Chemical Nomenclature: A Tutorial Rules & Drills with Answers

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For beginning students, the study of nomenclature (system of naming chemicals) can seem impossibly complex. For that reason, the rules and drills presented here are broken down into Units, and it is not advisable to study all the units at one sitting, but you should take it one unit at a time. If you are not able to spread out your work over several days, you should at least take a break in between units.

Unit I: Chemical Symbols of Some Common Elements

You must first learn the symbols of some common elements. Your instructor may have different requirements on which elements you must learn. The ones listed below are the one you have to know to make use of this tutorial, and most likely they are the only ones you will ever have to know even as you move on to more advanced courses. You might want to put them on flash cards. You should drill yourself one way or another before you proceed to the next unit.

Notice that the elements below are boxed together in groups, some elements appearing in more than one group. My suggestion is you learn them in groups, in this order: Elements #1 through 18, Group IA, IIA, VIIA, VIIIA, Common Transition Elements, and finally, Other Common Elements. If you have trouble with spelling, you'll find it easier to learn correct spelling if you copy the names several times as you sound it out. If you think this is too much work, then you are taking the wrong course. Studying chemistry takes work, regardless of how smart you are.

COMMON ELEMENTS: NAMES AND SYMBOLS

Learn the names (with correct spelling) and symbols of the elements listed below (no need to memorize numbers). Note that the symbols are capitalized. If the symbol consists of two letters, *only* the first letter is capitalized.

Elem	Elements # 1 - 18		Group IA	<u>G</u> 1	roup VIIA
H He Li Be B C N	hydrogen helium lithium beryllium boron carbon nitrogen oxygen	H Li Na K Rb Cs Fr	hydrogen lithium sodium potassium rubidium cesium francium	H F Cl Br I	hydrogen fluorine chlorine bromine iodine
F	fluorine	(Group IIA	Group VIIIA	
Ne Na Mg Al Si P S Cl Ar	neon sodium magnesium aluminum silicon phosphorus sulfur chlorine argon	Be Mg Ca Sr Ba Ra	beryllium magnesium calcium strontium barium radium	He Ne Ar Kr Xe Rn	helium neon argon krypton xenon radon

Comi	mon Transition	Other Common Elements					
Ti Cr Mn Fe Co Ni Cu Zn	titanium chromium manganese iron cobalt nickel copper zinc	Sn Pb U Pu	tin lead uranium plutonium	As Sb Bi	arsenic antimony bismuth	Se Te	selenium tellurium
Pt Ag Au Cd Hg	platinum silver gold cadmium mercury						

Drill A: Nomenclature of Elements

This is a self-test, since you can easily look up answers yourself. Take this as a practice test, <u>after</u> you have drilled yourself on the symbols and spelling of the elements listed above.

Name	Symbol	Symbo	ol Name	
chlorine		S		
calcium		K		
arsenic		Fe		
mercury		Na		
copper		P		

Remember not to proceed to the next unit until you have <u>studied</u> Unit I.

Unit II: Nomenclature of Pure Elements

The term, "Pure Elements", refers to elements when they are not combined with other elements such as in compounds. Certain pure elements exist in clusters, joined by covalent bonds, called molecules. For example, pure nitrogen exists as N₂ rather than N. When nitrogen is not part of a compound, it is also referred to as "free nitrogen" or "nitrogen in its elemental state".

Formulas of Pure Elements

Diatomic molecules:

		H_2
N ₂	O_2	$\mathbf{F_2}$
		Cl_2
		Br ₂
		I_2

Other molecular elements:



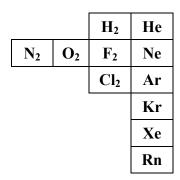
Monatomic elements: with a few exceptions, all others are monatomic (e.g. He, Ne, Fe, Al are monatomic).

Exceptions: Elemental oxygen also exists in a less stable form as O₃ (ozone).

Although we usually write C for pure carbon, it usually exists as an extended network of various types. Refer to your textbook if you are interested in these various *allotropes* of carbon. We will simply write C as if it were monatomic.

Physical States of Pure Elements

gases:



liquids: Br₂ and Hg

solids: with a few exceptions, all others are solids (e.g. K, Fe, Co, Sn, U are solids.)

Drill B: Formulas and Physical States of Pure Elements

To make the best use of the drills in this tutorial, you should first study and memorize the above rules on the formulas and physical states of pure elements. Then <u>write down</u> the answers to the drill (rather than keeping them in your head). Answers are provided in a later part of this exercise, but do not check your answers until you have <u>written down</u> your answers to the entire drill. This takes discipline, but it would do you no good to flip to the answers without having put thought and time in working out the answers first.

Using only a periodic table, give the formulas and physical states of the elements specified. Specify the physical states with (g) (l) or (s) Example: fluorine = $F_2(g)$

specify the physical states with (g), (i) of (s). Example: Indoffice 12 (g)						
chlorine	bromine	sulfur				
argon	phosphorus	lead				
nitrogen	krypton	element				
chromiu	mercury	gold				
strontium	iodine	hydrogen				

Unit III: Nomenclature of Monatomic Ions (Simple Ions)

"Simple Ions" refer to ions that are charged *atoms*, as opposed to charged *molecules*. They are therefore also known as *monatomic ions*.

Unit IIIA: Nomenclature of Monatomic Anions

A negatively charged ion is known as an "anion". Its name ends with *-ide*. For example, the chlorine ion is named *chloride*, and the phosphorus ion is named *phosphide*. The charge of a monatomic anion can be determined by its Group number in the periodic table. An anion in Group VIIA has a charge of 1–. An anion in Group VIA has a charge of 2–, etc. See Table below.

