms.

### Main Energy Levels or Shells

Electrons orbit the nucleus in shells.

The further the shell, or main energy level, is from the nucleus, the higher its energy.

Each shell can hold a fixed number of electrons.

n	Shell	Number of Electrons
1	1 <sup>st</sup> shell	2
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> shell	8
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> shell	18
4	4 <sup>th</sup> shell	32

You can find the total number of electrons in an atom by using the atomic number.

This is defined as the number of protons in an atom, but for a neutral atom also equals the number of electrons.

### Atomic Orbital

Each shell consists of atomic orbitals. These are regions in space where electrons may be found. The larger the main energy level, the more orbitals it is made up from.

The first four types are called s, p, d and f orbitals.

An s-orbital is spherical in shape and has 2 electrons in it.

Each p-orbital is dumb-bell shaped and holds up to 2 electrons. Each p sub-shell has 3 p orbitals,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$  and  $p_z$ .

### Writing Electron Configurations

Electron configurations are the arrangement of the electrons in atoms or ions.

Bohr's model recognises that the main shells are split into sub-shells and electron configurations should reflect that.

Element	Electron Configuration
B	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$
C	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$
N	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$
O	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$



In these diagrams, each box represents an orbital.  
The arrows represent the electrons in the orbitals.

			Energy →				
			1s	2s	2p <sub>x</sub>	2p <sub>y</sub>	2p <sub>z</sub>
Lithium,	Li	$1s^2 2s^1$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$			
Beryllium,	Be	$1s^2 2s^2$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$			
Boron,	B	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$		
Carbon,	C	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	
Nitrogen,	N	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$
Oxygen,	O	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$
Fluorine,	F	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow$
Neon,	Ne	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$

The direction of the arrows shows the **SPIN OF EACH ELECTRON**.

A pair always spin in opposite direction as it reduces the repulsion, they experience between each other.

Orbitals can be confused with sub-shells. Any orbital, regardless of the sub-shell it is in, can hold up to two electrons.

### Rules for Arranging Electrons

1. Start at the lowest shell and add electrons one at a time to build up the configuration.

2. Fill each sub-level before starting on the next one.

Remember that the 4s orbital is lower in energy than the 3d when empty, but higher in energy when occupied.

3. Fill each orbital singly in a sub-level before pairing electrons.

4. Paired electrons have opposite spins, so they are shown as arrows pointing in opposite directions.

The ideas that electrons fill lower shells before the higher shells is called the **AUFBAU PRINCIPLE**.



# REVISION SHEET

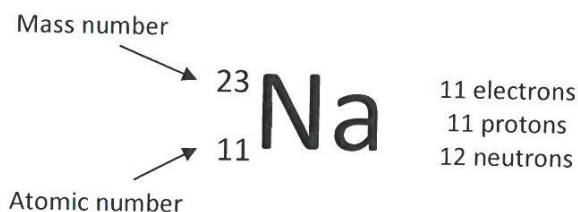
Highlight or underline the key information on the revision sheet to consolidate your understanding.

In this section you will revisit the structure of atoms, then see how that structure can result in different types of bonding. You will also learn about different types of interaction between molecules which determine the properties of materials. At the end of this section you will learn about important chemical quantities and how to calculate them from a properly balanced equation.

## The Electronic Structure of Atoms

	Definitions
<b>Proton</b>	a positively charged subatomic particle found in the nucleus of all atoms
<b>Neutron</b>	an uncharged subatomic particle found in the nucleus of all atoms except hydrogen
<b>Electron</b>	a negatively charged subatomic particle found orbiting the nucleus in all atoms
<b>Bohr model</b>	a simple atomic model with a small positively charged nucleus surrounded by defined rings of negatively charged electrons
<b>Shell</b>	an energy level occupied by electrons which surrounds the nucleus
<b>Orbital</b>	a subshell with a certain energy level, which can hold up to two electrons
<b>Aufbau principle</b>	electrons fill the lowest available energy shells first, and singly occupy orbitals in the same energy level before pairing up

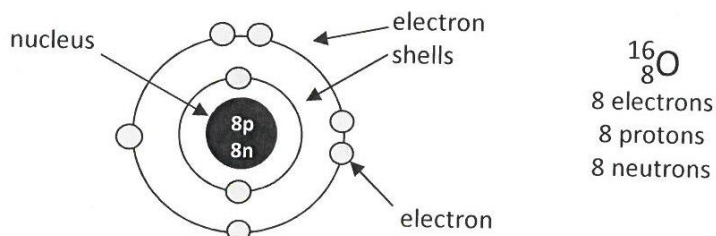
The basic model of the atom has two main components – the positively charged nucleus, which contains positive **protons** and neutral **neutrons**, and the cloud of negatively charged **electrons** which encircle it. In all atoms, the number of protons equals the number of electrons. Protons and neutrons are far larger and heavier than electrons.



The number of electrons is equal to the number of protons. The number of protons is given by the **atomic number**.

The number of protons plus neutrons in an atom is given by the **mass number**.

In the **Bohr model** of the atom, electrons are arranged in **shells** around the nucleus, which have higher energy levels as you move further away from the centre. These shells of electrons orbit around the nucleus at fixed distances, rather like planets orbiting the sun. Each shell has a maximum number of electrons that can fit into it – once it is full, extra electrons must go into the next shell.



