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Part 1: Building a Foundation

Which of the following is a polyatomic ion?
Hint: Think about the definition of polyatomic ions.
 A) Na^+ B) Cl^- C) NH4^+ ✓ D) Mg^2+
The correct answer is C) NH4 ⁺ as it is a polyatomic ion.
Which of the following are examples of polyatomic ions? (Select all that apply) Hint: Look for ions that consist of multiple atoms.
 A) SO4^2- ✓ B) H2O C) CO3^2- ✓ D) NO3^- ✓
The correct answers are A) SO4^2-, C) CO3^2-, and D) NO3^- as they are all polyatomic ions.

Explain what distinguishes a polyatomic ion from a monatomic ion.

Hint: Consider the number of atoms in each type of ion.



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A polyatomic ion consists of two or more atoms bonded together, while a monatomic ion consists of a single atom.
List the chemical formulas for the following polyatomic ions:
Hint: Refer to your notes or a periodic table.
1. A) Sulfate
SO4^2-
2. B) Nitrate
NO3^-
3. C) Phosphate
PO4^3-
The chemical formulas are: A) SO4^2-, B) NO3^-, C) PO4^3
Part 2: Comprehension and Application

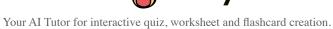
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What is the charge on the phosphate ion (PO4)?



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Hint: Consider the common charges of phosphate.	
○ A) -1	
○ B) -2	
○ C) -3 ✓	
○ D) 0	
The correct answer is C) -3 as phosphate has a charge of -3.	
Which of the following statements about polyatomic ions is true? (Select all that apply)	
Hint: Think about the properties of polyatomic ions.	
A) They are always negatively charged.	
□ B) They consist of two or more atoms. ✓	
C) They can form salts with cations. ✓	
D) They are only found in organic compounds.	
The correct answers are B) They consist of two or more atoms and C) They can form salts with cations	3.
Describe how the naming of polyatomic ions typically reflects their composition or the central atorpresent. Hint: Consider the naming conventions used in chemistry.	m
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The naming of polyatomic ions often includes the central atom's name and a suffix that indicate the number of oxygen atoms.	? S
Which compound is formed when ammonium ions (NH4^+) combine with sulfate ions (SO4^2-)?	
Hint: Consider the charges of the ions when combining them.	
○ A) (NH4)2SO4 ✓	
○ B) NH4SO4	
○ C) NH4(SO4)2	



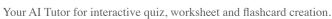


The correct answer is A) (NH4)2SO4 as it balances the charges.
When combining carbonate ions (CO3^2-) with calcium ions (Ca^2+), which of the following statements are true? (Select all that apply)
Hint: Think about the properties of the resulting compound.
☐ A) The resulting compound is CaCO3. ✓
☐ B) The compound formed is soluble in water.
C) The charges of the ions balance each other. ✓
□ D) The resulting compound is a type of salt.
The correct answers are A) The resulting compound is CaCO3, C) The charges of the ions balance each other, and D) The resulting compound is a type of salt.
Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction between sodium ions (Na^+) and phosphate ions (PO4^3-).
Hint: Consider the charges of the ions when writing the equation.
The balanced equation is 3Na^+ + PO4^3- → Na3PO4.
Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation
Which of the following best describes the relationship between hydroxide ions (OH^-) and water (H2O)?
Hint: Think about the formation of hydroxide ions.
○ A) Hydroxide ions are a form of water.
○ B) Hydroxide ions are formed by the dissociation of water.
C) Hydroxide ions have no relation to water.
O) Hydroxide ions are the same as water.



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The correct answer is B) Hydroxide ions are formed by the dissociation of water.
Analyze the following statements and identify which are correct regarding the formation of polyatomic ions. (Select all that apply)
Hint: Consider the types of bonds involved in polyatomic ions.
A) Polyatomic ions are formed by ionic bonds.
□ B) Polyatomic ions are formed by covalent bonds. ✓
C) Polyatomic ions can participate in redox reactions. ✓D) Polyatomic ions are always stable in solution.
The correct answers are B) Polyatomic ions are formed by covalent bonds and C) Polyatomic ions can participate in redox reactions.
Compare and contrast the structural differences between nitrate (NO3^-) and nitrite (NO2^-). Hint: Consider the number of oxygen atoms in each ion.
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Nitrate has three oxygen atoms while nitrite has two, affecting their reactivity and properties.
Which of the following scenarios would result in the formation of a precipitate?
Hint: Think about the solubility rules for ionic compounds.
A) Mixing sodium nitrate (NaNO3) with potassium chloride (KCI).
○ B) Mixing calcium chloride (CaCl2) with sodium carbonate (Na2CO3). ✓
C) Mixing ammonium sulfate ((NH4)2SO4) with sodium hydroxide (NaOH).D) Mixing magnesium sulfate (MgSO4) with barium nitrate (Ba(NO3)2).
The correct answer is B) Mixing calcium chloride (CaCl2) with sodium carbonate (Na2CO3) results in a precipitate.





Propose which of the following polyatomic ions could be used to create a buffer solution. (Select al that apply)
Hint: Consider the properties of buffer solutions.
 A) Acetate (C2H3O2^-) ✓ B) Phosphate (PO4^3-) ✓ C) Sulfate (SO4^2-) D) Bicarbonate (HCO3^-) ✓
The correct answers are A) Acetate (C2H3O2^-), B) Phosphate (PO4^3-), and D) Bicarbonate (HCO3^-)
Design a simple experiment to demonstrate the formation of a polyatomic ion precipitate. Describe the materials, procedure, and expected results. Hint: Think about common reactions that produce precipitates.
An example experiment could involve mixing solutions of barium chloride and sodium sulfate to form barium sulfate precipitate.