The Nature of Matter

Chapter 2-1

What is matter?

- Anything that takes up space
- Anything that has mass
- Amount of matter determines mass of the object





Properties of Matter

- Physical properties: can be observed without changing the substance
 - Brown and orange with blue and black spots
 - Less dense than water
 - soft
 - iridescent



Properties of matter, cont.

- Chemical properties: describes how a substance reacts with other substances
 - Granite does not react with other substances
 - Copper will react with oxygen to form copper oxide

What is matter made of?

Elements

- purest form of a substance
- Characteristic set of physical and chemical properties



What are elements made of?

Atoms

- Smallest unit of an element
- Contains all the properties of an element
- 92 different types of atoms occur in nature
- Arranged on the periodic table



Parts of an atom



Proton

- Found in the nucleus
- Positive charge (+)
- Mass = 1 amu (atomic mass unit)



Found in the nucleus
No charge (0)
Mass = 1 amu



- Zoom all around the outside of the nucleus
- Negative Charge (-)
- Mass = 1/1000 of a proton



- Number of Protons
- An atom is neutral



- Equal number of protons and electrons
- Carbon (6): 6 protons, 6 electrons



Mass = protons + neutrons Carbon: Atomic # 6 (6 protons) Mass = 12

Mass – Atomic Number = Neutrons 12-6 = 6

6 protons, 6 electrons, 6 neutrons















Isotopes

- Atoms of the same element with different number of neutrons
- Same number of protons
- Same number of electrons so they have the same chemical properties



Carbon Isotopes

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Nonradioactive carbon-12	Nonradioactive carbon-13	Radioactive carbon-14
6 electrons 6 protons 6 neutrons	6 electrons 6 protons 7 neutrons	6 electrons 6 protons 8 neutrons

Radioactive Isotopes

- Nuclei break down at a constant rate
- Give off radiation
- Used to date rocks and fossils
- Used to treat cancer
- Used to kill bacteria
- Used as "tracers" which follow movement of substances in organisms

Chemical Compounds

- Two or more elements chemically combined
- Always in definite proportions
- H₂O = 2 atoms of hydrogen bonded to 1 atom of oxygen
- Chemical properties of elements are different than those of the compound

Ionic Bond

- One or more electrons are transferred from one atom to another
- Atom that loses the electron becomes a positive ion
- Atom that gains the electron becomes a negative ion
- Positive and negative ions are strongly attracted to each other



Covalent Bond

- 2 or more electrons are shared between
 2 atoms
- 1 shared pair = single bond
- 2 shared pairs = double bond
- 3 shared pairs = triple bond
- Smallest unit is a molecule



Van der Walls Forces

- Atoms do not share electrons equally
- Molecules have regions of positive or negative charge
- Slight attraction between oppositely charged regions of nearby molecules.