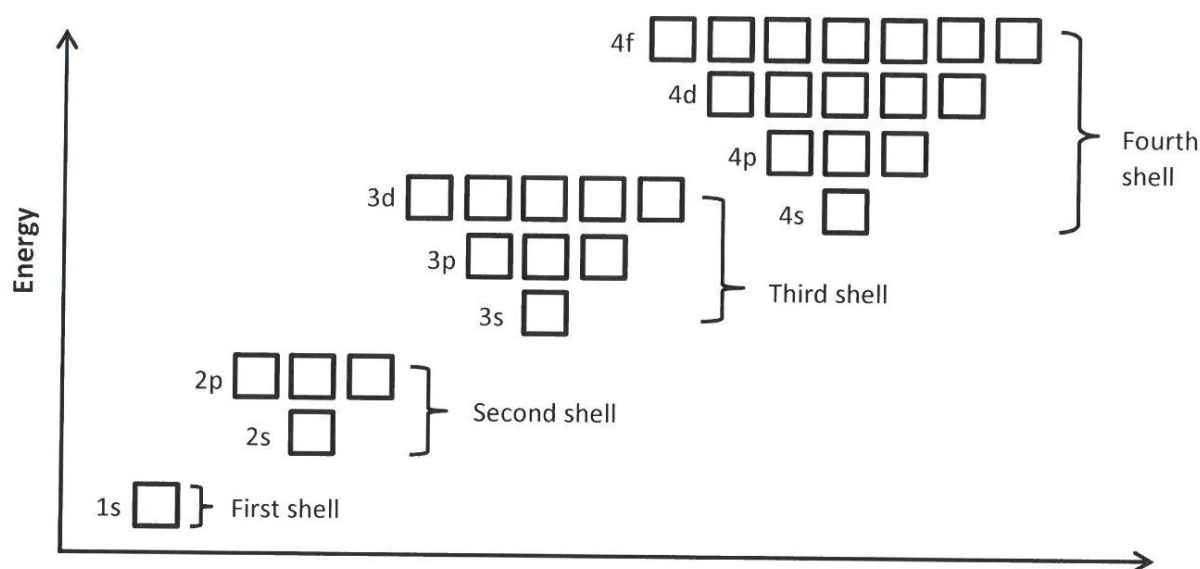


## Shells and orbitals

Within a shell, not all electrons have the exact same energy – they are split into **subshells** which have different energies. Subshells are further divided into **orbitals**. Each orbital can hold **two** electrons with different **spins**.

Electron shell	Maximum number of electrons	Orbitals in shell
1	2	1 × s
2	8	1 × s, 3 × p
3	18	1 × s, 3 × p, 5 × d
4	32	1 × s, 3 × p, 5 × d, 7 × f
5	50	1 × s, 3 × p, 5 × d, 7 × f, 9 × g

Orbitals are filled according to the **Aufbau principle** – the lowest available energy level (the one closest to the nucleus) is filled first, before filling ones at higher levels.



Orbitals are labelled s, p, d or f, depending on which subshell they are in – p orbitals are higher in energy than the s orbitals in the same shells, d orbitals are higher than p orbitals, and so on.

### Rules for filling orbitals

- ✓ Each box represents an orbital which can hold two electrons.
- ✓ An electron is represented as an arrow with half a head.
- ✓ The lowest energy levels are filled first.
- ✓ The 4s subshell is lower in energy than the 3d subshell, so is filled first (important for transition metals).
- ✓ All orbitals in a subshell are filled singly before electrons start to pair up (pairing up requires more energy due to repulsions between electrons in the same orbital).

By arranging electrons according to these rules, the most stable **electron configuration** is obtained.



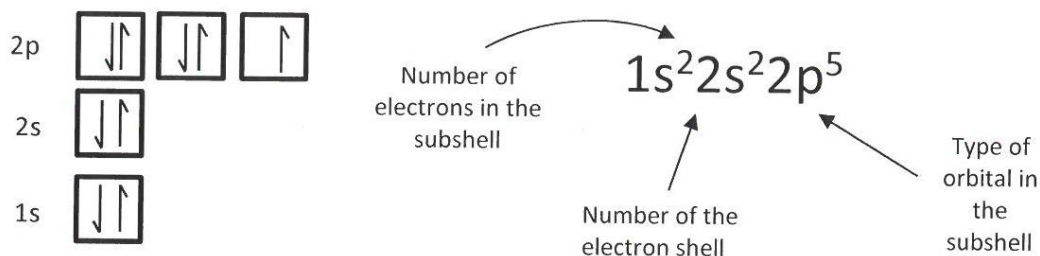


## Example

- a) Use the box method and s/p/d notation to write out the electron configuration of fluorine.

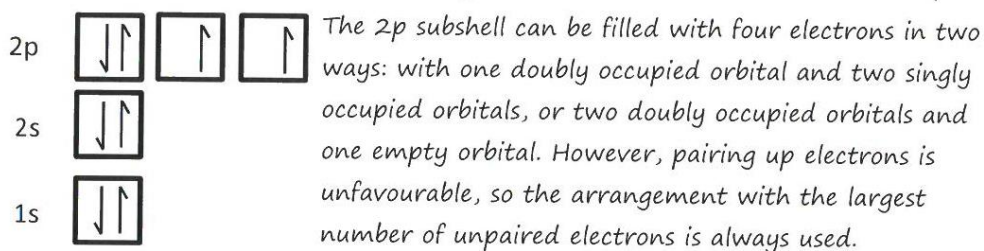
Fluorine has nine electrons in total.

In s/p/d notation, this would be written as:

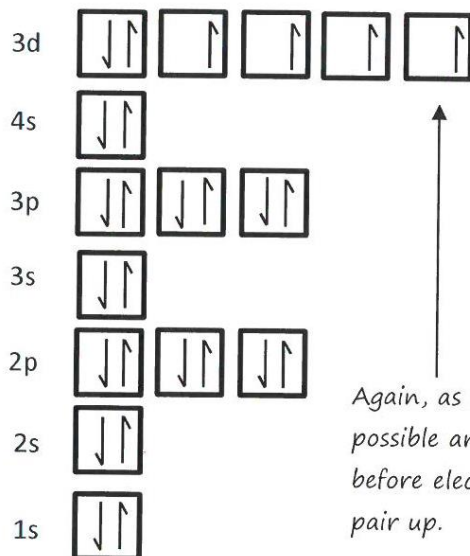


- b) Use the box method and s/p/d notation to write out the electron configuration of oxygen.

Oxygen has eight electrons, and in s/p/d notation this is written as  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$ .



- c) Use the box method to write out the electron configuration of iron.



Iron has 26 electrons, and in s/p/d notation this is written as  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^6$ . Note that the 4s orbital is lower in energy than the 3d orbital, so it gets filled first.

Again, as many orbitals as possible are singly occupied before electrons start to pair up.



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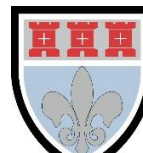
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## SELF ASSESSMENT

To practice your understanding, answer the following questions.

**DO NOT WORRY IF YOU STRUGGLE AT FIRST.**

The answers are found after the questions.

**A1.** How many electrons are there in:

**A1.1** One atom of sulfur?

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**A1.2** A full p orbital?

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**A1.3** A full third electron shell.

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**A2.** Draw the electron configuration of the following atoms using the box method and s/p/d notation.

