Reactivity Lesson 1 - Electron Configuration

Chemistry - Key Stage 3

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Magnesium has an atomic number of 12 and a mass number of 24.

How many protons does it have?

How many electrons does it have?

How many neutrons does it have?



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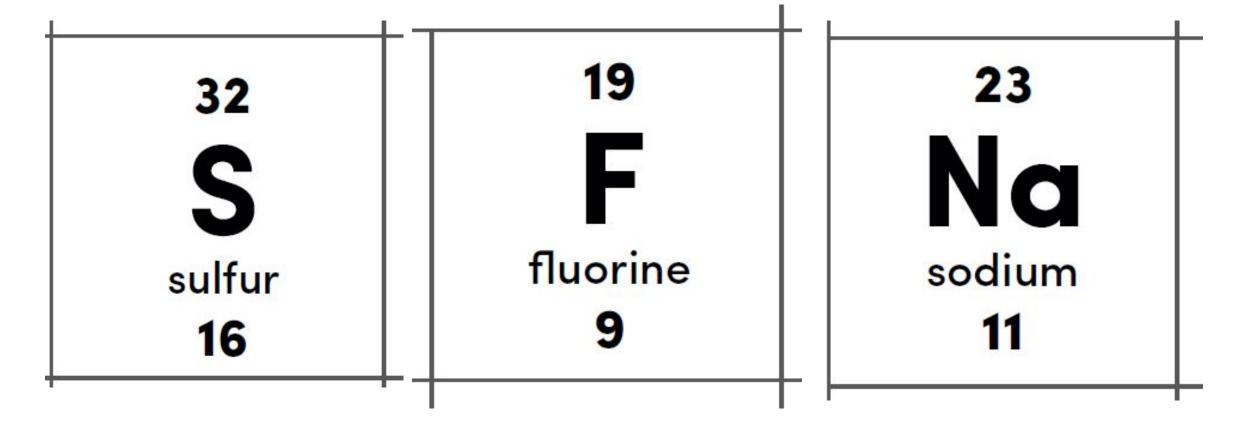
12 protons

12 electrons

24 - 12 = 12 neutrons

Independent Practice

How many protons, neutrons and electrons does each element contain?





Independent Practice

Sulfur: 16 protons, 16 electrons, 16 neutrons

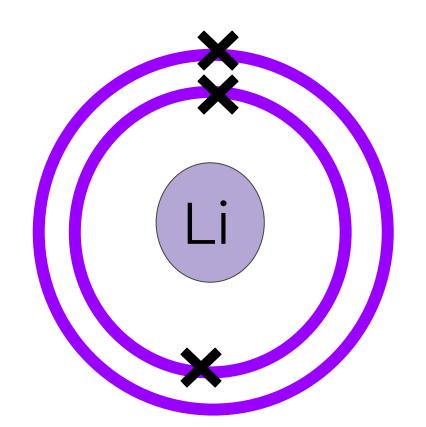
Fluorine: 9 protons, 9 electrons, 10 neutrons

Sodium: 11 protons, 11 electrons, 12 neutrons



Independent practice:

1. Draw the electron configuration for lithium which has 3 electrons.



2. Write the electron configuration for boron which has 5 electrons.

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3. Write the electron configuration for sodium which has 11 electrons.

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What does the group number of an element tell us? Can you see a pattern?

The group number tells us how many electrons are in the outer shell of the atom.