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Chapter 6 Chemical Bonds

Section 6.3 Naming Compounds and Writing Formulas

(pages 170-175)

This section explains how to name and write formulas for ionic and molecular compounds.

Reading Strategy (page 170)

Predicting Before you read, predict the meaning of the term *polyatomic ion*, and write your prediction in the table. After you read, if your prediction was incorrect, revise your definition. For more information on this Reading Strategy, see the **Reading and Study Skills** in the **Skills and Reference Handbook** at the end of your textbook.

Vocabulary Term	Before You Read	After You Read
Polyatomic ion		

Describing Ionic Compounds (pages 171–173)

1. Is the following sentence true or false? The name of an ionic compound must distinguish the compound from other ionic compounds containing

the same elements.

- **2.** Circle the letter(s) of the information provided by the formula for an ionic compound.
 - a. number of bonds in the compound
 - b. ratio of ions in the compound
 - c. elements in the compound
- **3.** Is the following sentence true or false? Names of ions are formed by placing the suffix *-ide* after part of the name of the nonmetal.

4. When a metal forms more than one ion, the name of the ion contains

a Roman numeral to indicate the ______ on the ion.

5. A _______ is a covalently bonded group of atoms that has a positive or negative charge and acts as a unit. Circle the correct answer.

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- **6.** Circle the letter that identifies the number of ammonium ions needed to form a compound with one phosphate ion. Use the table to help you.
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

Some Polyatomic Ions						
Name	Formula	Name	Formula			
Ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺	Acetate	C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻			
Hydroxide	OH-	Peroxide	O ₂ 2-			
Nitrate	NO ₃ -	Permanganate	MnO ₄ ⁻			
Sulfate	SO ₄ 2-	Hydrogen sulfate	HSO ₄ ⁻			
Carbonate	CO ₃ 2-	Hydrogen carbonate	HCO ₃ -			
Phosphate	PO ₄ 3-	Hydrogen phosphate	HPO ₄ 2-			

Describing Molecular Compounds (pages 174-175)

- 7. Circle the letter(s) of the information provided by the name and formula of a molecular compound.
 - a. number of atoms in the compound
 - b. number of bonds in the compound
 - c. elements in the compound
- **8.** What appears first in the name of a molecular compound? Circle the correct answer.
 - a. the least metallic element
 - b. the most metallic element
 - c. the polyatomic ion
- **9.** Is the following sentence true or false? The formula for a molecular compound is written with the symbols for the elements in the same order as the elements appear in the name of the compound.
- **10.** Circle the letter that identifies the method of naming the number of atoms in molecular compounds.
 - a. prefix
 - b. suffix
 - c. number