**A2.1** A nitrogen atom



## **A2.2** A vanadium atom

**A3.** Draw a Bohr-model diagram of the atomic structure of magnesium and label the components.

**A4.** What shell is the outer electron of a phosphorous atom in? Explain your answer.

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# ANSWERS

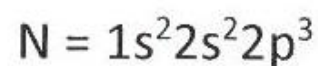
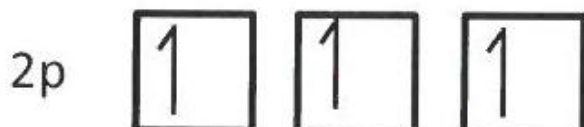
**A1.**

**A1.1** 16

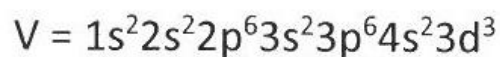
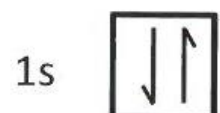
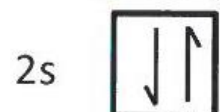
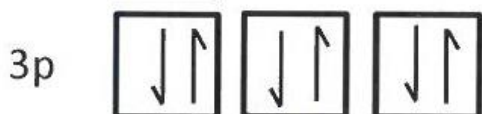
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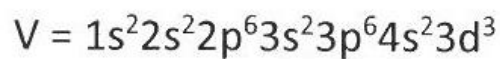
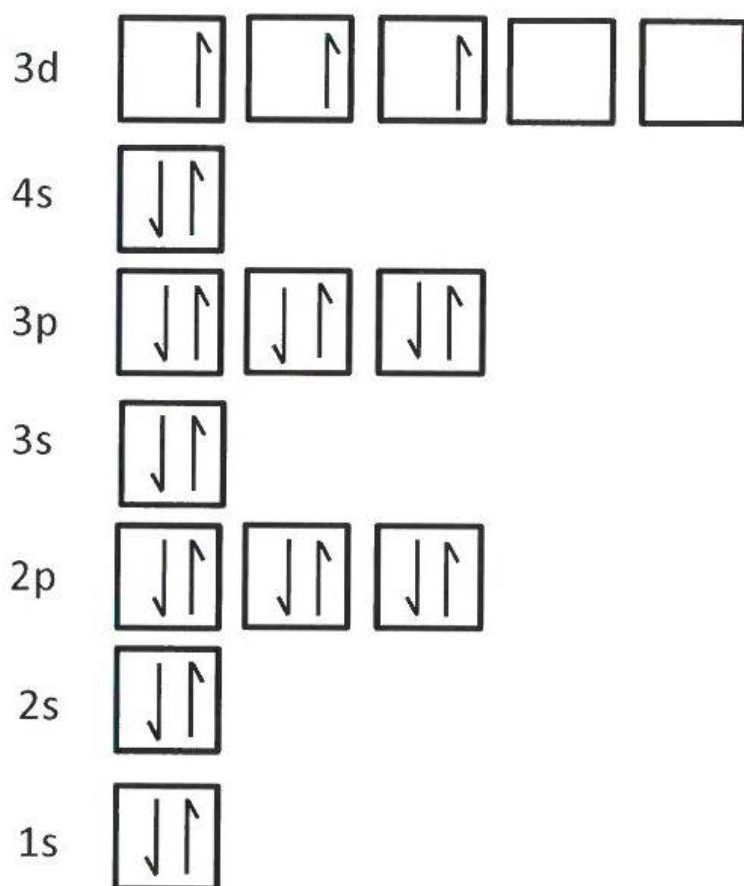
**A1.3** 18

**A2.1**



**A2.2** A vanadium atom



**A3.**

**A4.** Phosphorus has 15 electrons, so the outer electron is in the third shell.





**1.3** Which element, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, reacts violently with water?

**[1 Mark]**

☐ **A**

☐ **B**

☐ **C**

☐ **D**

**1.4** An element has the electronic configuration  $1s^2 2s^1$ .  
Identify which period the element is in.

**[1 Mark]**

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**1.5** Complete the electronic configuration for an atom of sodium.

**[1 Mark]**

$1s^2 2s^2$

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**Reference:** BTEC Applied Science Specimen Materials 2



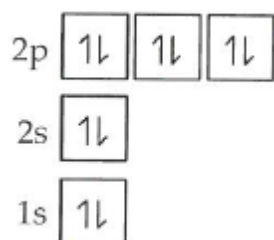
**2.** Electrons in atoms fit into shells made up of orbitals.

**2.1** How many electrons fit in one orbital?

**[1 Mark]**

<b>A</b>	One
<b>B</b>	Two
<b>C</b>	Four
<b>D</b>	Eight


The electronic structure of a neon atom can be represented as:



**2.2** In this way of writing an electronic structure, what does each box represent?

**[1 Mark]**

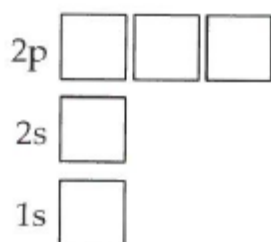
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**2.3** Write the electronic structure of an oxygen atom in this way.

**[3 Marks]**





Electronic configuration of atoms can be represented in different ways.  
The electronic configuration of beryllium atom can be represented as  $1s^2s^2$ .

**2.4** Write the electronic configuration of a nitrogen atom in this way.

**[1 Mark]**

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**2.5** In  $1s^2$ , what does 1 refer to?

**[1 Mark]**

A	Number of electrons
B	Number of the shell
C	Number of the orbital
D	Number of atoms


**Reference:** Zig Zag Educational Resources



## TOPIC 2: IONIC BONDING

### SPEC CHECK

Specification	Learning Outcomes
Understand ionic bonding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to predict whether a compound has ionic bonding from its name or formula</li> <li>• Be able to predict the formula of an ionic compound from its elements (for groups 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7)</li> <li>• Understand how the physical properties of ionic substances, such as melting and boiling point, solubility and electrical conductivity, are affected by their bonding and structure</li> </ul>
Strong electrostatic attraction between oppositely charged ions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand that ionic bonding is a result of strong electrostatic attraction between positive and negative ions</li> <li>• Understand that electrostatic attraction between ions can occur in any direction</li> <li>• Understand that a giant ionic structure is a lattice of many ions held together by electrostatic attraction</li> </ul>
Effects ionic radius and ionic charge have on the strength of ionic bonding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand that the strength of electrostatic attraction increases with increasing ionic charge</li> <li>• Understand that the strength of electrostatic attraction decreases with increasing size of ionic radius</li> <li>• Understand why ionic radius increases down a group</li> <li>• Understand how ionic radius changes across a period (for groups 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7)</li> <li>• Be able to predict differences in the strength of ionic bonding for different ionic compounds</li> </ul> <p><b>(NB an understanding of polarisation is not required)</b></p>
Formation of ions in terms of electron loss or gain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to describe the formation of positive ions (cations) by the loss of electron(s) from metal atoms</li> <li>• Be able to describe the formation of negative ions (anions) by the gain of electron(s) by non-metal atoms</li> <li>• Be able to draw dot-and-cross diagrams for ionic compounds of groups 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 elements, showing outer electrons and correct charges</li> </ul>

Read the information found in the key information to understand the concepts of this topic.