	NAMES OF MONATOMIC ANIONS (SIMPLE ANIONS)								
	IVA		VA		VIA		VIIA		
						H ⁻	hydride		
\mathbf{C}^{4-}	carbide	N^{3-}	nitride	O^{2-}	oxide	F ⁻	fluoride		
		P ³⁻	phosphide	S^{2-}	sulfide	Cl	chloride		
		As ³⁻	arsenide	Se ²⁻	selenide	Br ⁻	bromide		
				Te ²⁻	telluride	I_	iodide		

Unit IIIB: Nomenclature of Monatomic Cations of Fixed Charges

A positively charged ion is known as a *cation*. Cations in Group IA, IIA and aluminum have *fixed* charges (i.e. nonvariable charges). Those in Group IA always have a charge of 1+, and those in Group IIA, a charge of 2+. The aluminum ion always has a charge of 3+. The name of a monatomic cation of fixed charge is merely the name of the element followed by the word "ion". Thus Na^+ is "sodium ion". It is *not necessary* to specify the charge since it is nonvariable. There are a few other cations that also fall in this category, but we will keep it simple for now and stick with just Groups IA, IIA and aluminum.

N	NAMES OF MONATOMIC CATIONS (SIMPLE CATIONS)						
	IA		IIA		IIIA		
\mathbf{H}^{+}	hydrogen ion						
Li ⁺	lithium ion	Be ²⁺	beryllium ion				
Na ⁺	sodium ion	Mg^{2+}	magnesium ion	Al ³⁺	aluminum ion		
K ⁺	potassium ion	Ca ²⁺	calcium ion				
Rb^{+}	rubidium ion	Sr ²⁺	strontium ion				
Cs ⁺	cesium ion	Ba ²⁺	barium ion				
Fr ⁺	francium ion	Ra ²⁺	radium ion				

Unit IIIC: Nomenclature of Monatomic Cations of Variable Charges

Cations not named above are assumed to be of variable charges. For example iron can exist with various charges, the most common of which are in the form of \mathbf{Fe}^{2+} and \mathbf{Fe}^{3+} . Their names <u>must</u> therefore specify the charges. This is done by following the name of the element with the charge in Roman numerals, within parentheses. \mathbf{Fe}^{2+} is named iron(III) ion, and \mathbf{Fe}^{3+} is named iron(III) ion. Tin(IV) ion refers to \mathbf{Sn}^{4+} . Names based on this system of nomenclature are known as "Stock names".

Many of these ions have "common names". Of the two most common ions, the one with the lower charge has the ending -ic. Thus \mathbf{Fe}^{2+} has the common name, of ferrous ion. \mathbf{Fe}^{3+} has the common name of ferric ion. Since some of these names are indeed quite commonly used (as in food labels), it would be wise to learn at least the four common names included in the table below.

Formula	Stock Name	Common Name
Fe ²⁺	iron(II) ion	ferrous ion
Fe ³⁺	iron(III) ion	ferric ion
Cu ⁺	copper(I) ion	cuprous ion
Cu ²⁺	copper(II) ion	cupric ion

Since the ending in the common name specifies the charge, it would be redundant (therefore wrong) to also include the Roman numeral. Thus \mathbf{Cu}^+ should *not* be named as *cuprous(I) ion*. Incidentally, the ending –ous does <u>not</u> indicate the charge is 1+, nor 2+. The –ous ending indicates the *lower* charge of the two most common charges. In the case of iron, the two common charges are 2+ and 3+, so the *lower* charge would be 2+. Thus ferrous refer to Fe^{2+} rather than Fe^{3+} .

Note: Dr. Yau will not require you to learn the common names. (You <u>do</u> need to know that Fe^{2+} is iron(II), but you do not need to know whether it is ferrous or ferric.) Check with your own instructor whether that is so in <u>your</u> class.

Drill C: Nomenclature of Monatomic Ions

Again, study the rules before taking this as a practice test. <u>Write down</u> your answers and compare them with the answers provided only after you have finished the entire drill. You may use only a periodic table.

FORMULA	NAME
Rb ⁺	
Ba ²⁺ p ³⁻	
P ³⁻	
Br - N ³⁻	
S ²⁻	
V	
Cu ²⁺	
Ca	

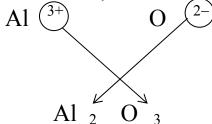
NAME	FORMULA
nitride	
iodide	
oxide	
chromium(III)	
potassium ion	
aluminum ion	
magnesium	
iron(II) ion	
copper(I) ion	

Unit IV: Nomenclature of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic Ions

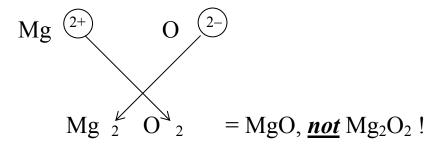
An ionic compound is generally made of one type of cation combined with one type of anion. The formula has no *net* charge even though the ions themselves are charged. Thus, the number of cations and the number of anions present must reflect a net charge of zero. These numbers appear as subscripts, immediately following each element.

For example, Na^+ combines with Cl^- to form NaCl (net charge of zero, so no charges are shown). When Na^+ combines with O^{2-} , however, you will need two Na^+ to neutralize the charge of 2- on the oxygen, to give Na_2O . When Mg^{2+} combines with Cl^- , you will similarly need two Cl^- to neutralize the charge of 2+ on the magnesium, to give $MgCl_2$. Note that the subscript 2 refers only to the number of Cl, and not the number of Cl. When no subscript shows, it is assumed to be one. Thus, the formula $MgCl_2$ tells us that there is one Cl ions. The subscripts show us the *simplest ratio* of cation to anion. (It would be wrong to write Cl because 2:4 can be reduced to 1:2.)

When you combine Al^{3+} with O^{2-} , in order to come up with a net charge of zero, you would need two Al^{3+} and three O^{2-} , to give Al_2O_3 . You can arrive at this answer by simply thinking about how the charges must work out, or use the *Cross Over Method*.



The *Cross Over Method* is merely a fast way to figure out how to make the net charge come out zero. It does <u>not</u> mean that Al now becomes **2**— and oxygen now becomes **3**+. Note also that in the *Cross Over Method*, the signs (charges) do not cross over (i.e. charges do not appear in the subscript.) Note also that in this method, you must always check that the subscripts are always reduced to the *simplest ratio*.



Even though there are ions (and charges) present in the compound, we do not show the charges in these formulas. It would be improper to write $Al_{2}^{3+}O_{3}^{2-}$ or $Mg_{3}^{2+}O_{3}^{2-}$, unless you needed to stress the charges for a special reason.

