# Elements and The Periodic Table

All substances are made up of **atoms**. Atoms include 3 different types of particles – **protons**, **neutrons** and **electrons**. An atom is the smallest part of an element that can exist.

Protons and neutrons are found in the nucleus of the atom (the centre). Electrons orbit around the nucleus.



Each element contains an atomic number (the number of protons), a chemical symbol, an element name and the atomic mass number (the mass of the element).





Development of the Periodic Table

**Dobereiner** suggested the Law of Triads where he grouped together groups of 3 elements which shared similar properties. Next, **Newlands** decided the order for the elements based on the element's atomic number. He found that every 8 elements had a repeating pattern. Some, however, did not fit this pattern. Then **Mendeleev** decided to leave gaps for elements yet to be discovered. The **periodic table** gives important information about elements. The columns are the '**groups**'. The rows are called '**periods**'.



Elements are arranged in the periodic table based on their properties. A property is the characteristics of something.

# Metals

Metals are found on the left-hand side of the periodic table (they are separated by a 'staircase line' as shown above). Properties of metals include:

- Shiny
- High density (feels heavy for its size)
- Strong
- Malleable (they bend without breaking)
- Good conductors of heat
- Good conductors of electricity (current passes through it).
- Some are magnetic (iron, cobalt, nickel)
- Sonorous (they make a ringing sound when they are hit)

Element **Compound** – two or more elements chemically bonded together. This can be written as a <u>chemical formula</u> such as CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O or CuO. This shows how many of each atom are in a compound.

**Mixture** – contains different substances that are not chemically joined together, for example, the air.

**Element** – one type of atom only, e.g.  $H_2$ 



A pure substance contains only one element or compound.

Pure compounds/elements have a fixed melting and boiling point – when they change state their temperature remains constant.

Impure compounds/ elements have a

Compound 0) 0 Mixture Α в 100 °C 100°C C S Time in minutes Time in minutes

Cu

varying melting and boiling point – their temperature fluctuates as they change states. It is often higher than the pure boiling/ melting point.

Elements in the same group have similar properties. They also have trends/patterns as you go down the group.

### **Group 1 elements**

Known as 'alkali metals'.

As you go down group 1, the metals get more reactive with water and air.

Lithium in water floats on the surface, sodium is a vigorous reaction and potassium burns with a lilac flame.

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gp. 1 metal + water \rightarrow metal hydroxide + hydrogen
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lithium + water  $\rightarrow$  lithium hydroxide + hydrogen

Group 1 elements can be used for fertilisers, cleaning products and batteries.

#### **Group 7 elements**

Known as 'halogens'.

As you go down group 7, the metals get less reactive with water and air.

As you go down group 7, the melting point and boiling point increase.

Group 7 elements can be used for

toothpaste, sterilising water and making plastics.



# **Group 0 elements**

Known as 'noble gases'.

Group 0 elements are not very reactive (inert).

As you go down group0, the melting point and boiling point increase.



Group 7 elements can be used for balloons, fluorescent lights and lightbulbs.