

Nomenclature Worksheet

Number of Lab Periods: 1

Objectives

1. Be able to convert between chemical name and chemical formula for binary covalent compounds.
2. Be able to convert between chemical name and chemical formula for binary and polyatomic ionic compounds.
3. Be able to convert between chemical name and chemical formula for hydrates.
4. Be able to convert between chemical name and chemical formula for acids.
5. Be able to convert nonsystematic names for ionic compounds to chemical formulae.

Reading Topics

1. The periodic table (section 2.6)
2. Covalent and Ionic bond formation (section 2.7)
3. Nomenclature for ionic, covalent and organic compounds. (2.8)

Introduction

Would not (E)-1-(2,6,6-Trimethyl-1-cyclohexa-1,3-dienyl) but-2-en-1-one by any other name smell as sweet?

-(a reference to the main chemical component of rose scent)

My friend Willie was a chemist, my friend Willie is no more.

What Willie thought was H_2O was H_2SO_4 .

-(a poem on the importance of chemical identification)

The ability to use nomenclature and chemical formulae to identify and discuss specific reagents is a key skill for a chemist. While molecules can be depicted in a variety of fashions, chemical nomenclature provides the shorthand vocabulary that chemists use to disseminate their findings and techniques. Without this ability to interconvert between chemical names and structure we would be seriously handicapped in our ability to communicate substantively about topics in the field. As such, it is vital that we take the time to learn and understand the rules for naming chemicals so that we can continue to build a foundation of knowledge that will support our future studies in chemistry.

Chemicals can be broken down into several broad categories for the purpose of organization. The first is the distinction between organic and inorganic molecules. Inorganic molecules are those that come from non-living sources, such as minerals or stone, while organic molecules were originally defined as those that came from living materials, such as living plants or decayed organic material. Today, we refer to

organic molecules as those with carbon as a major constituent while inorganic chemicals are those without carbon. This lab focuses mainly on inorganic molecules. While some simple organic compounds are mentioned, the extent of the rules regarding organic nomenclature is beyond the scope of this class.

Inorganic molecules can be broken down further into two main groups: ionic and covalent compounds. In this lab we will examine the systematic process of converting the formulae for binary ionic compounds to the corresponding chemical name and vice versa. Binary covalent compounds, inorganic acids, and hydrates are also discussed. A brief discussion of organic nomenclature and non-systematic names for ionic compounds is also included.

Procedure

Reagents Needed: None

Equipment Needed: Worksheet and textbook

Lab Protocol:

1. Form groups of 3 or 4 and work through the first five sections of the worksheet.
2. Complete final review section as directed by instructor.
3. When finished, check work with instructor.
4. Complete additional worksheets as directed by instructor.

Section 1: Binary Ionic Compounds

Ionic compounds are comprised of positively charged cations (metals) and negatively charged anions (nonmetals) held together by electrostatic forces. As discussed previously, the charge on many ions can be predicted based on the chemical group the element belongs to. Table 1 summarizes the group trends.

Table 1: Group Trends for Ion Formation

Group	Trend	Notes
1A	+1 cations	
2A	+2 cations	
3A	+3 cations	Only Al. Others are variable or not ionic
4A	No overall trend	Mix of nonmetals and metals
5A	-3 anions	Only N. Others are variable.
6A	-2 anions	O, S, Se
7A	-1 anions	
8A	Does not form ions	Noble gases are generally non-reactive

There are three general rules for naming binary ionic compounds: 1) compounds must have an overall neutral charge, 2) the cation is named first, and 3) the nonmetal anion is named second and the suffix *-ide* is added to the root name of the element. Given this, complete the following problems:

Name the following chemicals

Give the molecular formula

MgCl₂ _____

Strontium nitride _____

Al₂S₃ _____

Lithium bromide _____

K₃N _____

Calcium oxide _____

NaF _____

Cesium selenide _____

Some cations, including most of the transition metals, have two charge states that they commonly adopt. To denote which ion is present, the charge in roman numerals is added following the cation in the chemical name. Ex: FeCl₃ is iron (III) chloride. An older non-systematic naming system is sometimes applied to these compounds as well. For example, FeCl₃ would be ferric chloride. First, note that the root name for the cation is used in the nonsystematic names. Second, for the higher of the two common charge states the suffix *-ic* is added to the root name for the cation, while *-ous* is added to the lower charge state. As older chemical containers may still be labeled with these names, it is useful to be able to recognize them. Table 2 summarizes a few common metals that have multiple charge states and lists both the systematic (IUPAC) and nonsystematic (common) names.

