OXIDATION NUMBERS

The **oxidation number** or state refers to the charge an atom would have if the pairs of electrons in each bond of the compound belonged to the atom with the most electronegative charge, as if the electrons had been transferred and not shared. For ionic compounds this is already the case, so the oxidation number and the ionic charge are the same. For a covalently bonded compound the oxidation number is a hypothetical charge. Ionic charges are differentiated from oxidation numbers by the placement of the charge and the number. Ionic charges are written with the charge following the number, however, oxidation numbers are written with the charge is written before the number.

There are several rules that apply to oxidation numbers:

- 1. The sum of all oxidation numbers in a compound must equal zero.
 - For example: What are the oxidation numbers for sodium and chlorine in NaCL? Na is +1 and Cl is -1 for a total of zero.
- 2. The sum of all oxidation numbers in a polyatomic ion must be equal to the charge of the ion.
 - For example: What is the charge on the sulfur in the polyatomic ion SO₄⁻²?
 Each oxygen carries an oxidation number of -2, for a total of -8. The overall charge must be -2, therefore the sulfur must have an oxidation number of +6.
- 3. When there is a combination of non-metals, the less electronegative atom will have a positive oxidation number, and the higher electronegative atom will have a negative oxidation number.
 - For example: What are the oxidation numbers of CO₂?
 Carbon will have an oxidation number of +4 and oxygen will have an oxidation number of -2.
- 4. The oxidation number of an elementary substance is zero, this also applies to diatomic molecules. **Review the seven diatomic molecules!
 - For example: What is the oxidation number for the chlorine in Cl₂?
 Each chlorine is zero, because the atoms have identical electronegativities the electrons will be shared equally.
- 5. The oxidation number of any one atom ion is equal to its ionic charge.
 - For example: What is the oxidation number for a sodium ion? The sodium ion's oxidation number is +1.
- 6. Oxygen's oxidation number is always equal to -2, except when it is in peroxide, then it is equal to -1.
 - For example: What is the oxidation number of oxygen in water? Water is H_2O , the hydrogen each have +1 oxidation numbers totaling +2. The molecule must have a zero total, therefore, oxygen's oxidation number is -2.
 - What is the oxidation number in hydrogen peroxide, H₂O₂?
 H₂ has a total of +2, therefore O₂ must have a value of -2 leaving each oxygen with a -1 oxidation number.
- 7. Hydrogen has a oxidation number of +1, except when it is in a hydride, then it is equal to -1.
 - For example: What is the oxidation number for hydrogen in HCl?
 The chlorine atom has an oxidation number of -1, therefore the hydrogen must be +1.
 - What is the oxidation number of hydrogen in Lithium hydride, LiH?
 Lithium has an oxidation number of +1, therefore hydrogen must have an oxidation number of -1.

Practice: Determine the oxidation number for each of the elements in the following molecules and ions.

1.	Ag	Ag=	11.	Ag_2S	Ag=	S=
2.	CdS	Cd= S=	12.	HgCl	Hg=	Cl=
3.	CdCl ₂	Cd= Cl=	13.	HgCl ₂	Hg=	Cl=
4.	I_2	I=	14.	H(NO ₃)	H=	N= O=
5.	SnCl ₂	Sn= Cl=	15.	NaOH	Na=	O= H=
6.	SnCl ₄	Sn= Cl=	16.	H_2O_2	H=	O=
7.	FeCl ₂	Fe= Cl=	17.	LiH	Li=	H=
8.	FeCl ₃	Fe= Cl=	18.	K(ClO ₃)	K=	Cl= O=
9.	NO_2^{-1}	N= O=	19.	$H_2(SO_4)$	H=	S= O=
	1002		-		-	

NOMENCLATURE

Nomenclature is the process of naming a compound or molecule.

I. Ionic Compounds

The name of the compound consists of the name of the metal followed by the –ide form of the non-metal. Ex. NaCl sodium chloride $Ca(C_2H_3O_2)_2$ calcium acetate

MgO magnesium oxide

Practice: Name the following compounds.

