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Holt Physical Science: Section 4.2 A Guided Tour of the Periodic Table

Organization of the Periodic Table

- 1. What does grouping similar elements together do?
- 2. How are elements represented in the periodic table?
- 3. What are the orders elements are arranged in based on?
- 4. Define periods in the periodic table.
- 5. What happens to the number of protons an atom has as you move from left to right across a period as well as the number of electrons?
- 6. What can you determine if you know where an element is located on the periodic table?
- 7. What are valence electrons and what do they do?
- 8. Explain what a group (family) on the periodic table is.
- 9. What do elements from the same group have in common?

Some atoms form ions

- 10. Define ion.
- 11. How does a positive ion or cation form? Write an example of a cation.
- 12. What does an atom do when a negative ion or anion is formed?

How Do the Structures of Atoms Differ?

- 13. What tells you how many protons are in an atom?
- 14. Define mass number.
- 15. Can atoms of the same element have the same atomic number but have a different atomic mass?
- 16. How do you figure the number of neutrons if you know the atomic number and the atomic mass number? Give an example.
- 17. How are atomic masses usually expressed?
- 18. How much is an atomic mass unit (amu) equal to?
- 19. What is an average atomic mass?