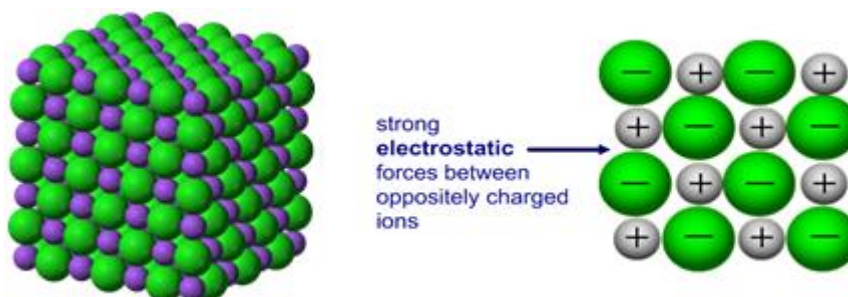
## KEY INFORMATION

Ionic bonds are strong electrostatic attractions between positive and negative ions.  
The ions in ionic bonds can be shown using electron configuration diagrams.

### Ionic Compounds and Giant Ionic Structures

Ionic compounds have giant structures.

In a giant ionic structure, the ions are arranged in a regular, 3D pattern called a lattice.  
The electrostatic forces between the ions act in all directions and keep the structure together.  
The large number of these strong electrostatic attractions give ionic compounds high melting points.



### Positive Ions

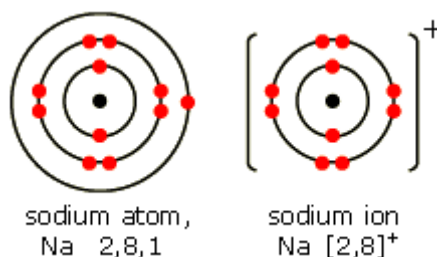
Are generally formed by metal atoms losing electrons.

Have positive charge equal to the group number if formed from a group 1, 2 or 3 element.

Have different charges if formed from a transition metal (for example,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ).

Can be represented in an electron configuration diagram, for example a  $\text{Na}^+$  ion.

Are known as cations.



### Negative Ions

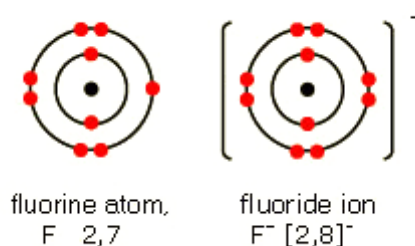
Are generally formed by non-metal atoms gaining electrons from metal ions.

Have a negative charge equals to 8 minus the group number of the element.

Sometimes exist as polyatomic ions, such as  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{OH}^-$ , whose charges should be learnt.

Can be represented in an electron configuration diagram, for example an  $\text{F}^-$  ion.

Are known as anions.







### **Strength of Ionic Bonds**

To compare the relative strength of ionic bonds, the ionic charge and ionic radius have to be considered, sometimes called the charge/size ratio.

For instance, the ionic bonding in  $\text{MgF}_2$  is much stronger than the ionic bonding in  $\text{NaF}$ . This is because the magnesium ion is smaller than the sodium ion and also has a greater charge. These factors increase the electrostatic attraction between the ions.



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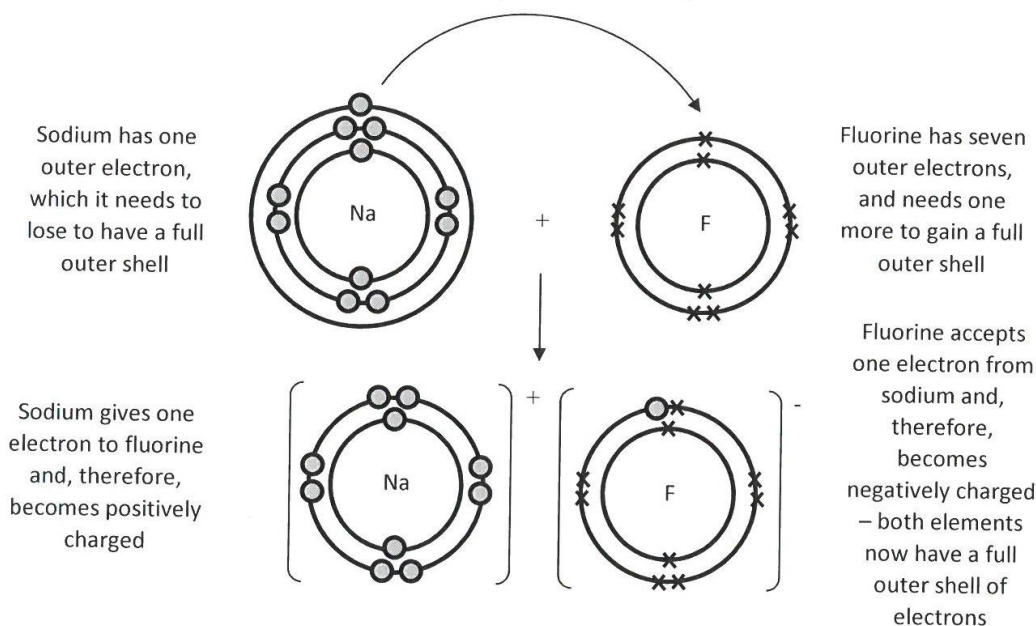
## Ionic bonding

Definitions	
<b>Electrostatic attraction</b>	attractive forces between opposite charges
<b>Noble gas configuration</b>	a full shell of outer electrons; the most energetically stable arrangement
<b>Giant ionic lattice</b>	an arrangement of negative ions and positive ions in a regular 3D pattern