1.	CaO	4	4	$BaCl_2$	
2.	$Al_2(CO_3)_3$:	5.	Na(MnO ₄)	
3.	$(NH_4)_2SO_4$		6.	FeS	

Practice: Write the formula for the following compounds.

1. Potassium bicarbonate4. Ammonium nitrate2. Zinc acetate5. Zinc phosphate3. Silver dichromate6. Lithium chloride

II. Compounds Having Metals with more than one Oxidation State

The compound is written as normal with the oxidation number in Roman Numerals in parentheses after the name of the metal.

Ex. FeCl ₂	Iron (II) chloride	Cl = -1 so then Fe = +2, written Iron (II)
FeCl ₃	Iron (III) chloride	Cl = -1 so then Fe = +3, written Iron (III)
CrO_2	Chromium (IV) oxide	O = -2 so then $Cr = +4$, written Chromium (IV)
CrO ₃	Chromium (VI) oxide	O = -2 so then $Cr = +6$, written Chromiun (VI)

An alternate method uses the Latin and Greek names of the metals. Add –ous to the lower charge and –ic to the higher charge. – We will not use this method, but most of the world does!

Ex. FeCl₂ Ferrous chloride

FeCl₃ Ferric chloride

Reminders about <u>Polyatomic Ions</u>

Rule:		Ex.		
The prefix per-d	enotes the greatest number of oxyger	n ClO ₄	perchlorate	
(if more than two	o forms).		•	
The suffix –ate	denotes the most oxygen.***	ClO ₃	chlorate	***the one we memorize
The suffix –ite d	enotes fewer oxygen.	ClO_2	chlorite	
The prefix hypo-	denotes the least number of oxygen.		hypochlorite	
		010	njpoonono	
Practice: Name	the following compounds.			
		$Cr(C_2H_3O_2)$	2)2	
2. $Cu_2(SO_4)$	5.	FeS		
3. $Pb(NO_3)_2$		$Pb(SO_4)$		
Practice: Write	the formula for the following comp	oounds.		
1. Iron (III) oxi	de 4. C	opper (II) b	nydroxide	
2. Copper (II) i	odide 5. L	ead (II) dic	hromate	
3. Iron (II) pho	sphate 6. M	fercury (I)	chloride	

II. Binary Compounds containing Two Non-Metals

The name consists of the non-metal that is further toward the left and bottom of the periodic table, followed by the –ide form of the second non-metal.

Compounds containing more than one of the non-metal elements can be distinguished by:

Mono – one	Penta – five	Octa – eight
Di – two	Hexa – six	Nona – nine
Tri – three	Hepta – seven	Deca – ten
Tetra – four		

Ex. CO Carbon monoxide

CO₂ Carbon dioxide

Practice: Name the following compounds.

1.	PBr ₃	4.	SiO_2	
2.	CS_2	5.	N_2O_5	
3.	Cl_2O_7	6.	XeF ₄	

Practice: Write the formula for the following compounds.

1.	Dibromine tetraoxide	4.	Tetrasulfur tetranitride
2.	Diiodine tetraoxide	5.	Sulfur hexafluoride
3.	Phosphorous triiodide	6.	Oxygen dibromide

V. Binary Inorganic Compounds (Acids)

Containing a hydrogen and an non-metal. Start with hydrogen then the –ide form of the non-metal. When this type of compound is in an aqueous solution it will form an acid, then state hydro for the hydrogen and add the suffix –ic to the non-metal.

An acid is a molecular substance that when dissolved in water produces hydrogen ions (H⁺).

Ex. HCl(aq) hydrochloric acid H₂S (aq) hydrosulfuric acid

If the combination is hydrogen and a polyatomic ion change the -ate of the polyatomic ion to -ic.

Ex. $C_2H_3O_2$ acetate \rightarrow HC₂H₃O₂ acetic acid

 PO_4^{3-} phosphate \rightarrow H₃PO₄ phosphoric acid

VI. Ternary Compounds (Acids)

Chlorine, nitrogen, sulfur, phophorus, and others form oxyacids. Oxyacids are ternary compounds with hydrogen and oxygen.

