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Lesson 8 Molecular Compounds (Nelson p.184-186)

Learning Goals:

A. Identify simple molecular compounds, using the periodic table, and write the formulae (C3.8)

- It is a compound that is made up of _____. The bond that forms between them is called a _____. The bonded atoms form a molecule.
- _____: A group of **two or more non-metal atoms** joined together with a **covalent bond**.
- The electrons are _____ between the two elements.

Naming Molecular Compounds Using the Prefix Method

- ▶ **Greek prefixes** are used to show the _____ of each element. (Some elements have more than 1 combining capacity.)
- ▶ The prefix “**mono**” is used **only** for _____ element in the name.
- ▶ When a prefix ending with a **vowel (“O” or “a”)** is used with **oxygen**, the vowel is _____. Example, use “monoxide” not “monoxide”, and “tetroxide” not “tetraoxide”

Common Prefixes Used in Naming

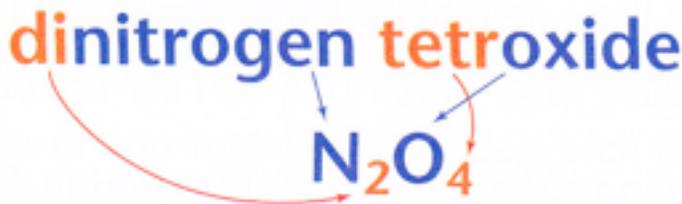
Number	Greek Prefix
1	mon(o)-
2	di-
3	tri-
4	tetra-
5	pent(a)-
6	hex(a)
7	hepta-
8	oct(a)-
9	non(a)-
10	deca-

NOTE: When there is **only one atom of the first element** in the molecular compound, the prefix “**mono**” is **not necessary**.

Step 1: Look at the formula.	Formula: CO₂
Step 2: The first element: use the periodic table to name it.	C = carbon
Step 3: Use the correct prefix for the number of atoms in the element.	carbon There is only 1 carbon atom, so the correct prefix is “mono”. BUT “mono” is not included for the first element.
Step 4: The second element: use the periodic table to name it, BUT change the ending to “ide”	oxygen → oxide
Step 5: Choose the correct for the number of atoms of the element.	2 = di → oxide There are 2 oxygen atoms, so the correct prefix is “di”
Step 6: Combine the two parts of the name.	Carbon dioxide

Writing Formulas of Molecular Compounds

Step 1: Look at the name.	Formula: dinitrogen tetroxide
Step 2: Use the periodic table to find the symbols for the elements.	nitrogen = N oxide = oxygen = O
Step 3: Use the prefixes table to determine the number of atoms of each element.	di = 2 tetra = 4
Step 4: Write in the subscript, and write the chemical formula.	N₂O₄



The chemical formula for dinitrogen tetroxide is N_2O_4 .

Note: **Do not reduce the subscripts** if you write the chemical formulas from the compound names.