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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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What is the charge of a cation?	
Hint: Consider the nature of cations in ionic compounds.	
PositiveNegativeNeutralVariable	
Which of the following are examples of anions?	
Hint: Think about the charges of the ions listed.	
☐ Chloride (Cl^-) ☐ Sodium (Na^+) ☐ Oxide (O^2-) ☐ Calcium (Ca^2+)	
Define an ionic compound and explain the balance of charges within it.	
Hint: Consider the definition and the role of cations and anions.	

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List two examples of polyatomic ions and their chemical formulas.



Hint: Think about common polyatomic ions you have learned.
1. Example 1
2. Example 2
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What suffix is typically added to the name of an anions derived from a single element?
Hint: Consider the naming conventions for anions.
ate
○ -ide
○ -ite
○ -ium
Part 2: Comprehension and Application
Which of the following statements about ionic compounds is true?
Hint: Evaluate the properties of ionic compounds.
☐ They are composed of molecules.
☐ They conduct electricity when dissolved in water.
☐ They are always gases at room temperature.
☐ They have a net positive charge.
Explain why transition metals often require Roman numerals in their names when forming ionic compounds.
Hint: Consider the variable charges of transition metals.



Hint: Think about the common names of ionic compounds.
○ Sodium Chlorate
○ Sodium Chloride
○ Sodium Chlorite
○ Sodium Perchlorate
Write the chemical formula for the following ionic compounds:
Hint: Consider the charges of the ions involved.
1. Magnesium Oxide
2. Potassium Nitrate
Describe the steps involved in writing the formula for an ionic compound formed between aluminus
and sulfate ions.
Hint: Think about the charges of aluminum and sulfate.
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Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation
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☐ FeCl3 ☐ Mg2Cl
Compare and contrast the naming conventions for binary ionic compounds and those containing polyatomic ions.
Hint: Think about the differences in naming rules.
If the formula for an ionic compound is K2SO4, what can you infer about the charges of the ions involved?
Hint: Consider the charges of potassium and sulfate ions.
○ K^+ and SO4^2-
○ K^2+ and SO4^-
○ K^- and SO4^+
○ K^2- and SO4^+
Evaluate the process of naming ionic compounds and propose improvements or alternative methods that could simplify the process for students.
Hint: Consider the challenges students face in naming compounds.

Create the names for the following hypothetical ionic compounds:

Hint: Think about the charges of the transition metal and the oxide.

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Y2O3	
nich of the following scenarios best illustrates the practical application of understanding ionic mpounds in everyday life?	
nt: Consider common uses of ionic compounds.	
Making a cake	
Mixinging paint colors	
Treatting water with sodium chloride	