Unit IVA: Writing Formulas from a Given Name

First figure out the charges of the cation and the anion by examining the name. Then combine the ions in a ratio that gives you a net charge of zero as described above. If you have trouble deciding what the charges are on the ions, *you need to review Unit III!* You should be able to do the drill without using anything but a periodic table.

For example, given the name, tin(II) oxide, you know that the ions are Sn^{2+} and O^{2-} . To write the formula for the compound with Sn^{2+} and O^{2-} , you examine the charges and can see that it will take one Sn^{2+} and one O^{2-} to form a neutral compound.

Let's look at another example. Given the name, tin(IV) oxide, you know that the ions are Sn^{4+} and O^{2-} . In order to form a neutral compound, we must have one Sn^{4+} and \underline{two} O^{2-} . The formula must therefore be SnO_2 .

Now try out the Drill D.

Drill D: Formulas of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic ions

NAME	FORMULA
magnesium fluoride	
lithium sulfide	
calcium selenide	
nickel(II) fluoride	
copper(II) bromide	
chromium(III) sulfide	
tin(II) phosphide	

Unit IVB: Writing Names from a Given Formula

Examine the formula. If the cation belongs in the group that has *fixed charges*, then you just name the cation, followed by the anion, but drop the word "ion" that comes in between. For example NaCl is sodium chloride, and not sodium ion chloride. MgCl₂ is magnesium chloride.

Drill E: Writing Names of Compounds with Cations of Fixed Charges

KBr	
Li ₂ O	
Mg ₃ As ₂	
Na ₃ P	

If the cation belongs in the group that has variable charges, you must figure out what that charge is from the charge of the anion (which is always fixed). Do <u>not</u> use the *Cross Over Method* as it may lead to the wrong answer. For example, the formula SnO tells us that Sn must have a charge of **2**+ since the oxygen ion is always **2**-. If you used the *Cross Over Method*, you would have erroneously come up with Sn having **1**+ charge. The *Cross Over Method* may seem to work, but it works only in some and not *all* cases. So, it would be wiser not to use it at all for going backwards (from formula to name).

Remember that the charge is per ion. Thus Cu_2S tells us that Cu had a charge of 1+, not 2+. Since the S ion is always 2- (Group VIA), the two Cu must have a total charge of 2+. Thus each Cu must have 1+.

Drill F: Determining the Charge and Name of the Cation First, Then Name of Compound

Formula	Charge of Cation	Name of Cation	Name of Compound
MnO ₂			
PbS			
Cr ₂ O ₃			
Rb ₂ Se			
CuCl ₂			
CuO			
Cu ₂ O			

Check your answers to the above drill before going on. If you have made any mistakes be sure you find out why before you continue to the next drill. If necessary you should review all the previous Units.

Drill G: Nomenclature of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic Ions (Both Fixed & Variable Charges)

FORMULA	NAME	
	sodium oxide	
	magnesium nitride	
	copper(I) sulfide	
	manganese(II) iodide	
	iron(III) phosphide	
	copper(I) oxide	
	tin(II) nitride	
	strontium oxide	
	tin(IV) oxide	

FORMULA	NAME
RbBr	
FeBr ₂	
PbS	
BaO	
K ₂ O	
SbBr ₃	
Fe ₃ P ₂	
Li ₂ Se	
CuCl ₂	

Check your answers to the above drill before going on. If you have made any mistakes be sure you find out why before you continue to the next drill. If necessary you should review all the previous Units.

Extra Drill H: Nomenclature of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic Ions (Both Fixed & Variable Charges)

FORMULA	NAME
RaCl ₂	
BiCl ₃	
Fe ₂ 0 ₃	
CdBr ₂	
MnO	
MnO ₂	

Unit V: Nomenclature of Polyatomic Ions

Unit VA: The "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions

In this unit you are asked to memorize the names and formulas of 8 polyatomic ions, to start with. You will be asked to learn more later on. "Learning" means memorizing the correct spelling of the name, the correct subscript(s) and charge of each ion.

1+	1-	2-	3-
NH ₄ ⁺	$C_2H_3O_2^-$	CO_3^{2-}	PO ₄ ³⁻
ammonium	acetate*	carbonate	phosphate
	NO ₃	SO ₄ ²⁻	
	nitrate	sulfate	
	OH		
	hydroxide		
	ClO ₃		
	chlorate		

^{*}acetate is also written as CH₃CO₂

In memorization, it helps to look for patterns. Note that all but two of the ions have the ending "-ate". For the ions with a charge of 1-, look up where the first element of each ion is located on the period table (C, N, O, Cl). Study the formulas and names of this group of ions before

moving on to ions with a charge of 2—. Again look up the location of the first element of each ion in the periodic table (C and S). Study these two names and formulas, and finally move to the ion with a charge of 3—. Look up the position of P in the periodic table. After you have studied each group based on charges, put them on flash cards and test yourself over and over.

Drill I - 1: Nomenclature of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
sulfate		OH ⁻	
acetate		SO ₄ ²⁻	
chlorate		NH ₄ ⁺	
ammonium		NO ₃	
phosphate		ClO ₃	
carbonate		PO ₄ ³⁻	
hydroxide		CO ₃ ²⁻	
nitrate		$C_2H_3O_2^-$	

Drill I - 2: Nomenclature of Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions With Cations of Fixed Charges:

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
sodium carbonate		K ₃ PO ₄	
strontium carbonate		Ca(NO ₃) ₂	
aluminum sulfate		(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	
ammonium phosphate		Al(OH) ₃	
aluminum chlorate		LiC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	
potassium sulfate		MgCO ₃	
calcium acetate		Ba(ClO ₃) ₂	

Drill I - 3: Nomenclature of Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions With Cations of Variable Charges:

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
iron(II) carbonate		Cu ₂ CO ₃	
iron(III) carbonate		CuCO ₃	
copper(I) sulfate		SnSO ₄	
cobalt(II) phosphate		$Fe_3(PO_4)_2$	
chromium(III) chlorate		$Hg(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	
tin(IV) sulfate		BiPO ₄	
antimony(III) acetate		Mn(ClO ₃) ₂	

Drill I - 4: Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions and —ide ions With Cations of Both Fixed and Variable Charges: (This helps you learn to distinguish between those that require Roman numerals and those that do not.)