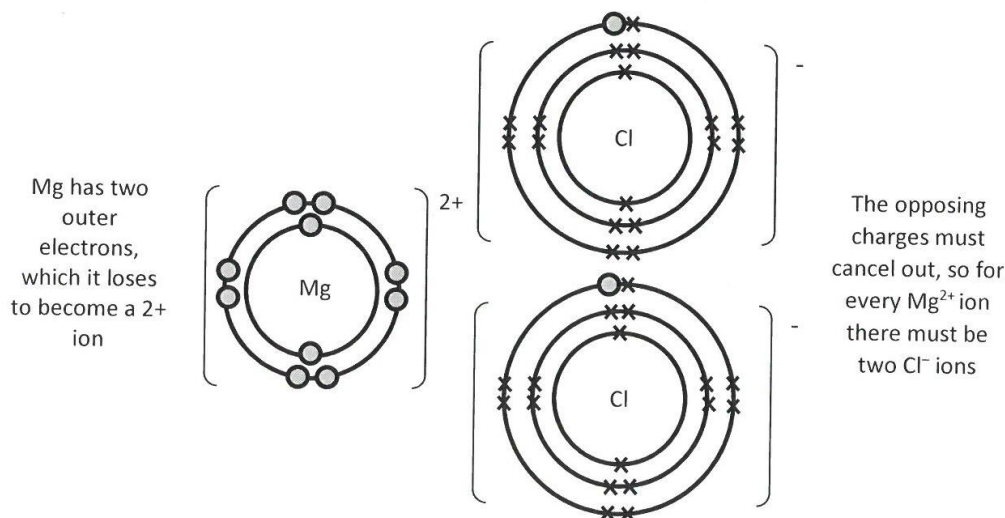
Ionic bonds are formed from the **electrostatic attraction** between oppositely charged ions.

- Ions are formed by the loss or gain of electrons.
- The atom losing electrons becomes positively charged (a **cation**).
- The atom gaining electrons becomes negatively charged (an **anion**).

By **exchanging** electrons, both elements are able to achieve a full outer shell of electrons, which is the most stable electronic configuration. This is also sometimes called a **noble gas configuration** because all noble gas atoms already have a full outer shell (which is the reason they are so unreactive).

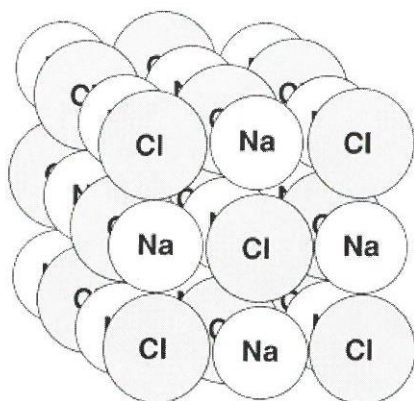


The ratio of positive ions to negative ions does not have to be 1:1, e.g. in  $\text{MgCl}_2$ .

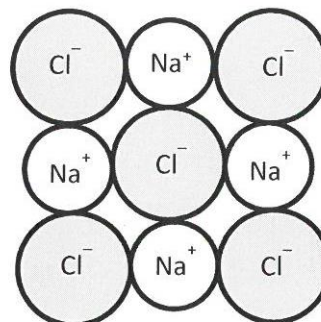




Ionic bonds are most commonly observed between a metal and a non-metal, such as sodium and chlorine. Oppositely charged ions join together into a regularly ordered **giant ionic lattice**.



**3D representation**



**2D representation**

The strength of the ionic bond is affected by:

- ionic **charge**
- ionic **radius**

Smaller ions with higher charges result in stronger electrostatic attractions. For example:

- NaCl has stronger ionic bonding than KCl – even though sodium ions and potassium ions have the same charge,  $\text{Na}^+$  is a smaller ion
- $\text{MgCl}_2$  has stronger bonding than NaCl – the ions are of a similar size, but magnesium ions have a charge of +2, whereas a sodium ion has a charge of +1

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**A1.1** Define the term 'ionic bond' and describe how an ionic bond forms.

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**A2.1** Draw a dot-and-cross diagram to show the bonding in  $\text{CaI}_2$ .  
Only draw the outer shells of the electrons.



**A3.1** Will the bonding be stronger in NaF or NaCl? Explain your answer.

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**A3.2** What about  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and KCl?

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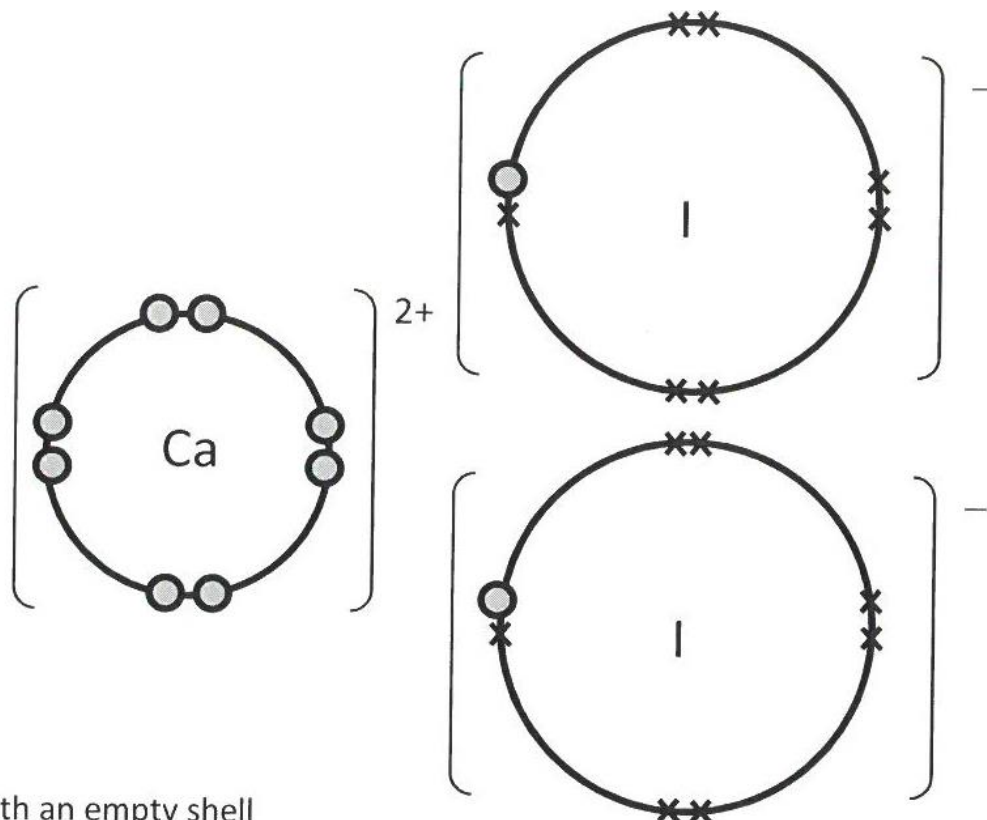
**A4.** Draw a 2D representation of the lattice structure of MgO.