If the acid has the most oxygen then it has the suffix -ic.

If the acid has fewer oxygen then it has the suffix – ous.

If the acid has the greatest number of oxygen it has the prefix per-.

If the acid has the least number of oxygen it has the prefix hypo-.

Ex. HClO₄ Perchloric acid

HClO₃ Chloric acid

HClO₂ Chlorous acid

HClO Hypochlorous acid

Practice: Name the following compounds.

 1. HI(aq) 4. $H(C_2H_3O_2)(aq)$

 2. HBr(aq) 5. HF(aq)

 3. $H(ClO_3)(aq)$ 6. $H(NO_2)(aq)$

Practice: Write the formula for the following compounds.

- Sulfurous acid
 Hydrochloric acid
- 3. Hydrosulfuric acid 6. Chlorou

VII. Hydrates

Compounds that contain water molecules weakly bound in their crystals. When the compound loses the water molecules it is referred to as anhydrous.

To name state the name of the binary compound and then list the number of water molecules attached.

Ex. Copper (II) sulfate is a white powdery substance. When associated with water $CuSO_4 \cdot 5 H_2O$ – copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate is a blue crystal.

Practice: Name the following compounds.

- 1. $Na_2CO_3 \cdot 10 H_2O$
- 2. $BaCl_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$
- 3. $CuSO_4 \cdot 5 H_2O$

Practice: Write the formula for the following compounds.

- 1. Magnesium sulfate heptahydrate
- 2. Ferric nitrate trihydrate

4. Nitric acid
5. Phosphoric acid
6. Chlorous acid

Name: ____ ___ Period: ____ Date: _____ **Homework: Oxidation Numbers**

Dete	rmine the ox	idation numbe	er for ea	ach of the elements	in the following	ng molecules and ions.
1.	Ca(OH) ₂	Ca= O=	H=	11.	$Ba(BrO_3)_2$	Ba= Br= O=
2.	Bi(NO ₃) ₃	Bi= N=	O=	12.	NaAsO ₂	Na= As= O=
3.	Ca(ClO) ₂	Ca= Cl=	O=	13.	Pb(Cr ₂ O ₇)	Pb= Cr= O=
4.	K(MnO ₄)	K= Mn=	0=	14.	Na(ClO ₄)	Na= Cl= O=
5.	Na ₂ (CrO ₄)	Na= Cr=	0=	15.	MnO ₂	Mn= O=
6.	$Cu_2(SO_4)$	Cu= S=	0=	16.	O ₂	<u> </u>
7.	Fe ₂ O ₃	Fe= O=		17.	$Al_2(Cr_2O_7)_3$	Al= Cr= O=
8.	Na(MnO ₄)	Na= Mn=	0=	18.	Mn(NO ₃) ₂	Mn= N= O=
9.	Cl ₂	Cl=		19.	KClO	K= Cl= O=
10.	$Sb_2(SO_4)_3$	Sb= S=	O=	20.	FeCO ₃	Fe= C= O=

21. What is the oxid	lation number of chromium in K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ ?)
(1) + 12	(3) +3	
(2) + 2	(4) +6	

22. In which substance is the oxidation number of Cl equal to +1? $(1) Cl_2$ (3) AlCl₃ (4) HClO₂ (2) Cl_2O

_____23. In which substance does hydrogen have an oxidation number of zero? (3) H₂S (1) LiH (2) H_2O $(4)H_2$

24. In which compound does carbon have an oxidation state of -4?

(1) CO	(3) CCl
(2) CO	(A) CU

- (2) CO_2 $(4) \operatorname{CH}_4$
- _____ 25. What is the oxidation number of carbon in Na(HCO₃) ?

(3) –4 (1) - 2(2) + 2(4) + 4 Write the name for the following ionic compounds.