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
calcium phosphate		Na ₃ N	
chromium(III) sulfide		NaNO ₃	
potassium carbonate		K ₂ SO ₄	
magnesium acetate		CdCO ₃	
chromium(III) hydroxide		FeCl ₂	
aluminum chlorate		FeCl ₂	
lead(IV) selenide		NH ₄ NO ₃	
copper(II) nitride		Mn(ClO ₃) ₂	

Unit VB: Polyatomic Ions with "-ite" Ending

In the previous unit (Unit VA) you learned six polyatomic ions with the "-ate" ending. Certain of these have counterparts with the "-ite" ending. The only difference in formula for those with "-ite" endings is in having one less oxygen. The charge is unchanged. For example, nitrate is NO_3^- and nitrite is NO_2^- . Below are the ones with which you should become familiar.

NO ₃	SO ₄ ²⁻	PO ₄ ³⁻
nitrate	sulfate	phosphate
NO_2^-	SO_3^{2-}	PO ₃ ³⁻
nitrite	sulfite	phosphite

ClO ₃
chlorate
ClO ₂
chlorite

Unit VC: Nomenclature of "-ate" and "-ite" Compounds

The rules for naming and writing formulas for polyatomic ions are the same as for the monatomic ions (see Unit VI). The only difference is if (and only if) there is more than one polyatomic ion, parenthesis must be used to avoid confusion.

For example, magnesium nitrite is $Mg(NO_2)_2$. Since Mg is in Group IIA, it has a charge of **2**+ and nitrite has a charge of **1**- (from memory), to obtain a net charge of zero, there must be *two* nitrite ions for every magnesium ion. In the case of potassium acetate, since potassium is in Group IA, it must have a charge of **1**+, and acetate has a charge of **1**-, the formula is simply $KC_2H_3O_2$. No parenthesis is necessary.

In naming compounds with cations of variable charges, the charge of the cation must be deduced from the charge of the anions. It is therefore imperative that you have learned the charges of the ions presented in Units VA and VB. For example, $MnSO_4$ should be named manganese(II) sulfate. Since you had previously memorized the fact that SO_4^{2-} has a charge of 2-, the manganese ion must have a charge of 2+. In the case of $Cu(NO_3)_2$, since the nitrate ion has a charge of 1-, two nitrates would have a total charge of 2-. Thus Cu must have a charge of 2+. The name for $Cu(NO_3)_2$ is therefore Cu(II) nitrate or cupric nitrate.

Drill I-5: Nomenclature of "-ate" and "-ite" ions and compounds

FORMULA	NAME	
SO ₄ ²⁻ SO ₃ ²⁻		
SO ₃ ²⁻		
	nitrite	
	phosphite	
	acetate	
	chlorite	
Na_3PO_4		
K_2SO_3		
Pb(OH) ₂		
CoClO ₂		
$Ca(NO_3)_2$		
	iron(III) carbonate	
	copper(I) sulfite	
	cesium nitrite	
	aluminum chlorate	

Unit VD: Nomenclature of Oxohalo Anions

These are the anions that contain a halogen and various number of oxygen atoms. In this unit we will focus on the chlorine series. Note that all have the charge of 1—. Starting with chlorate which is one of our "Basic Eight" from Unit VA, when we lose one oxygen, we get the one with the —ite ending. When we lose *another* oxygen, the name picks up the prefix *hypo*. When we lose *yet another* oxygen, there is no oxygen left and we have the simple monatomic ion with the —ide ending (from Unit III). Returning to chlorate as the base, if we *add* one extra oxygen, the name picks up the prefix *per*.

ClO ₄	perchlorate
ClO_3^-	chlorate
 ClO ₂	chlorite
ClO ⁻	hypochlorite
Cl¯	chloride

Drill J: Nomenclature of Oxohalo Anions and Compounds:

FORMULA	NAME	
ClO ⁻		
ClO ₂		
ClO ₄		
	hypochlorite	
	chlorate	
	perchlorate	
	chlorite	
	chloride	
	sodium chlorite	
	magnesium chlorite	
	ferrous perchlorate	

Note that once you have learned the above oxo*chloro* anions, you are just one step away from learning the corresponding oxo*bromo* and oxo*iodo* anions. Your instructor may require you to learn these as well:

perbromate, bromate, bromite, hypobromite, bromide

$$\mathbf{BrO_4}^ \mathbf{BrO_3}^ \mathbf{BrO_2}^ \mathbf{BrO}^ \mathbf{Br}^-$$

periodate, iodate, iodite, hypoiodite, iodide

 $\mathbf{IO_4}^ \mathbf{IO_3}^ \mathbf{IO_2}^ \mathbf{IO}^ \mathbf{I}^-$

Drill K: Nomenclature of "-ate", "-ite", oxohaloanions & Their Compounds

FORMULA	NAME	
ClO ₄		
ClO ₃		
ClO ₂		
ClO ⁻		
Cl		
	nitrite	
	nitrate	
	nitride	
	hydroxide	
Ca(ClO) ₂		
$Ca_3(PO_3)_2$		
Sc(OH) ₂		
Ti(NO ₃) ₃		
$Hg(ClO)_2$		
K_3N		
	potassium perchlorate	
	potassium sulfite	
	aluminum sulfide	
	sodium sulfate	
	barium hydroxide	
	ammonium carbonate	
	copper(I) hypochlorite	
	tin(IV) acetate	
	chromium(III) phosphite	
	magnesium chlorate	
	zinc(II) phosphide	
	calcium nitrite	

Unit VI: Nomenclature of Acids

The system of naming acids presented in this unit relies on how well you know the formulas of the polyatomic ions. If necessary review all of the above units.

Starting with a polyatomic ion (such as SO_4^{2-}), add as many \mathbf{H}^+ as necessary to neutralize the charge. For sulfate, with a charge of 2–, you would have to add two \mathbf{H}^+ . Generally the hydrogen is placed at the front of the formula (H_2SO_4). For phosphate, you would have to add three H^+ , and the acid has the formula of H_3PO_4 .

The name of the acid depends on the ending of the anion. If the ending is –ate, the corresponding acid has the ending –ic acid. If the ending is –ite, the corresponding acid has the ending –ous acid. If the ending is –ide, the acid has the *prefix* of hydro– and an ending of –ic acid.

