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## **Subatomic Particles**

## **Counting Valence Electrons (e**-) [Representative Groups]

Valence Electrons are based on group on the table

| Group   | Name                | Val e | Group                |             | Val e⁻ |
|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1A (1)  | Alkali Metals       | 1     | 5A (15)              | Pnictogens  | 5      |
| 2A (2)  | Alkali Earth Metals | 2     | 2 6A (16) Chalcogens |             | 6      |
| 3A (13) | Earth Metals        | 3     | 3 7A (17) Halogens   |             | 7      |
| 4A (14) | Carbon Group        | 4     | 8A (18)              | Noble Gases | 8      |

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#### **Octet Rule**

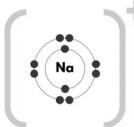
Atoms are the most stable when they have 0 or 8 valence electrons.

**Ion** – Atom that has lost or gained e<sup>-</sup> to fulfil the octet rule

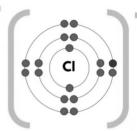
Sodium (Na) loses 1e<sup>-</sup> to form a **cation** 

1 val  $e^{-}$   $\rightarrow$  0 val  $e^{-}$ 

Cation = + Ion



sodium cation



chloride anion

Chlorine (Ca) gains 1e<sup>-</sup> to form an **anion** 

7 val e⁻ →

8 val e⁻

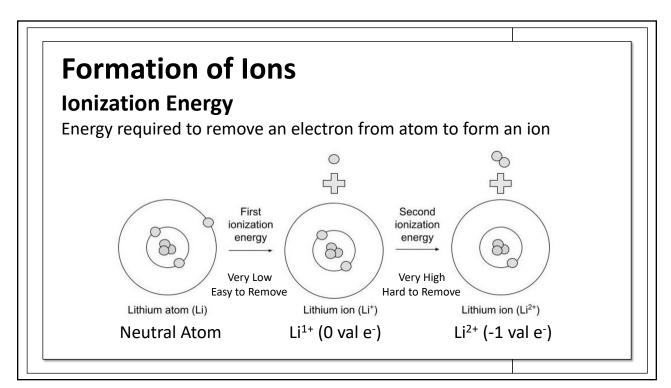
Anion = - Ion

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#### **Valence Electron and Ion Structure**

The following chart displays the basic atomic structure including the valence electrons and charges for atoms and ions of representative (1A-8A) elements

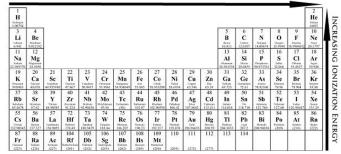
| Group                                      | 1A               | 2A                        | 1B – 10B         | 3A              | 4A              | 5A       | 6A        | 7A       | 8A             |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Number                                     | 1                | 2                         | 3 - 12           | 13              | 14              | 15       | 16        | 17       | 18             |
| Valance                                    | 1                | 2                         | 2                | 3               | 4               | 5        | 6         | 7        | 8              |
| Electrons (e <sup>-</sup> )                |                  |                           |                  |                 |                 |          |           |          |                |
| Atom Type                                  | Alkali<br>Metals | Alkali<br>Earth<br>Metals | Trans.<br>Metals | Earth<br>Metals | Carbon<br>Group | Picogens | Chalcogen | Halogens | Noble<br>Gases |
| Ion Charge                                 | +1               | +2                        | Var.             | +3              | +4              | -3       | -2        | -1       | 0              |
| Lose e Gain e                              | Lose 1           | Lose 2                    | Var.             | Lose 3          | Lose 4          | Gain 3   | Gain 2    | Gain 1   | Gain 0         |
| Ion Valence<br>Electrons (e <sup>-</sup> ) | 0                | 0                         | 0                | 0               | 0               | 8        | 8         | 8        | 8              |



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# Formation of Ions Ionization Energy Trends

**INCREASING IONIZATION ENERGY** 



Not every element always falls the IE trend, for example noble gases (8A/18) don't form ions (full octet)

### **Ionization Energy**

Group Trend (*left to right*) Increases Across Table

More val e- make it harder to remove val e- from atom

Period Trend (*up and down*)
Decreases Down Table

Electrons in higher Energy Levels are pushed away from nucleus by inner e

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