## ANSWERS

**A1.1** An ionic bond is the electrostatic attraction between two opposing charges. Electrons are transferred from one atom to another to generate a pair of ions.

### A2.1



Also accept Ca with an empty shell

**A3.1** NaF has the stronger bonding –  $F^-$  has a smaller ionic radius than  $Cl^-$ , thus has a higher charge density and stronger electrostatic attraction.

**A3.2**  $CaCl_2$  has stronger bonding –  $Ca^{2+}$  has a higher charge than  $Na^+$ , thus a higher charge density and stronger electrostatic attraction.

**A4.** Draw a 2D representation of the lattice structure of  $MgO$ .



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**1.** Potassium chloride, KCl, is sometimes used as an alternative to sodium chloride, NaCl, in table salt.

Both of these compounds are ionic.

**1.1** Describe how the bonding in KCl is formed.

**[3 Marks]**

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**1.2** In KCl, ions are attracted towards each other. Why are the ions in KCL attracted to each other?

**[2 Marks]**

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**1.3** Draw a dot and cross diagram, using outer electrons only, to show the bonding in KCl

**[2 Marks]**

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**2.** This question is about the properties of ions and ionic compounds.  
Solid calcium carbonate,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , has a giant ionic structure.

**2.1** Draw a diagram (using dots or crosses) for a calcium **ion**.  
Show **ALL** the electrons and the charge on the ion.

[1 Mark]

**2.2** Complete the electronic configuration for a calcium **ion**.

[1 Mark]

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**2.3** Would you expect a calcium ion to be bigger, smaller or the same size as a calcium atom?

Give **TWO** reasons to explain your answer.

[2 Marks]

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**2.4** Explain why ionic compounds have relatively high melting temperatures.

[2 Marks]



## TOPIC 3: COVALENT BONDING

### SPEC CHECK

Specification	Learning Outcomes
Understand covalent bonding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be able to predict if a compound has covalent bonding from its name or formula</li><li>• Understand how the physical properties of covalent substances, such as melting and boiling point, solubility and electrical conductivity, are affected by their bonding and structure (to include simple molecular and giant covalent structures)</li></ul>
Strong electrostatic attraction between two nuclei and the shared pair(s) of electrons between them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that covalent bonding involves the sharing of a pair of electrons between two atoms and that there is strong electrostatic attraction between the nuclei and the electrons being shared</li><li>• Understand that electrostatic attraction between nuclei and the shared electrons is localised and in a specific direction</li><li>• Understand that a giant covalent structure is a lattice of many atoms bonded covalently</li></ul>
Dot and cross diagrams to show electrons in simple covalent molecules, including those with multiple bonds and dative covalent (coordinate) bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be able to draw dot-and-cross diagrams for simple covalent molecules, showing outer electrons</li><li>• Know that multiple bonds involve two or more pairs of electrons being shared</li><li>• Know that a dative covalent (coordinate) bond is a covalent bond in which the pair of electrons being shared is donated by one atom</li></ul>
The relationship between bond lengths and bond strengths in covalent bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that as the number of shared pairs of electrons between two atoms increases, the bond length decreases</li><li>• Understand that as the number of shared pairs of electrons between two atoms increases, the bond strength increases</li><li>• Be able to represent covalent bonds in substances as 2D line diagrams</li></ul>
Tetrahedral basis of organic chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that electron pairs in bonds repel each other in order to be as far apart as possible around a central atom</li><li>• Know that carbon has four outer shell electrons so can form up to 4 single bonds/bonding electron pairs and will form tetrahedral shapes</li><li>• Know the bond angle associated with 4 bonding electron pairs around a central carbon atom is <math>109.5^\circ</math></li><li>• Be able to represent covalent bonds in simple organic molecules as 3D line diagrams</li></ul>

Read the information found in the key information to understand the concepts of this topic.



## KEY INFORMATION

A covalent bond is an electrostatic attraction between a shared pair of electrons and the nuclei of the bonded atoms.

A covalent bond forms when atoms share a pair of electrons.

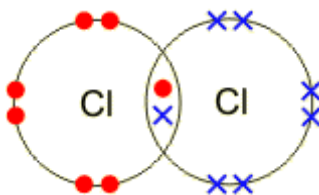
Generally each atom in the bond contributes to one electron to the pair, but a covalent bond consisting of an electron pair derived from one of the atoms is called a **DATIVE COVALENT (COORDINATE) BOND**.

### Dot and Cross Diagrams

These are ways of showing the bonding between atoms, for instance in a chlorine molecules.

Dots represent electrons from one atom and crosses from the other.

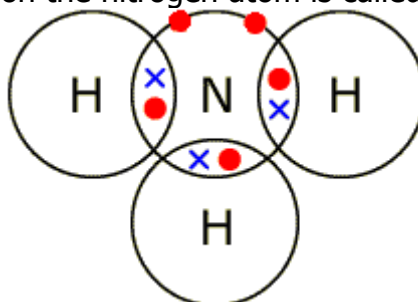
The shared pair are in overlapping shells between the atoms – this is a covalent bond.



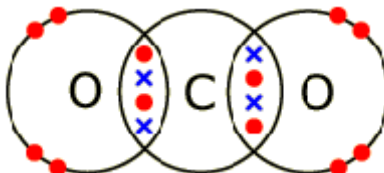
Ammonia consists of 3 hydrogen atoms bonded to a nitrogen atom. Each hydrogen atom has one 1 unpaired electron, so can form a single bond.

The nitrogen atoms have 3 unpaired electrons in its outer shell, so can form 3 bonds.

The pair of non-bonded electrons on the nitrogen atom is called a lone pair.

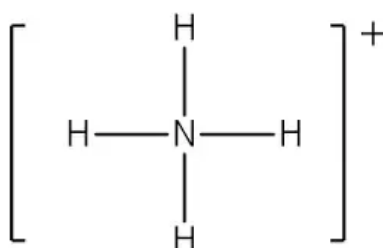


In carbon dioxide, each oxygen atom shares 2 pairs of electrons with the carbon atom. Each oxygen forms a double bond to the carbon.



