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Outcome: Determine the number of valence electrons in an atom of a representative element

• The electrons in the outermost energy level are responsible for the chemical and physical properties of each atom

• These are called the valence electrons the s and p electrons in the outer energy level (for representative elements)

• Inner electrons are called core electrons

Keeping Track of Electrons

Atoms in the same group (column) have...

1. the same electron configuration end
2. the same number of valence electrons

Group number (Ia, VIa) = # of valence electrons

Example: Be, Mg, Ca have 2 valence electrons

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18																
H	He											B	C	N	O	F	Ne																
Li	Be											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar																
Na	Mg											K	Ca					Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
K	Ca											Rb	Sr					Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Rb	Sr											Cs	Ba					La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb		
Fr	Ra											Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No								

Handwritten notes on table:
 - Group 1: 1
 - Group 2: 2
 - Groups 13-18: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 - Actinide series: ** Actinide series
 - Lanthanide series: Lanthanide series

Electron Dot Diagrams

• Also called Lewis dot diagram

• way of showing valence electrons

How to write them:

1. Write the symbol to represent the nucleus and the core electrons
2. Start drawing electrons (remember Hunds rule-they don't pair up until they have to)
3. Max 8 electrons

Example: Nitrogen



The Octet Rule

Outcome: Explain how the octet rule applies to atoms of metallic and non metallic elements. In forming compounds, atoms tend to achieve noble gas config.: # electrons in the outer level is 8

Outcome: Describe how cations form, describe how anions form.

Forming Cations:

- metals lose their valence electrons to achieve Noble Gas configuration
- This makes them cations (more positive protons than negative electrons)