

## Crossword

## Across

- 4. A particle ejected by certain radioactive elements. The nucleus of a helium atom.
- 5. Hydrocarbons that possess at least one double covalent bond (alkenes) or triple covalent bond (alkynes) between the carbon atoms.
- 8. Radiation that occurs naturally in the environment. Radioisotopes in rocks, air, water, plants and animals contribute to it.
- 10. All the atoms are linked by covalent bonds. Described as a single molecule in which atoms are linked to several other atoms in a lattice. e.g. diamond.
- 11. Coal, natural gas and petroleum are common fuels made from former living organisms compressed under high temperature. Used for combustion reactions.
- 13. Molecules that contain both carbon and hydrogen elements.
- 15. Neutrons released during fission triggers a series of nuclear fissions.
- 17. Combustion lacking enough oxygen to react with all the fuel. Carbon monoxide is produced along with carbon dioxide and water.
- 20. Organic molecules that combine a carboxylic acid and hydroxyl functional groups to the form the molecule. Found in food tastes and smells (banana, strawberry, grape, wintergreen).
- 22. The smallest possible mass of fissionable material that can sustain a chain reaction (fission).
- 23. Hydrocarbons that have only single covalent bonds between the carbon atoms. Methane, propane, butane (alkanes) are examples.
- 24. A nuclear reaction where the nucleus of a heavy atom, such as Uranium-235, is split into two main parts, accompanied by the release of much energy.

## Down

- 1. High-frequency electromagnetic radiation emitted by the nuclei or radioactive elements. No charge or mass. Penetrates materials more than alpha or beta particles.
- 2. An organic molecule made up exclusively of hydrogen and carbon atoms. Alkanes, alkenes and alkynes are examples.
- 3. The conversion of an atomic nuclus of one element into an atomic nucleus of another element through a loss or gain in the number of protons. Nuclear change, not chemical.
- 6. Hydrocarbons that contain ring structures. e.g. benzene.
- 7. Many radioactive isotopes are used to determine the age of various substances, comparing present levels with levels in fossils
- 9. Devices that are used to detect nuclear radiation. Film badges also detect radiation levels and monitor exposure.
- 12. Unstable atomic nuclei that emit charged particles and energy. All elements having an atomic number greater than 82 are said to be . These elements have unstable nuclei.
- 14. "Like units." When two or more organic molecules have the same molecular formula but different structural formulas. i.e. glucose, fructose, galactose are all C6H12O6.
- 16. Organic molecules containing the OH functional group. i.e. methanol, ethanol.
- 18. An electron (or positron) emitted during the radioactive decay of unstable nuclei.
- 19. The time required for half the atoms in a sample of a radioactive isotope to decay.
- 21. A nuclear reaction where nuclei from lighter atoms combine to form heavier nuclei, releasing large amounts of energy.