

# SNC2D CHEMISTRY

## CHEMICAL REACTIONS

### ☞ Polyatomic Ions & Compounds (P.160-161;163)

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## Polyatomic Ions

**Polyatomic ions** are groups of atoms that tend to stay together and carry an overall ionic charge.

### POLYATOMIC ION (P.161)

- ❖ group of atoms that tend to stay together and carry an overall ionic charge
- ❖ only one common positive polyatomic ion ☞ ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ )

Name	Formula
ammonium	$\text{NH}_4^+$
carbonate	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$
hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate)	$\text{HCO}_3^-$
hydroxide	$\text{OH}^-$
nitrate	$\text{NO}_3^-$
nitrite	$\text{NO}_2^-$
permanganate	$\text{MnO}_4^-$
phosphate	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$
phosphite	$\text{PO}_3^{3-}$
sulphate	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
sulphite	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$

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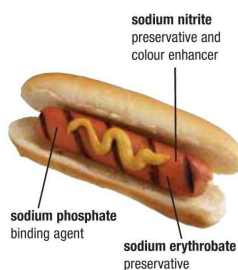
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## Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

### NOTE!

Processed foods contain a lot of sodium, mostly from sodium chloride. Sodium chloride enhances the flavour and extends the shelf-life of food. Other additives in processed foods also contribute to your daily sodium intake. Preserved meats, such as hot dogs, stay red due to the addition of potassium nitrate and sodium nitrite.



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### Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

**Polyatomic compounds** are pure substances that involve combinations of metals with polyatomic ions.

**POLYATOMIC COMPOUND**

- pure substances that involve combinations of metals with polyatomic ions

Compound	Formula	Use/Source
calcium carbonate	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	chalk & building mtl
magnesium hydroxide	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	stomach antacid
sulphuric acid	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	car battery acid
sodium hypochlorite	NaClO	bleach
copper (ii) sulphate	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	fungicide
sodium carbonate	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	laundry detergent
ammonium nitrate	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	fertilizer

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### Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

There are many types of polyatomic ions, but one special group should be mentioned. **Oxyacids** are compounds formed when hydrogen combines with polyatomic ions that contain oxygen.

Ion Name & Formula	Oxyacid Name & Formula
nitrate NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitric acid HNO <sub>3</sub>
nitrite NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrous acid HNO <sub>2</sub>
chlorate ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	chloric acid HClO <sub>3</sub>
carbonate CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	carbonic acid H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>
sulphate SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulphuric acid H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
sulphite SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulphurous acid H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>
phosphate PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	phosphoric acid H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>

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### Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

**NOTE!**  
The hydrogen has an ionic charge of 1+ in these compounds.

Ion Name & Formula	Oxyacid Name & Formula
nitrate NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitric acid HNO <sub>3</sub>
nitrite NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrous acid HNO <sub>2</sub>
chlorate ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	chloric acid HClO <sub>3</sub>
carbonate CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	carbonic acid H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>
sulphate SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulphuric acid H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
sulphite SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulphurous acid H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>
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**Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions**

**OXYACIDS**

- ❖ acid compound formed when hydrogen combines with a polyatomic ion that contains oxygen
- ❖ hydrogen has an ionic charge of 1+ in these compounds

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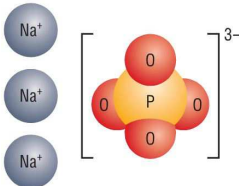
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**Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions**

**NOTE!**  
When a compound containing a polyatomic ion, such as sodium phosphate ( $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ ) dissolves, the four ions separate. However, the phosphate ion remains intact.



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**Activity: Names & Formulas for ... (P.161 & 164)**

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1. The name for compounds that contain a polyatomic ion are simply a combination of the name of the metal and the name of the polyatomic ion.
2. Formulas for compounds that contain a polyatomic ion are written in the same way as other ionic compounds except brackets are necessary when more than one polyatomic ion is needed.

**NOTE!**  
If a formula uses the ammonium ion  $\text{NH}_4^+$  it will go first in the formula (since the positive ion goes first).

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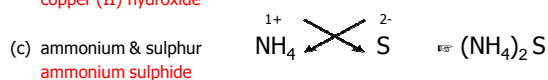
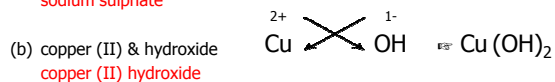
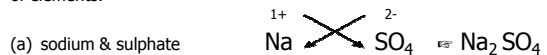
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### Activity: Names & Formulas for ... (P.161 & 164)

#### QUESTIONS

1. Write the chemical names and formulas for the following combinations of elements.



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### Check Your Learning

1. A polyatomic ion, such as  $\text{NH}_4^+$  or  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ , has several atoms joined together. Why is a polyatomic ion not called a molecule?

a molecule is neutral – polyatomic ions are a group of atoms that tend to stay together and carry an overall ionic charge

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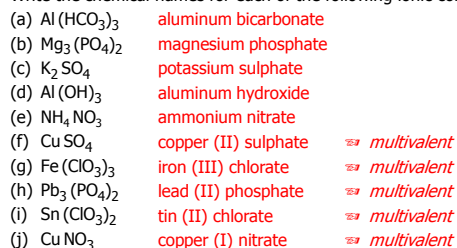
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### Check Your Learning

2. Write the chemical names for each of the following ionic compounds.



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3. Write the chemical formulas for each of the following ionic compounds.

(a) magnesium sulphate	$MgSO_4$
(b) ammonium chloride	$NH_4Cl$
(c) aluminum nitrate	$Al(NO_3)_3$
(d) lithium phosphate	$Li_3PO_4$
(e) sodium bicarbonate	$NaHCO_3$
(f) copper(II) phosphate	$Cu_3(PO_4)_2$
(g) copper(I) chlorate	$CuClO_3$
(h) magnesium hydroxide	$Mg(OH)_2$
(i) lead(II) nitrate	$Pb(NO_3)_2$
(j) calcium sulphate	$CaSO_4$

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**TEXTBOOK**  
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P.164 Q.1-4

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