Ending of Anion	Name of Corresponding Acid	
-ate	–ic acid	
-ite	-ous acid	
-ide	hydroic acid	

Thus, sulfate becomes sulfuric acid; sulfite becomes sulfurous acid and sulfide becomes hydrosulfuric acid.

Drill L: Nomenclature of Acids

ANIONS		CORRESPONDING ACIDS		
Formula ClO ₄	<u>Name</u>	<u>Formula</u>	<u>Name</u>	
ClO ₃				
ClO_2^-				
ClO ⁻				
Cl¯				
Br ⁻				
I ⁻				
$C_2H_3O_2^-$				
NO ₃				
NO_2^-				
OH ⁻				
ClO ₃				
CO_3^{2-}				
SO ₄ ²⁻				
SO ₃ ²⁻				
PO ₄ ³⁻				
PO ₃ ³⁻				

Drill continues on following page

Name	Formula	Formula	Name
sulfuric acid		HNO ₃	
nitrous acid		H ₂ CO ₃	
hydrochloric acid		H ₃ PO ₃	
carbonic acid		HCIO	
phosphorous acid		H ₂ SO ₄	
chlorous acid		HC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	
sulfurous acid		HNO ₂	
hypochlorous acid		HClO ₄	
chloric acid		HBr	
phosphoric acid		H ₂ SO ₃	
nitric acid		H ₂ Se	
acetic acid		H ₃ PO ₄	
hydrotelluric acid		НОН	

Unit VII: Nomenclature of Acid Anions

In Unit VI you learned that acids generally have one or more H at the front of the formula. It does not have a charge because we have added as many \mathbf{H}^+ as necessary to keep it neutral. An "acid anion", however, by definition must have a H in front (to be called an *acid*), as well as a negative charge (to be called an *anion*). It is derived from having added *less* than the necessary number of \mathbf{H}^+ .

For example, if we add only one \mathbf{H}^+ to the sulfate ion (SO₄²⁻), we would have the acid anion, HSO₄⁻. If we add only one \mathbf{H}^+ to the phosphite ion (PO₃³⁻), we would have the acid anion HPO₃²⁻. If we added two, we would have the acid anion H₂PO₃⁻. Note that the negative charge of the anion is reduced by each additional \mathbf{H}^+ .

Study the following names and formulas and then test yourself using flash cards:

$\mathrm{CO_3}^{2-}$
carbonate
HCO_3^-
hydrogen carbonate
or bicarbonate
$\mathrm{SO_4}^{2-}$
sulfate
HSO ₄
hydrogen sulfate
or bisulfate
SO ₃ ²⁻
sulfite
HSO ₃
hydrogen sulfite
or bisulfite

PO ₄ ³⁻ phosphate	PO ₃ ³⁻ phosphite
HPO ₄ ²⁻ hydrogen phosphate	HPO ₃ ²⁻ hydrogen phosphite
H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻ dihydrogen phosphate	H ₂ PO ₃ ⁻ dihydrogen phosphite

Drill M: Nomenclature of Acid Anions

	Formula	Stock Name	Common Name (when appropriate)
1	Ca(HCO ₃) ₂		
2	Fe(HCO ₃) ₂		
3	Pb(HPO ₄) ₂		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
4	AgHSO ₃		
5	Bi(H ₂ PO ₃) ₃		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
6		barium hydrogen phosphate	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
7		magnesium hydrogen sulfite	
8		aluminum hydrogen phosphate	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
9		mercury(II) dihydrogen phosphite	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
10		zinc(II) hydrogen carbonate	
11			barium bisulfite
12			iron(III) bicarbonate
13			copper(I) bisulfate
14			copper(II) dihydrogen phosphite
15		tin(IV) hydrogen phosphate	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
16		antimony(III) hydrogen phosphite	xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Unit VIII: Nomenclature of Other Common Polyatomic Ions

We began with a small set of polyatomic ions, the "Basic Eight" (see Unit V). All the subsequent units were based on solely those eight. Now it is time to expand our base to a few more ions that we often come across. The nomenclature rules you have learned will apply to these as well.

2+	1-	2-
$\mathrm{Hg_2}^{2+}$	CN ⁻	$C_2O_4^{2-}$
mercury(I) ion	cyanide	oxalate
	MnO ₄	O_2^{2-}
	permanganate	peroxide
		$\operatorname{CrO_4}^{2-}$
		chromate
		Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ dichromate
		dichromate

Drill N: Nomenclature of Other Polyatomic Ions and Compounds

FORMULA	NAME
FeCr ₂ O ₇	
Na ₂ O ₂	
HgO	
	calcium cyanide
	ammonium oxalate
	silver(I) permanganate
	mercury(I) chloride
	mercury(II) chloride

Unit IX: Nomenclature of Molecular Binary Compounds

Units III through VIII dealt with *ions* and *ionic* compounds. In this unit we will deal with *molecular* compounds. In particular, the molecular *binary* compounds, compounds containing only two *nonmetals*. They involve a completely different set of rules. Since there are no ions, there are no charges and no Roman numerals.

The number of atoms of each element is specified by a Greek *prefix* (see table below). The second element has the ending "-ide". For example, N₂F₄ is named dinitrogen tetrafluoride.

When two vowels are adjacent to each other, one is dropped. For example P_2O_5 is named diphosphorus *pentoxide* rather than *pentaoxide*.

When the <u>first</u> element has only one atom, the prefix *mono* is often omitted. For example, NO₂ is often referred to as nitrogen dioxide rather than mononitrogen dioxide.

When the <u>second</u> element has only one atom, the prefix *mono* is retained. For example, CO is carbon monoxide rather than monocarbon monoxide.

Number	Prefix
1	mono
2	di
3	tri
4	tetra
5	penta

Number	Prefix
6	hexa
7	hepta
8	octa
9	nona
10	deca

Drill O: Nomenclature of Molecular Binary Compounds

FORMULA	NAME
CBr ₄	
PCl ₅	
S_2Br_2	
N ₂ O ₄	
	sulfur dioxide
	diiodine trioxide
	dibromine monoxide

Remember that the rules stated here for using prefixes (mono, di, tri, etc.) are for <u>molecular</u> binary compounds. That excludes <u>ionic compounds</u>! For ionic compounds you follow the rules

you have learned from Units III through VIII earlier in this tutorial. Thus PCl₃ is phosphorus trichloride, but AlCl₃ is aluminum chloride and MnCl₃ is manganese(III) chloride. You have already learned all the rules (when to use prefixes, when to use Roman numerals and when not to use either). The drill below is to help you practise choosing the appropriate rules to follow.

