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Part 1: Building a Foundation
What is the charge of a proton?
Hint: Think about the basic properties of subatomic particles.
NeutralPositive
○ Negative
○ No charge
Which of the following particles are found in the nucleus of an atom?
Hint: Consider the components that make up the nucleus.
☐ Electrons
☐ Protons
Neutrons
☐ Valence Electrons
Explain the role of electrons in an atom.
Hint: Consider their charge and position relative to the nucleus.

List the three main subatomic particles and their charges.



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Hint: Think about the basic building blocks of an atom.	
1. Proton	
2. Neutron	
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3. Electron	
What determines the atomic number of an element?	
Hint: Consider the defining characteristics of an element.	
O Number of electrons	
○ Number of neutrons	
Number of protons	
○ Number of valence electrons	
Part 2: comprehension and Application Which part of the atom accounts for most of its volume?	
Hint: Think about where the electrons are located.	
○ Nucleus	
○ Electron cloud	
○ Protons	
○ Neutrons	
Which statements are true about isotopes?	
Hint: Consider the definition and characteristics of isotopes.	
They have the same number of protons.	
They have different numbers of neutrons.	
They have different atomic numbers.	
☐ They have the same atomic mass.	

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Describe how the atomic mass of an element is calculated.
Hint: Consider the contributions of protons and neutrons.
If an atom has 6 protons, 6 neutrons, and 6 electrons, what is its atomic mass?
Hint: Remember that atomic mass is the sum of protons and neutrons.
○ 6
○ 12
○ 18 ○ 24
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An atom has 7 electrons in its outer shell. Which of the following are likely properties of this atom?
Hint: Consider the stability and reactivity of atoms based on their electron configuration.
☐ Highly reactive
Stable
Likely to gain an electron
Likely to lose an electron
Predict what happens to the atomic number and mass number when a neutron is added to an atom.
Hint: Consider the definitions of atomic number and mass number.



Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following best explains why isotopes of the same element have different physical properties?
Hint: Think about the role of neutrons in isotopes.
○ Different numbers of protons
Different numbers of electrons
Different numbers of neutrons
Different electron configurations
Analyze the following statements and identify which are true regarding electron configuration:
Hint: Consider the rules governing electron arrangement in atoms.
Electrons fill the lowest energy levels first.
Valence electrons determine chemical reactivity.
Electrons in the same shell have the same energy.
Electrons are shared between atoms in ionic bonds.
Analyze how the arrangement of electrons affects the chemical properties of an element.
Hint: Consider the role of valence electrons in bonding.
Which element is most likely to form a stable ion by losing one electron?
Hint: Think about the electron configurations of the elements.
○ Helium
Sodium
○ Chlorine
○ Neon

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Evaluate the following scenarios and select which would result in a stable atom:
Hint: Consider the electron configurations that lead to stability.
An atom with a full outer electron shell.
An atom with one electron in its outer shell.
An atom with eight electrons in its outer shell.
An atom with seven electrons in its outer shell.
Design an experiment to determine the isotope composition of a sample of carbon. Describe the steps and the expected outcomes.
Hint: Consider methods used in isotope analysis.
Propose two real-world applications of isotopes and explain their significance.
Hint: Think about how isotopes are used in various fields.
1. Medical imaging
2. Carbon dating