

Identifying compounds as ionic, covalent, or acids from their formula

Because we use different systems to name ionic, covalent, or acid compounds from their formulas, the first thing you must be able to do, is to look at a formula and identify which of these three classes your compound belongs to.

Ionic Compounds

Combination of a metal and a non-metal

Metals – Left half and center of periodic table

Non-metals – Upper right of periodic table

Ionic Compounds



1A																8A					
H	Be															He					
Li	Mg															B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na		Transition Metals														Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr				
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe				
Cs	Ba	La*	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn				
Fr	Ra	Ac* *	Unq	Unp	Unh	Uns	Uno	Une	Uun	Uuu											
Lanthanides*			Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu					
Actinides**			Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr					

Metals

Non-metals

Ionic Compounds

The **metal** will always be the **first** element in the name

The **non metal** will always be the **last** element in the name

Examples:



Metal

Non-metals



S and O



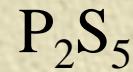
Covalent Compounds

Will contain **ONLY** non metals

1A																	8A					
H	2A																He					
Li	Be																B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg	TransitonMetals															Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr					
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe					
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Covalent Compounds

Examples:



Acids

First element is **H**

Examples



Only exception – water – H_2O

Quiz

Classify the following compounds as ionic, covalent, or acids



Quiz-Answers

PtO_2	Ionic	Metal (Pt) and nonmetal (O)
CF_2Cl_2	Covalent	All non metals
HClO_4	Acid	H is first element
NaNO_3	Ionic	Metal (Na) and nonmetals (N,O)
Sr(OH)_2	Ionic	Metal (Sr) and nonmetals (O,H)
N_2F_4	Covalent	All non metals
HBr	Acid	H is first element