The key is to first determine whether a compound is molecular or ionic. That is easily done by seeing whether the first element shown is a metal or nonmetal. There are exceptions to this rule, but for now, let us consider only the usual cases. If the compound is molecular, you use prefixes. If it is ionic, you must decide whether the cation has fixed or variable charges in order to determine whether or not to use Roman numerals (Unit III).

Drill P: Drill in Determining When to Use Prefixes and Roman Numerals

FORMULA	NAME
PbCl ₂	
SCl ₂	
MgCl ₂	
Co ₂ S ₃	
Al ₂ O ₃	
N ₂ Br ₄	
K ₃ P	

Unit X: Nomenclature of Hydrates

A hydrate is a compound with a fixed number of water molecules as an integral part of its structure. An example is CuSO₄·5H₂O, a blue crystalline material. As the formula indicates, it has five water molecules for each unit of CuSO₄. Although it contains water molecules, it is a solid.

Note that a hydrate is not simply a sample that is wet! A wet sample would have a variable amount of water and would not have the fixed ratio of water attached.

In naming hydrates, you would name the compound with the rules that you have learned previously, followed by specifying how many water molecules are attached with a prefix.

Thus, CuSO₄·5H₂O is named copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate, and cobalt(II) chloride tetrahydrate has the formula CoCl₂·4H₂O.

Note that the dot in front of the formula H_2O does <u>not</u> represent a multiplication sign! It merely separates out the H_2O from the rest of the formula and the coefficient in front of the H_2O tells you how many water molecules are present. $CoCl_2\cdot 4H_2O$, therefore, contains one Co^{2+} ion, two Cl^- ions and four water molecules. It has a total of one cobalt, two chlorine, eight hydrogen and four oxygen atoms.

Drill Q: Drill on Naming Hydrates

Formula	Name	Name	Formula
Ca(ClO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O		cobalt(II) fluoride tetrahydrate	
Sn(SO ₄) ₂ ·2H ₂ O		zinc(II) acetate dihydrate	
NiSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O		copper(II) nitrate trihydrate	
Co(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂) ₂ ·4H ₂ O		iron(III) bromide hexahydrate	

End of Nomenclature Tutorial (See the following pages for the answers to the drills.)

If you have questions or comments you may contact me at cyau@ccbcmd.edu

Answers to "Nomenclature: A Tutorial"

Drill A: Nomenclature of Elements

Name	Symbol
hlorine	Cl
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Symbol

1	V	9	n	16	
		4		15	

chlorine	Cl
calcium	Ca
arsenic	As
mercury	Hg
copper	Cu

S	sulfur
K	potassium
Fe	iron
Na	sodium
P	phosphorus

Drill B: Formulas and Physical States of Pure Elements

chlorine	$\operatorname{Cl}_2(g)$
argon	Ar (g)
nitrogen	$N_2(g)$
chromiu	Cr (s)
strontiu	Sr (s)

bromine	$\operatorname{Br}_{2}(l)$
phosphorus	$P_4(s)$
krypton	Kr (g)
mercury	Hg (<i>l</i>)
iodine	$I_2(s)$

sulfur	S ₈ (s)
lead	Pb (s)
element #112	Uub (s)
gold	Au (s)
hydrogen	$H_2(g)$

Drill C: Nomenclature of Monatomic Ions

FORMULA	NAME
\mathbf{Rb}^{+}	rubidium ion
Ba ²⁺	barium ion
$\frac{\mathbf{P}^{3-}}{\mathbf{P}^{3-}}$	phosphide
Br ⁻	bromide
N^{3-}	nitride
\mathbf{S}^{2-}	sulfide
V^{3+}	vanadium(III)
Cu ²⁺	copper(II) ion
Ca	calcium

FORMULA
N^{3-}
I^-
${oldsymbol{o}}^{2-}$
Cr ³⁺
K^{+}
Al^{3+}
Mg
Fe^{2+}
Cu ⁺

Drill D: Formulas of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic ions

NAME	FORMULA
magnesium fluoride	MgF_2
lithium sulfide	Li ₂ S
calcium selenide	CaSe
nickel(II) fluoride	NiF_2
cupric bromide	CuBr ₂
chromium(III) sulfide	Cr_2S_3
tin(II) phosphide	Sn_3P_2

Drill E: Writing Names of Compounds with Cations of Fixed Charges

KBr	potassium bromide		
Li ₂ O	lithium oxide		
Mg ₃ As ₂	magnesium arsenide		
Na ₃ P	sodium phosphide		

Drill F: Determining the Charge and Name of the Cation First, Then Name of Compound

Formula	Charge of Cation	Name of Cation	Name of Compound
MnO ₂	4+	manganese(IV) ion	manganese(IV) oxide
PbS	2+	lead(II) ion	lead(II) sulfide
Cr ₂ O ₃	3+	chromium(III) ion	chromium(III) oxide
Rb ₂ Se	1+	rubidium ion	rubidium selenide
CuCl ₂	2+	copper(II) ion	copper(II) chloride
CuO	2+	copper(II) ion	copper(II) oxide
Cu ₂ O	1+	copper(I) ion	copper(I) oxide

Drill G: Nomenclature of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic Ions (Both Fixed & Variable Charges)

FORMULA	NAME
Na ₂ O	sodium oxide
Mg_3N_2	magnesium nitride
Cu_2S	cuprous sulfide
MnI_2	manganese(II) iodide
FeP	ferric phosphide
СиО	cupric oxide
Sn_3N_2	tin(II) nitride
SrO	strontium oxide
SnO ₂	tin(IV) oxide

FORMULA	NAME	
RbBr	rubidium bromide	
FeBr ₂	iron(II) bromide	
PbS	lead(II) sulfide	
BaO	barium oxide	
K ₂ O	potassium oxide	
SbBr ₃	antimony(III) bromide	
Fe ₃ P ₂	iron(II) phosphide	
Li ₂ Se	lithium selenide	
CuCl ₂	copper(II) chloride	

