



The remainder of this worksheet focuses on various aspects of ionic compounds. Feel free to refer to our “*Important elements/ions to know for CHM 4, 1A, and 1B*” handout.

**PART B: The nature of ionic compounds**

4. Ionic compounds are made out of charged ion. Many elements form predictable ion charges based on their position on the periodic table. Use a periodic table to complete the Table 1 below.

<b>Element symbol</b>	<b>Commonly formed ion</b>	<b>Number of protons in ion</b>	<b>Number of electrons in ion</b>
Na			
O			
Mg			
Cl			
Al			

5. Even though ionic compounds are made out of charged ions (i.e. cations and anions), the ions are combined in a ratio that results in compounds that have no net charge and are neutral overall. Fill in the missing blanks in Table 2 below (the first line has been done for you with  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ).

<b>Cation</b>	<b>Anion</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Formula</b>
$\text{Li}^+$	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	2:1	$\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	$\text{Cl}^-$		
$\text{Sn}^{2+}$	$\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$		
		1:2	$\text{Pb}(\text{SO}_3)_2$
		3:2	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

6. Once we have the correct formula for an ionic compound, we can determine how many of each type of atom is in a single unit of that compound. For example, one unit of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  contains 2 lithium atoms, 1 carbon atom, and 3 oxygen atoms for a total of 6 atoms. How many of each atom and how many total atoms are there in a single unit of  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ?

Table 3 at the bottom of this page contains a list of some common household products that contain ionic compounds. Use Table 3 to answer questions 7-9.

7. Ionic compounds typically contain at least one metal and at least one non-metal.
  - a. What compound from Table 3 does not fit this pattern?
  
  - b. What ion seems to be able to take the place of a metal ion in this case?
  
8. Some ionic compounds contain a polyatomic ion. A polyatomic ion is composed of two or more different elements that are thought of as a single unit having an overall charge. For example, looking back at Table 2 on the previous page we see that  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$  are polyatomic ions while  $\text{Li}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  are examples of monatomic ions. For all the compounds in Table 3 that contain a polyatomic ion, write the formula for the polyatomic ion in the empty third column of the table.
  
9. Hopefully you have started learning the names and formulas for all of the ions on our “*Important elements/ions to know for CHM 4, 1A, and 1B*” handout. For all the polyatomic ions you identified in question 8, provide the corresponding ion name in the empty fourth column of Table 3. Only use your “*Important elements/ions to know for CHM 4, 1A, and 1B*” handout if no one on your PAL team can name the ion.

<b>Table 3</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Formula of ingredient</b>	<b>Formulas of any polyatomic ions</b>	<b>Names of any polyatomic ions</b>
	shampoo	$\text{MgSO}_4$		
	hair coloring	$\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$		
	body wash	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$		
	sunscreen	$\text{ZnO}$		
	baking soda	$\text{NaHCO}_3$		
	hand soap	$\text{FeO}$		
	toothpaste	$\text{SnCl}_2$		
	conditioner	$\text{Pb}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2$		

We'll see next week that we use different rules for naming ionic and molecular compounds. To make sure we use the right set of rules, it is crucial that we can quickly identify whether or not a compound is ionic.

10. Circle all of the ionic compounds in the following table:

$\text{Sn}(\text{CO}_3)_2$	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$	$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$
$\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$	$\text{P}_4\text{O}_6$	$\text{CuC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{HClO}_3$	$\text{NH}_3$
$\text{CCl}_4$	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	$\text{NaBr}$

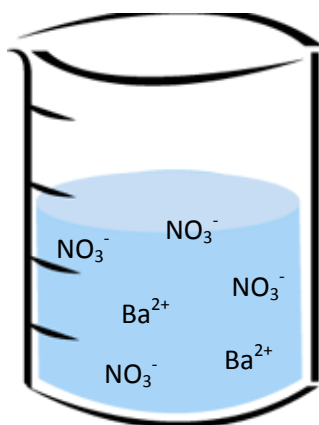
When an ionic compound containing a polyatomic ion dissolves in water, the polyatomic ion typically stays together as a charged unit. For example, Figure 1 below, shows that when  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  dissolves in water, each unit breaks up into a  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  ion and two  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions (a polyatomic ion). By generating ions when dissolved in water, the resulting solution conducts electricity.

11. Following the example from Figure 1, complete Figure 2 to show what happens when  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  dissolves in water. Compare your drawing with the others in your PAL group.

a. What aspects of your drawings must all be the same from person to person?

b. What aspects of your drawings can differ from person to person?

**Figure 1:**  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  separates into ions when dissolved in water.



**Figure 2:** Draw what happens when  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  dissolves in water

