

## 4. Formulae of Compounds 6. Valency A compound has at least two elements in it. The valency of an element is a measure of its combining power with other atoms when it forms chemical compounds. Can be thought of as the number of bonds (arms) each substance has. They are formed in chemical reactions. H +2 +3 +4 -3 -2 -1 He Valency Table Compounds have different properties to the elements that make Li Be Na Mg S CI Ar transition metals Chlorine a very Sodium, very Se Br Kr Rb Sr In Sn Sb Te I Xe Members of this group of metals toxic green gas; reactive metal: display a number of valencies TI Pb Bi Po At Rn shiny, conducts Does not conduct Fr Ra 4 5 6 7 Sodium chloride; White crystals, essential to life. Conducts only when molten or dissolved. 7. Equations Compounds have a formula – this tells us exactly what a A chemical equation shows what happens during a chemical reaction. compound is made of. A small number after a symbol tells you how many of that type of atom. They are written in the format REACTANTS **PRODUCTS** 2 hydrogens 1 carbon $H_2O$ $CO_2$ 1 oxygen 2 oxygens Word equations use full names of the elements and compounds involved 1 magnesium 2 potassiums MgCl<sub>2</sub> $K_2O$ Magnesium + oxygen Magnesium oxide 2 fluorine 1 oxygen 1 nitrogen 2 hydrogen NH<sub>3</sub> H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 3 hydrogens 1 sulphur Symbol equations use the formulae of the reactants and products. 4 oxygens The total number of each element must be the same on each side of the arrow. This is called **balancing** the equation. 5. Naming Compounds The product bonds are made MgCO<sub>3</sub> When we combine elements to make something new, the names of each of the elements is used to name the compound Rules Put the metal element first Then the non metal element Changing its ending to -ide e.g. Hydrogen front change Calcium and fluorine make Н Calcium fluoride 0 Magnesium and oxygen make Ω only add Magnesium oxide formula $CH_{4}$ $2 O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2$ chemical Copper and chlorine make **Copper chloride** Carbon and oxygen make

Carbon dioxide

FeF<sub>3</sub> Iron (II) carbonate FeCO<sub>3</sub> 8. Chemical reactions During any chemical reaction: Existing bonds are broken Atoms are rearranged New bonds formed The **reactant** bonds are broken

+ chlorine

Iron (III) fluoride

hydrogen chloride

2 HCl

bonds

made

bonds

broken