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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is a molecular compound?

Hint: Think about the types of elements that make up molecular compounds.

- A) A compound made of metals
- B) A compound made of non-metals ✓
- C) A compound made of ions
- D) A compound made of metalloids

■ A molecular compound is primarily made of non-metals.

Which of the following are prefixes used in naming molecular compounds? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the common prefixes used in chemistry.

- A) Mono- ✓
- B) Di- ✓
- C) Tri- ✓
- D) Poly-

■ Prefixes like mono-, di-, and tri- are commonly used in naming molecular compounds.

Explain the general rule for naming the first element in a molecular compound.

Hint: Think about how the first element is represented in the compound's name.

The first element in a molecular compound is named using its elemental name, and the prefix is used only if there is more than one atom of that element.

List the prefixes for the numbers 1 to 4 used in naming molecular compounds.

Hint: Recall the prefixes associated with these numbers.

1. 1

Mono-

2. 2

Di-

3. 3

Tri-

4. 4

Tetra-

The prefixes for the numbers 1 to 4 are mono-, di-, tri-, and tetra-.

What suffix is typically used for the second element in a molecular compound?

Hint: Think about the common endings for elements in molecular compounds.

- A) -ate
- B) -ide ✓
- C) -ite
- D) -ous

The suffix typically used for the second element in a molecular compound is -ide.

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

Why is the prefix "mono-" often omitted for the first element in a molecular compound?

Hint: Consider the clarity and common practices in naming.

- A) It is always implied. ✓
- B) It is unnecessary for clarity.
- C) It is replaced by "di-."
- D) It is only used for the second element.

The prefix 'mono-' is often omitted for the first element because it is always implied.

Which of the following are correctly named molecular compounds? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the correct naming conventions for molecular compounds.

- A) CO₂ as Carbon dioxide ✓
- B) N₂O as Nitrogen oxide
- C) SF₆ as Sulfur hexafluoride ✓
- D) H₂O as Dihydrogen monoxide ✓

Correctly named molecular compounds include CO₂ as Carbon dioxide, SF₆ as Sulfur hexafluoride, and H₂O as Dihydrogen monoxide.

Describe the difference between a molecular compound and an ionic compound.

Hint: Consider the types of bonds and elements involved.

A molecular compound consists of non-metal atoms bonded covalently, while an ionic compound consists of metal and non-metal ions bonded ionically.

What is the correct name for the compound with the formula P₄O₁₀?

Hint: Use the prefixes and naming rules for molecular compounds.

- A) Phosphorus oxide
- B) **Tetraphosphorus decoxide ✓**
- C) Phosphorus pentoxide
- D) Diphosphorus pentoxide

The correct name for P₄O₁₀ is Tetraphosphorus decoxide.

Given the compound name "Dinitrogen tetroxide," what is its chemical formula? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Translate the name into its corresponding chemical formula.

- A) **N₂O₄ ✓**
- B) NO₂
- C) N₄O₂
- D) N₂O₂

The chemical formula for Dinitrogen tetroxide is N₂O₄.

Write the chemical formula for the compound named "sulfur dioxide."

Hint: Use the naming conventions to derive the formula.

The chemical formula for sulfur dioxide is SO₂.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following compounds does not follow the standard naming rules for molecular compounds?

Hint: Consider the exceptions to the naming conventions.

- A) CO₂
- B) H₂O ✓
- C) NO₂
- D) SO₃

H₂O is commonly known as water, which does not follow the standard naming rules for molecular compounds.

Analyze the following names and identify any errors. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for discrepancies in the naming conventions.

- A) Carbon monoxide for CO
- B) Dihydrogen oxide for H₂O
- C) Nitrogen trioxide for NO₃ ✓
- D) Sulfur trioxide for SO₃

The name 'Nitrogen trioxide for NO₃' is incorrect as it should be Nitrogen trioxide for NO₂.

Explain why some molecular compounds are better known by their common names rather than their systematic names.

Hint: Consider the historical context and usage of these names.

Some molecular compounds are better known by their common names due to historical usage, simplicity, and ease of communication.

Which of the following statements best evaluates the importance of using prefixes in naming molecular compounds?

Hint: Think about the role of prefixes in conveying information.

- A) Prefixes are optional and do not affect the name.
- B) Prefixes are crucial for indicating the number of atoms. ✓
- C) Prefixes are only used for aesthetic purposes.
- D) Prefixes are used to indicate the charge of ions.

Prefixes are crucial for indicating the number of atoms in molecular compounds.

Propose a systematic name for the compound with the formula CCl_4 . (Select all that apply)

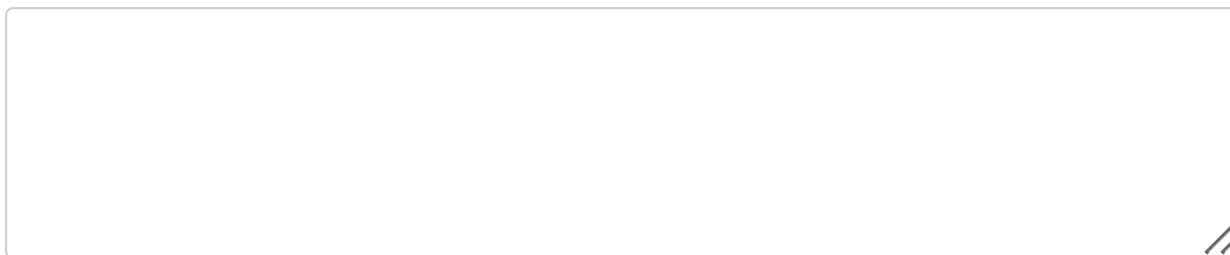
Hint: Use the prefixes and naming rules to derive the name.

- A) Carbon tetrachloride ✓
- B) Tetrachloromethane ✓
- C) Carbon chloride
- D) Methane tetrachloride

The systematic names for CCl_4 are Carbon tetrachloride and Tetrachloromethane.

Create a real-world scenario where correctly naming a molecular compound is crucial, and explain the potential consequences of incorrect naming.

Hint: Think about industries or fields where chemical naming is critical.



In pharmaceuticals, incorrect naming of compounds can lead to dangerous mix-ups and health risks.