Table 2: Nomenclature for cations with multiple charge states

Cation	Systematic name	Non-systematic name
Fe^{2+}	iron (II)	ferrous
Fe^{3+}	iron (III)	ferric
Co^{2+}	cobalt (II)	cobaltous
Co^{3+}	cobalt (III)	cobaltic
Cu^+	copper(I)	cuprous
Cu^{2+}	copper (II)	cupric
Sn^{2+}	tin(II)	stannous
Sn^{4+}	tin(IV)	stannic
Hg^+ (as Hg_2^{2+})	mercury(I)	mercurous
Hg^{2+}	mercury(II)	mercuric
Pb^{2+}	lead(II)	plumbous
Pb^{4+}	lead(IV)	plumbic

*Note that Ag, Zn, and Cd have only one possible charge each: Ag^+ , Zn^{2+} , Cd^{2+}
As such, they are not written with roman numerals. Ex: AgCl is silver chloride

Using Table 2, complete the following problems:

Name the following
using systematic names

Give the Molecular Formula

CoCl_3 _____	Ferric sulfide _____
SnS_2 _____	Chromium (II) iodide _____
CuO _____	Manganese (IV) oxide _____
Fe_2O_3 _____	Stannic fluoride _____
Pb_3N_4 _____	Tin (II) nitride _____
ZnBr_2 _____	Cuprous oxide _____

Section 2: Hydrates and Polyatomic Ions

Hydrates are ionic compounds that have a specific number of water molecules associated with each formula unit. The presence of associated water molecules is denoted by appending the word *hydrate* to the end of the ionic compound's name. The number of water molecules is specified by giving a numerical prefix to the "hydrate" portion of the name. These prefixes can be found below in Table 3. For example, $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is magnesium chloride dihydrate.

Polyatomic ions consist of two or more atoms bonded covalently and carry a net positive or negative charge. These ions always stay together as a charged unit, and do not break up further into individual atoms. Most polyatomic ions are anions. The only two common polyatomic cations are ammonium (NH_4^+) and mercury (I) (Hg_2^{2+}). Polyatomic anions are broken up into two main groups: those that contain oxygen (often called oxoanions) and those that do not. While memorization is required for the polyatomic ions in general, there are two rules for oxoanions that help predict the appropriate name.

1. For oxoanions families with two members
 - a. The ion with more O atoms takes the nonmetal root and the suffix *-ate*
 - b. The ion with fewer O atoms takes the nonmetal root and the suffix *-ite*
2. For oxoanion families with four members
 - a. The ion with the most O atoms takes the nonmetal root, the prefix *per-* and the suffix *-ate*
 - b. The ion with 1 fewer O atom takes the nonmetal root and the suffix *-ate*
 - c. The ion with 2 fewer O atoms takes the nonmetal root and the suffix *-ite*
 - d. The ion with the fewest O atoms (3 fewer) takes the nonmetal root, the prefix *hypo-* and the suffix *-ite*

Table 3: Numerical Prefixes for Hydrates and Binary Covalent Compounds

Number	Prefix
1	mono-
2	di-
3	tri-
4	tetra-
5	penta-
6	hexa-
7	hepta-
8	octa-
9	nona-
10	deca-

Table 4: Common Polyatomic Anions

Ion	Name	Ion	Name
NO_2^-	Nitrite	CO_3^{2-}	carbonate
NO_3^-	Nitrate	HCO_3^-	hydrogen carbonate or bicarbonate
OH^-	Hydroxide	CN^-	cyanide
SO_3^{2-}	Sulfite	PO_4^{3-}	phosphate
SO_4^{2-}	Sulfate	HPO_4^{2-}	hydrogen phosphate
HSO_4^-	hydrogen sulfate	H_2PO_4^-	dihydrogen phosphate
CH_3COO^-	acetate	ClO_4^-	perchlorate
CrO_4^{2-}	chromate	ClO_3^-	chlorate
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	dichromate	ClO_2^-	chlorite
MnO_4^-	permanganate	ClO^-	hypochlorite
O_2^{2-}	peroxide	SCN^-	thiocyanate

Using Tables 3 and 4 on the previous page, complete the following:

Name the following

KCN _____

LiNO₃ _____

Cd(CH₃COO)₂•2H₂O _____

Pb(MnO₄)₄ _____

NH₄ClO₄ _____

SnSO₄ _____

Al(H₂PO₄)₃ _____

Mg(O₂) _____

NaSCN _____

Ca(NO₂)₂ _____

Give the formula for the following

tin (II) phosphate _____ potassium hydroxide _____

iron (II) chlorite _____ calcium acetate _____

lead (IV) nitrite _____ cesium perchlorate _____

sodium carbonate _____ aluminum cyanide _____

barium permanganate _____ ammonium nitride _____

sodium chromate trihydrate _____

Section 3: Acids

Acids are an important class of chemical compounds that have been an integral part of the study of matter since alchemical times. In this type of compound, anions balance their negative charge via the addition of hydrogen atoms. There are two classes of acids: binary acids and oxoacids. Oxoacids are composed of oxoanions and hydrogen, while binary acids are composed of other anions and hydrogen. Each has their own rules for naming.