Extra Drill H: Nomenclature of Ionic Compounds of Monatomic Ions (Both Fixed & Variable Charges)

FORMULA	NAME	
RaCl ₂	radium chloride	
BiCl ₃	bismuth(III) chloride	
Fe ₂ O ₃	iron(III) oxide or ferric oxide	
CdBr ₂	cadmium(II) bromide	
MnO	manganese(II) oxide	
MnO ₂	manganese(IV) oxide	

Drill I - 1: Nomenclature of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
sulfate	SO_4^{2-}	OH ⁻	hydroxide
acetate	$C_2H_3O_2^-$	SO ₄ ²⁻	sulfate
chlorate	ClO_3^-	NH_4^+	ammonium
ammonium	NH_4^{+}	NO ₃	nitrate
phosphate	$PO_4^{\ 3-}$	ClO ₃	chlorate
carbonate	CO_3^{2-}	PO ₄ ³⁻	phosphate
hydroxide	OH ⁻	CO ₃ ²⁻	carbonate
nitrate	NO_3^-	$C_2H_3O_2^-$	acetate

Drill I - 2: Nomenclature of Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions With Cations of Fixed Charges:

NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
sodium carbonate	Na_2CO_3	K ₃ PO ₄	potassium phosphate
strontium carbonate	SrCO ₃	Ca(NO ₃) ₂	calcium nitrate
aluminum sulfate	$Al_2(SO_4)_3$	$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	ammonium sulfate
ammonium	$(NH_4)_3PO_4$	Al(OH) ₃	aluminum hydroxide
phosphate			
aluminum chlorate	<i>Al(ClO₃)₃</i>	LiC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	lithium acetate
potassium sulfate	K_2SO_4	MgCO ₃	magnesium carbonate
calcium acetate	$Ca(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	Ba(ClO ₃) ₂	barium chlorate

Drill I - 3: Nomenclature of Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions With Cations of Variable Charges:

NAME	FORMULA	NAME	FORMULA
ferrous carbonate	FeCO ₃	CuCO ₃	(stock name) copper(II) carbonate
ferric carbonate	Fe ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	CuCO ₃	(common name) cupric carbonate
cuprous sulfate	Cu_2SO_4	SnSO ₄	tin(II) sulfate
cobalt(II) phosphate	$Co_3(PO_4)_2$	Fe ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	(stock name) iron(II) phosphate
chromium(III) chlorate	Cr(ClO ₃) ₃	$Hg(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	mercury(II) acetate
tin(IV) sulfate	$Sn(SO_4)_2$	BiPO ₄	bismuth(III) phosphate
antimony(III) acetate	$Sb(C_2H_3O_2)_3$ or $Sb(CH_3CO_2)_3$	Mn(ClO ₃) ₂	manganese(II) chlorate

Drill I - 4: Compounds of the "Basic Eight" Polyatomic Ions and –ide ions With Cations of Both Fixed and Variable Charges: (learning to distinguish between those that require Roman numerals and those that do not)

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NAME	FORMULA	FORMULA	NAME
calcium phosphate	$Ca_3(PO_4)_2$	Na ₃ N	sodium nitride
chromium(III) sulfide	Cr_2S_3	NaNO ₃	sodium nitrate
potassium carbonate	K_2CO_3	K ₂ SO ₄	potassium sulfate
magnesium acetate	$Mg(CH_3CO_2)_2$	CdCO ₃	cadmium(II) carbonate
chromium(III) hydroxide	Cr(OH)3	FeCl ₂	(stock name) iron(II) chloride
aluminum chlorate	Al(ClO ₃) ₃	FeCl ₂	(common name) ferrous chloride
lead(IV) selenide	$PbSe_2$	NH ₄ NO ₃	ammonium nitrate
cupric nitride	Cu_3N_2	Mn(ClO ₃) ₂	manganese(II) chlorate
ferrous nitrate	Fe(NO ₃) ₂	Cu ₃ PO ₄	(common name) cuprous phosphate

Drill I-5: Nomenclature of "-ate" and "-ite" ions and compounds

FORMULA	NAME
SO_4^{2-}	sulfate
SO ₃ ²⁻	sulfite
NO_2^-	nitrite
PO_3^{3-}	phosphite
$C_2H_3O_2^-$	acetate
ClO ₂ -	chlorite
Na ₃ PO ₄	sodium phosphate
K_2SO_3	potassium sulfite
Pb(OH) ₂	lead(II) hydroxide
CoClO ₂	cobalt(I) chlorite
$Ca(NO_3)_2$	calcium nitrate
$Fe_2(CO_3)_3$	iron(III) carbonate
Cu_2SO_3	copper(I) sulfite
CsNO ₂	cesium nitrite
<i>Al(ClO₃)₃</i>	aluminum chlorate

Drill J: Nomenclature of Oxohalo Ions and Compounds:

FORMULA	NAME
ClO ⁻	hypochlorite
ClO ₂	chlorite
ClO ₄	perchlorate
ClO ⁻	hypochlorite
ClO ₃ -	chlorate
ClO ₄	perchlorate
ClO ₂ -	chlorite
Cl ⁻	chloride
NaClO ₂	sodium chlorite
$Mg(ClO_2)_2$	magnesium chlorite
$Fe(ClO_4)_2$	ferrous perchlorate

Drill K: Nomenclature of "-ate", "-ite", oxohaloanions & Their Compounds:

FORMULA	NAME
ClO ₄	perchlorate
ClO ₃	chlorate
ClO ₂	chlorite
ClO ⁻	hypochlorite
Cl¯	chloride
NO_2^-	nitrite
$NO_2^ NO_3^ N^{3-}$	nitrate
N^{3-}	nitride
ОН	hydroxide
Ca(ClO) ₂	calcium hypochlorite
$Ca_3(PO_3)_2$	calcium phosphite
Sc(OH) ₂	scandium(II) hydroxide
Ti(NO ₃) ₃	titanium(III) nitrate
Hg(ClO) ₂	mercury(II) hypochlorite
K ₃ N	potassium nitride
KClO ₄	potassium perchlorate
K_2SO_3	potassium sulfite
Al_2S_3	aluminum sulfide
Na_2SO_4	sodium sulfate
$Ba(OH)_2$	barium hydroxide
$(NH_4)_2CO_3$	ammonium carbonate
CuClO	cuprous hypochlorite
$Sn(C_2H_3O_2)_4$	tin(IV) acetate
CrPO ₃	chromium(III) phosphite
$Mg(ClO_3)_2$	magnesium chlorate
Zn_3P_2	zinc(II) phosphide
$Ca(NO_2)_2$	calcium nitrite