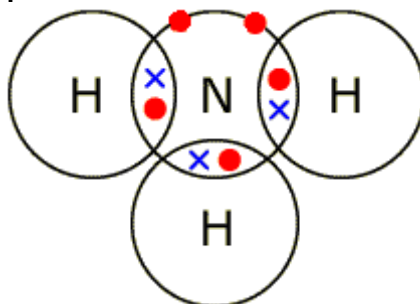
The ammonium ion forms from ammonia,  $\text{NH}_3$  and a hydrogen ion,  $\text{H}^+$ .

The hydrogen ion has no electrons in its vacant orbital to form a bond, but the nitrogen atom in ammonia has a lone pair not involved in bonding. It uses this pair to bond to the hydrogen ion, forming a **DATIVE COVALENT BOND**.





Methane consists of 1 carbon atom bonded to 4 hydrogen atoms. The orbitals containing the electron pairs repel as far away as possible, forming a **TETRAHEDRAL** shape, common around carbon atoms in organic chemistry.



### Strength of Covalent Bonds

Bond length and bond strength in covalent bonds are **INVERSELY RELATED**. This means that the shorter the covalent bond length, the greater the covalent bond strength.



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### Covalent bonding

**Covalent bond****Definitions**

a shared pair of electrons that is electrostatically attracted to both nuclei

**Dative bond / coordinate bond**

a covalent bond in which both electrons in the bonding pair were donated by one atom

**Lone pair**

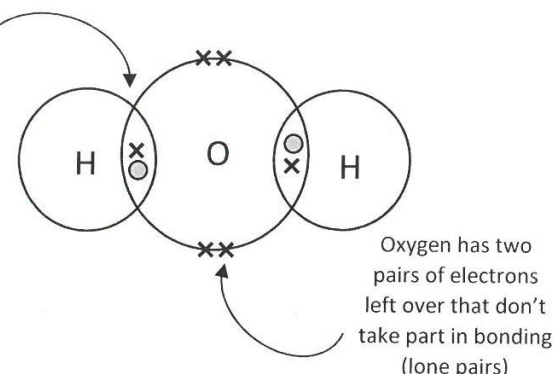
pair of electrons not involved in covalent bonding

In contrast to ionic bonding, covalent bonding involves **sharing** of electrons rather than complete exchange from one atom to the other, and is most common between non-metals. The electrostatic attraction is between the positively charged nuclei and the negatively charged bonding electrons shared between them.

As in ionic bonding, the sharing of electrons is done to give each atom involved a full outer shell of electrons. In the example on the following page, both the hydrogen atom and the oxygen atom provide one electron each to form a bonding pair. Oxygen has six outer electrons and needs eight (two more) to have a full outer shell, so it can form covalent bonds with two hydrogen atoms.



In the covalent bond, one electron comes from hydrogen (dot) and one electron comes from oxygen (cross)



### Exam tip

In this example, only the outer shell of each electron has been drawn for simplicity. In an exam you may be asked to draw only the outermost electrons in your diagram, so make sure you check!

The stronger a covalent bond is, the shorter the bond length is. Stronger bonds are a result of the two bonding atoms having a large difference in electronegativity.

Bond	Bond strength ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ )	Bond length (pm)
Cl-Cl	239	199
H-Cl	427	127
O-H	467	96

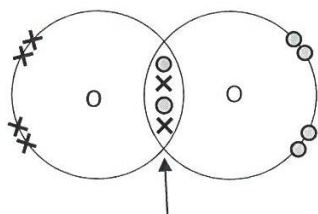


Bond strength increases / bond length decreases

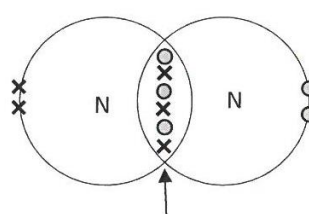
## Multiple bonding

Sometimes, more than one pair of electrons must be shared in order to reach that noble gas configuration. One way to resolve this is to bond to more than one atom (as shown above); another is to share more than one pair of electrons and form a **multiple bond**.

Double bonds and triple bonds are stronger than single bonds and, therefore, are also shorter in length.



Double covalent bond  
(two shared pairs of electrons)

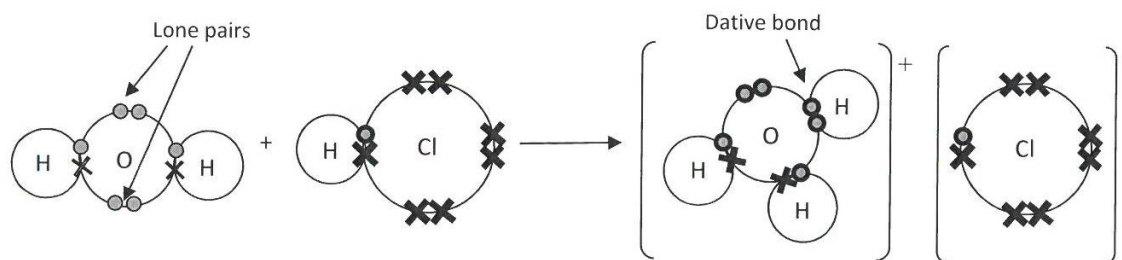


Triple covalent bond  
(three shared pairs of electrons)



## Dative bonding

A **dative covalent bond** (or **coordinate bond**) occurs when **both** the electrons being shared have come from **the same atom**. This often happens with **lone pairs**, which are electron pairs that do not usually take part in bonding.



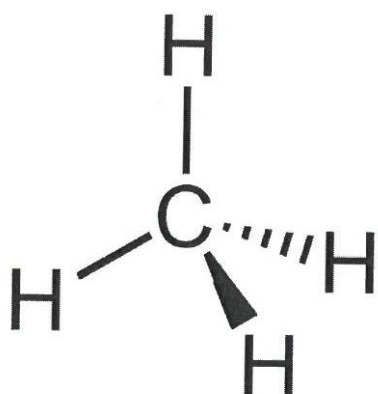
In the example above, hydrogen chloride is dissolved in water to form hydrochloric acid. The oxygen in water uses one of its lone pairs of electrons to bond to another hydrogen atom to form a positive **hydroxonium ion**. All three O-H bonds are identical in terms of their properties, and all three hydrogens are equally likely to be removed.