1. Binary Acids (no oxygen in anion)
 - a. Prefix *hydro-* is added to nonmetal root plus suffix *-ic* plus "acid"
 - i. H_2S is hydrosulfuric acid
2. Oxoacids (based on oxoanion name)
 - a. *-ate* suffix becomes *-ic* plus "acid"
 - i. H_2SO_4 is sulfuric acid
 - b. *-ite* suffix becomes *-ous* plus "acid"
 - i. H_2SO_3 is sulfurous acid
 - c. oxoanion prefixes are retained
 - i. HClO_4 is perchloric acid

Use the rules above along with Table 4 to complete the following

Name the following

Give the Molecular Formula

HBr _____

nitrous acid _____

HNO_3 _____

hydrocyanic acid _____

H_3PO_4 _____

dichromic acid _____

H_2CO_3 _____

hydrofluoric acid _____

CH_3COOH _____

perbromic acid _____

HClO _____

carbonic acid _____

HClO_3 _____

hydroiodic acid _____

Section 4: Binary Covalent Compounds

Covalently bound compounds involving two nonmetals require a more specific nomenclature than ionic compounds. While magnesium and oxygen can combine in only one ratio, nitrogen and oxygen can combine in a variety of ways, including NO, NO₂, N₂O, N₂O₄, and others. To differentiate between these compounds, the following guidelines are used.

1. Name the most metallic atom first with its full name. The most metallic element is the one farthest to the left and down on the periodic table.
2. The second element uses its root name plus the suffix *-ide*.
 - a. Example: N₂S₅ is dinitrogen pentasulfide
3. Each element gets a number prefix from Table 3 to denote how many atoms of that element are in each molecule.
 - a. For the first named element only, the “mono-“ prefix is omitted.
 - i. Ex: BF₃ is boron trifluoride (not monoboron trifluoride)
 - b. If the second element is oxygen, the “a” at the end of the number prefix is elided with the “o” in oxide.
 - i. Ex: N₂O₅ is dinitrogen pentoxide, (not dinitrogen pentaoxide)

Use the rules above along with Table 3 to answer the following

Name the following

Give the Molecular Formula

XeF₄ _____

sulfur hexafluoride _____

NO₂ _____

iodine tribromide _____

PCl₃ _____

sulfur trioxide _____

SiO₂ _____

carbon monoxide _____

S₂O₅ _____

diphosphorous pentoxide _____

CCl₄ _____

diboron hexachloride _____

As₂S₃ _____

iodine heptachloride _____

Section 5: Simple Organic Compounds

As mentioned previously, organic chemistry has its own detailed and complex system of nomenclature. Much of this is beyond the scope of general chemistry, but it is worthwhile to explore the simplest of the organic molecules: hydrocarbons.

Hydrocarbons are compounds that contain only carbon and hydrogen. This class of

Table 5: Organic Nomenclature for Straight Chain Alkanes

Number of carbons in chain	Number prefix
1	meth-
2	eth-
3	prop-
4	but-
5	pent-
6	hex-
7	hept-
8	oct-
9	non-
10	dec-

compounds is known collectively as **alkanes**. When all the carbons are attached to each other in a straight line, the most basic of organic compounds, the straight chain alkanes, or n-alkanes, are formed. For these compounds, the number of hydrogens always equals the $2 \cdot C + 2$. For example if there are 3 carbons, there are $3 \cdot 2 + 2 = 8$ hydrogens. The names for each of these compounds end in the suffix *-ane* while the remainder of the name corresponds to the number of carbons. As can be seen in Table 5, the first four alkanes have common or historical prefixes, while chains with five carbons or more use similar prefixes as

those in Table 3. Chains that are branched or have non-carbon substituents have their own rules and are not covered here.

Using Table 5 complete the following

Fill in the appropriate name or formula

C_3H_8	_____	ethane	_____
C_5H_{12}	_____	butane	_____
C_9H_{20}	_____	heptane	_____
C_6H_{14}	_____	methane	_____

Final Review Section

Use what you have learned in the previous sections to complete the following by providing either the correct chemical name or the formula.

Name the following

$\text{Hg}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$ _____

H_2CrO_4 _____

Na_2O _____

C_4H_{10} _____

H_2S _____

C_2H_6 _____

$\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ _____

SeCl_6 _____

AgNO_3 _____

P_2F_4 _____

Give the Molecular Formula

Bromine pentafluoride _____

Copper (II) carbonate _____

Antimony triiodide _____

Iron (III) nitride _____

Propane _____

Bromous acid _____

Octane _____

Lithium sulfide _____

Sulfuric acid _____

Sodium hydrogen phosphate _____