Drill L: Nomenclature of Acids

AN	NIONS .	CORRES	PONDING ACIDS
Formula ClO ₄	<u>Name</u> perchlorate	<u>Formula</u> <i>HClO</i> ₄	Name perchloric acid
ClO ₃	chlorate	HClO ₃	chloric acid
ClO_2^-	chlorite	HClO ₂	chlorous acid
ClO ⁻	hypochlorite	<i>HClO</i>	hypochlorous acid
Cl	chloride	HCl	hydrochloric acid
Br ⁻	bromide	HBr	hydrobromic acid
Γ	iodide	HI	hydroiodic acid
$C_2H_3O_2^-$	acetate	$HC_2H_3O_2$	acetic acid
NO ₃	nitrate	HNO_3	nitric acid
NO_2^-	nitrite	HNO_2	nitrous acid
OH-	hydroxide	НОН	water
ClO ₃	chlorate	$HClO_3$	chloric acid
CO_3^{2-}	carbonate	H_2CO_3	carbonic acid
SO_4^{2-}	sulfate	H_2SO_4	sulfuric acid
SO_3^{2-}	sulfite	H_2SO_3	sulfurous acid
PO ₄ ³⁻	phosphate	H_3PO_4	phosphoric acid
PO ₃ ³⁻	phosphite	H_3PO_3	phosphorous acid

Name	Formula	Formula	Name
sulfuric acid	H_2SO_4	HNO ₃	nitric acid
nitrous acid	HNO_2	H ₂ CO ₃	carbonic acid
hydrochloric acid	HCl	H ₃ PO ₃	phosphorous acid
carbonic acid	H_2CO_3	HCIO	hypochlorous acid
phosphorous acid	H_3PO_3	H ₂ SO ₄	sulfuric acid
chlorous acid	HClO ₂	HC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	acetic acid
sulfurous acid	H_2SO_3	HNO ₂	nitrous acid
hypochlorous acid	<i>HClO</i>	HClO ₄	perchloric acid
chloric acid	HClO ₃	HBr	hydrobromic acid
phosphoric acid	H_3PO_4	H ₂ SO ₃	sulfurous acid
nitric acid	HNO_3	H ₂ Se	hydroselenic acid
acetic acid	$HC_2H_3O_2$	H ₃ PO ₄	phosphoric acid
hydrotelluric acid	H_2Te	НОН	water

Drill M: Nomenclature of Acid Anions

1. calcium hydrogen carbonate,	9. $Hg(H_2PO_3)_2$
calcium bicarbonate	10. Zn(HCO ₃) ₂ , zinc(II) bicarbonate
2. iron(II) hydrogen carbonate,	11. Ba(HSO ₃) ₂ , barium hydrogen sulfite
ferrous bicarbonate	12. $Fe(HCO_3)_3$,
3. lead(IV) hydrogen phosphate	iron(III) hydrogen carbonate
4. silver(I) hydrogen sulfite,	13. CuHSO ₄ , copper(I) hydrogen sulfate
silver(I) bisulfite	14. $Cu(H_2PO_3)_2$,
5. bismuth(III) dihydrogen phosphite	copper(II) dihydrogen phosphite
6. BaHPO ₄	15. $Sn(HPO_4)_2$
7. Mg(HSO ₃) ₂ , magnesium bisulfite	16. $Sb_2(HPO_3)_3$
8. Al ₂ (HPO ₄) ₃	

Drill N: Nomenclature of Other Polyatomic Ions and Compounds

FORMULA	NAME
FeCr ₂ O ₇	iron(II) dichromate
Na ₂ O ₂	sodium peroxide
HgO	mercury(II) oxide
Ca(CN) ₂	calcium cyanide
$(NH_4)_2C_2O_4$	ammonium oxalate
AgMnO ₄	silver(I) permanganate
Hg ₂ Cl ₂	mercury(I) chloride
HgCl ₂	mercury(II) chloride

Drill O: Nomenclature of Molecular Binary Compounds

FORMULA	NAME
CBr ₄	carbon tetrabromide
PCl ₅	phosphorus pentachloride
S ₂ Br ₂	disulfur dibromide
N ₂ O ₄	dinitrogen tetroxide
SO_2	sulfur dioxide
I_2O_3	diiodine trioxide
Br ₂ O	dibromine monoxide

Drill P: Drill in Determining When to Use Prefixes and Roman Numerals

FORMULA	NAME
PbCl ₂	lead(II) chloride (ionic, cation with variable charges)
SCl ₂	sulfur dichloride (molecular)
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride (ionic, cation with fixed charges)
Co ₂ S ₃	cobalt(III) sulfide (ionic, cation with variable charges)
Al ₂ O ₃	aluminum oxide (ionic, cation with fixed charges)
N ₂ Br ₄	dinitrogen tetrabromide (molecular)
K ₃ P	potassium phosphide (ionic, cation with fixed charges)

Drill Q: Drill on Naming Hydrates

Formula	Name	Name	Formula
Ca(ClO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	calcium chlorate dihydrate	cobalt(II) fluoride tetrahydrate	CoF ₂ ·4H ₂ O
Sn(SO ₄) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	tin(IV) sulfate dihydrate	zinc(II) acetate dihydrate	$Zn(C_2H_3O_2)_2\cdot 2H_2O$
NiSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	nickel(II) sulfate heptahydrate	copper(II) nitrate trihydrate	$Cu(NO_3)_2\cdot 3H_2O$
Co(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	cobalt(II) acetate tetrahydrate	iron(III) bromide hexahydrate	FeBr ₃ ·6H ₂ O

End of Answers to the Nomenclature Tutorial Drills	