26.	Mg ₃ N ₂	31.	Ag ₂ S
27.	Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	32.	Fe(NO ₃) ₃
28.	Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃	33.	Ba(CO ₃)
29.	(NH ₄)Cl	34.	Li ₂ (C ₂ O ₄)
30.	K ₂ O	35.	CuI ₂
Writ	e the formula for the following ionic com	pound	S.
36.	Calcium sulfide	41.	Barium phosphate
37.	Magnesium phosphide	42.	Ammonium nitrite
38.	Sodium sulfate	43.	Aluminium chloride
39.	Potassium bicarbonate	44.	Cesium bromide
40.	Zinc bromide	45.	Potassium permanganate
Writ 46.	e the names for the following metallic con CuCl	-	ds. 48. Fe ₂ O ₃
47.	HgO		49. Bi ₂ O ₃
Writ	e the formula for the following metallic c	ompou	inds.
Writ 50.	e the formula for the following metallic c Tin (IV) chloride	ompou 55.	nds. Mercury (I) nitride
	-	55.	Mercury (I) nitride
50.	Tin (IV) chloride	55.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide
50. 51.	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride	55. 56.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide
50. 51. 52.	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride Chromium (II) sulfide	55. 56. 57. 58.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide Copper (II) hydroxide
 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride Chromium (II) sulfide Lead (II) sulfide Tin (II) bromide e the name for the following covalent cor	55. 56. 57. 58. 59.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide Copper (II) hydroxide Iron (III) nitrate Copper (II) iodide
 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. Writt 60. 	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride Chromium (II) sulfide Lead (II) sulfide Tin (II) bromide e the name for the following covalent cor NO	55. 56. 57. 58. 59.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide Copper (II) hydroxide Iron (III) nitrate Copper (II) iodide ds. N ₂ O ₃
 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. Writt 60. 61. 	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride Chromium (II) sulfide Lead (II) sulfide Tin (II) bromide e the name for the following covalent cor NO P_2O_5 PCI-	55. 56. 57. 58. 59. npound 65. 66.	Mercury (I) nitride Iron (II) oxide Copper (II) hydroxide Iron (III) nitrate Copper (II) iodide ds. N ₂ O ₃ S ₂ Br ₂
 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. Writt 60. 61. 	Tin (IV) chloride Cobalt (II) fluoride Chromium (II) sulfide Lead (II) sulfide Tin (II) bromide e the name for the following covalent cor NO P ₂ O ₅	55. 56. 57. 58. 59. npound 65. 66.	Mercury (I) nitride

Write the formula for the following covalent compounds.

70.	Sulfur trioxide	75.	Sulfur hexafluoride
71.	Phosphorous trioxide	76.	Carbon disulfide
72.	Dinitrogen pentoxide	77.	Dinitrogen trioxide
73.	Oxygen dibromide	78.	Phosphorous pentoxide
74.	Tetrasulfur tetranitride	79.	Carbon dioxide
Write the names of the following acids.			
80.	HCl(aq)	85.	HNO ₂ (aq)
81.	H ₂ SO ₄ (aq)	86.	H ₂ CO ₃ (aq)
82.	HClO ₂ (aq)	87.	H ₃ PO ₅ (aq)
83.	HBr(aq)	88.	H ₃ PO ₄ (aq)
84.	H ₂ S(aq)	89.	HI(aq)
Write the formula for the following acids.			
90.	Nitric acid	95.	Hydrosulfuric acid
91.	Hydrofluoric acid	96.	Sulfurous acid
92.	Hypoclhorous acid	97.	Cyanic acid
94.	Acetic acid	98.	Perchloric acid
Write the name of the following hydrates.			
99.	MgSO4 • 7 H ₂ O		
100.	$Ba(OH)_2 \bullet 8 H_2O$		
101.	$CaCl_2 \bullet 2 H_2O$		
Write the formula for the following hydrates.			
102.	. Sodium sulfate decahydrate		
103.	Potassium aluminum sulfate dodecahydrate		
104.	Sodium tetraborate decahydrate		