## Shapes of organic molecules

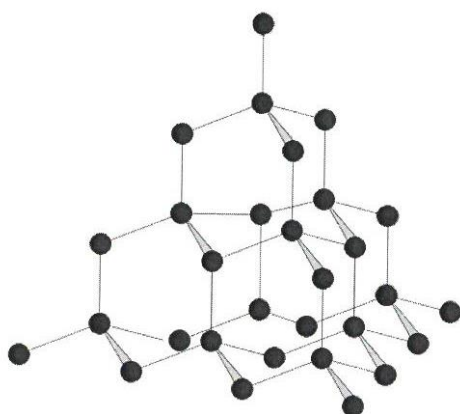
Each pair of electrons around an atom repels the others. This repulsion is what gives molecules their 3D shape, as bonding electrons arrange themselves to minimise repulsions. Carbon needs four electrons to achieve a full outer shell so forms four covalent bonds with other atoms. The four bonds surrounding a carbon atom all repel each other and sit as far away from each other as possible, forming a **tetrahedral** shape with an angle of  $109.5^\circ$  between each bond. This is the structure seen in diamond and in the organic molecules that are important for life.



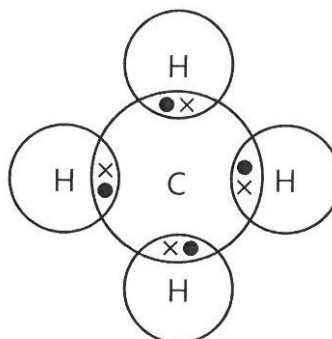
### Exam tip

This is one example of how molecules are represented in 3D. A straight line represents a bond in the plane of the page, a black wedge represents a bond pointing out from the plane towards you, and a dashed wedge represents a bond pointing away from you.

Covalent structures can be giant, like the infinitely repeating pattern of carbon atoms in diamond, or small molecules, such as methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ). Despite having the same types of bonds, these two types of material have very different physical properties.



Giant covalent structure  
(diamond)



Simple covalent molecule  
(methane)

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**A1.** Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding in an ammonium ion ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) ion.

What is special about one of the bonds?

**A2.** Explain why diatomic oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ) forms a double covalent bond but diatomic fluorine does not.

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**A3.** Explain why chloroform ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) is not a flat molecule.

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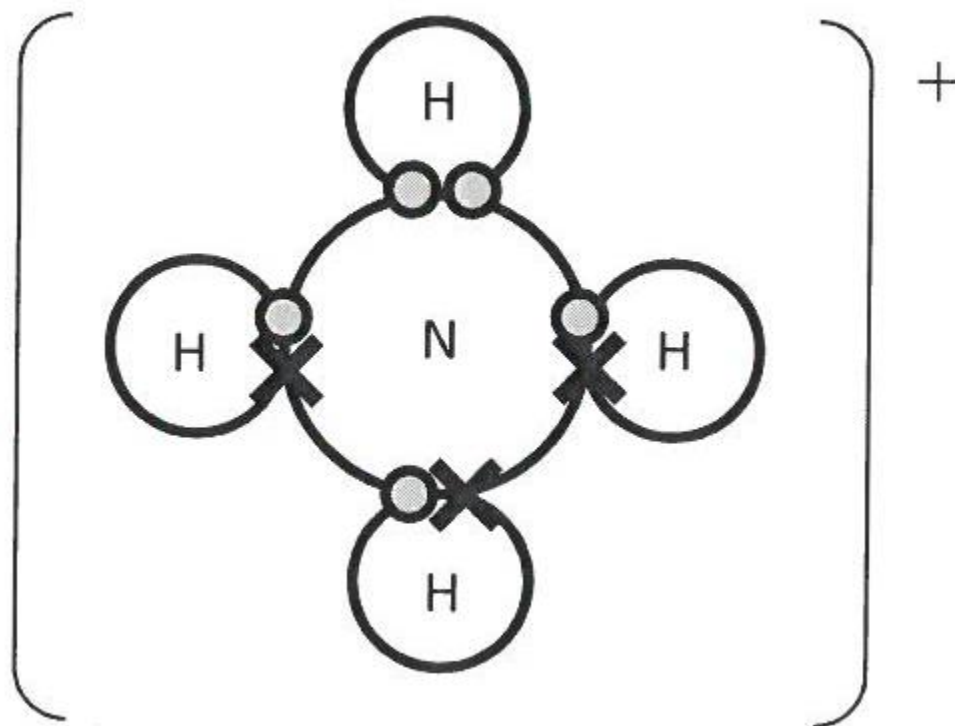
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## ANSWERS

**A1.**



One of the bonds is a dative/coordinate covalent bond – both electrons in the bonding pair come from the N atom.

**A2.**

An oxygen atom has six electrons in its outer shell with two unpaired electrons, so forms a double bond (two pairs of shared electrons) with another oxygen atom to obtain a full outer shell. An atom of fluorine has seven outer electrons with one unpaired electron, so only forms a single bond.

**A3.**

Each carbon must form four covalent bonds which arrange themselves in a 3D tetrahedral shape to minimise repulsion between bonding electron pairs. The separation between each bond is  $109.5^\circ$ .



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**1.** Ethane and ethene are compounds which contain covalent bonds.

Ethane has the formula  $C_2H_6$

**1.1** Draw ethane using a dot and cross diagram

**[3 Marks]**

Ethen contains as many carbon atoms as ethane but has a double bond between the carbon atoms which is stronger.

**1.2** Write the formula of ethane.

**[1 Mark]**

**1.3** Describe the bonding of ethane in terms of Carbon-carbon bond length compared to ethene.

Geometry around the carbon atoms.

The number of co-ordinate bonds

**[3 Marks]**

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**2.1** Explain how the atoms are held together by the covalent bond in a molecule of hydrogen.

**[1 Mark]**

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Draw the dot and cross diagrams for

**1.2** methane,  $\text{CH}_4$

**[1 Mark]**

**1.3** ethene,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$

**[1 Mark]**

**1.4** nitrogen,  $\text{N}_2$

**[1 Mark]**

**1.5** the ammonium ion,  $\text{NH}_4^+$

**[1 Mark]**



Silicon exists in a giant covalent lattice.

**1.6** The electrical conductivity of pure silicon is very low.  
Explain why this is so in terms of the bonding.

**[2 Marks]**

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**1.7** Explain the high melting temperature of silicon in terms of the bonding.

**[2 Marks]**

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**Reference:** EdExcel A-Level Chemistry Examination Resources



## **EXTENSION**

To further extend your understanding in the Applied Science course to prepare yourself for Year 12 course, read over information on the following topics:

Metallic Bonding

Intermolecular forces

London forces

Dipole-dipole interactions

Hydrogen bonds





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