EXTENSION ACTIVITY GENERAL CHEMISTRY

# IONIZATION ENERGY

Activity Directions

This activity will serve as practice for the topics covered in the Ionization Energy game, as well as help you build on many of the concepts you learned in the Radii Trends game. This activity is best used in conjunction with not only the tutorial levels, but also supplementary learning resources such as course lectures, textbook reading, etc. Questions labeled "Lock It In" are simply opportunities for you to solidify what you have accomplished in each task and help ensure you meet each objective.

- 1. Log into Collisions and navigate to the lonization Energy Game.
- 2. Play the Tutorial levels, if you haven't done so already.
- 3. Exit the levels and enter the Ionization Energy sandbox.
- 4. Follow all instructions as written below. Be sure to reference your course's textbook, lecture notes, etc. as needed.



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Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between effective nuclear charge and ionization energy.

A highly important concept in chemistry is the idea of ionization energy. Ionization energy describes the amount of energy required to remove an electron from a neutral atom in the gaseous state as described in the equation below. The energy required to remove the first electron is called the "first ionization energy", while the removal of successive electrons earns the labels "second ionization energy", "third ionization energy", and so on. electrons earns the labels "second ionization energy", and so on.

# $X(g) \rightarrow X^{+}(g) + e^{-}$

Note that in the Ionization Energy game, ionization energy is described in "units of energy". In reality, however, ionization energies are typically given as kilojoules per mole (kJ/mol) or electronvolts (eV).

**TASK 1:** Pull out the atom of each element listed in the table below from the atom bank. Record the number of units of energy required to remove the first valence electron (the first ionization energy) from each. The third column of the table will be left blank until *Task 2*.

Element	First Ionization Energy (units of energy)	Effective Nuclear Charge on Valence Electrons
Sodium (Na)		
Aluminum (Al)		
Selenium (Se)		
Bromine (Br)		



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**OBJECTIVE 1** 

Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between effective nuclear charge and ionization energy.

TASK 2: The values in the periodic table below represent the effective nuclear charge on different electrons in the ground state atom of each element. Find the effective nuclear charge on the last valence electron level for each of the elements that you used in *Task 1* and complete the table.

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3d	21.679	22.726	25.397	25.567	26.247	27.228	28.353	29.359	30.405	31.451	32.540	33.607	34.678	35.742	36.800	37.839	38.901	39.947			
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Effective Nuclear Charge values from Clementi et al. 1963 and 1967

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**TASK 3:** For this task you will explore successive ionization energies. The sandbox allows you to remove more than just one electron from an atom. As such, you are able to see how the amount of energy required to remove successive electrons changes.

- 1. In the designated spaces below, enter the first, second, and third ionization energies for sodium and magnesium determined using the sandbox.
- 2. You must also determine the difference/size of the jump between the first and second and second and third ionization energies.
- 3. To aid in your understanding of what each ionization energy represents, complete the electron configuration and orbital diagrams of the atom after each electron removal.
- 4. The first few sections have been completed for the sodium atom to help you.

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First IE	5	>	1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup> 3s <sup>0</sup>		<b>↑</b> ↓			
Second IE	46	39						
Third IE								

### Sodium



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### Magnesium

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Third IE								

LOCK IT IN: Identify the trend in successive ionization energies. Explain why this trend occurs.

### LOCK IT IN:

Explain why the largest jump in ionization energy does not occur at the same point in sodium and magnesium. Hint: Look at the orbital diagram to see where the electron being removed is located.



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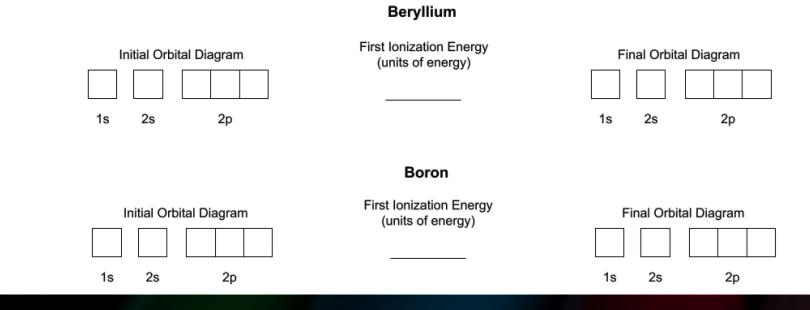
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**TASK 4:** We can use the sandbox and our understanding of electron configurations to study some special phenomena involving ionization energies. The first of these involves the elements beryllium and boron.

To begin, look at the effective nuclear charges of beryllium (Be) and boron (B) using the table from *Task 2*. As you remember, effective nuclear charge increases from left to right across a period. Boron is located just to the right of beryllium in the same period. In the space below, write a claim as to which of the two should have the higher first ionization energy and provide your reasoning.

In the sandbox, remove a beryllium atom and a boron atom from the bank. Complete the orbital diagram for each atom before removing one electron and recording the ionization energy in the spaces below. After you remove the electron, complete the orbital diagram for each ion.



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Demonstrate an understanding of exceptions to normal patterns of ionization energy.

Did the ionization energies modeled in the sandbox support or refute your initial claim about the first ionization energies of beryllium and boron? Use the data you collected to support your decision.

### LOCK IT IN:

When thinking about atoms and ions, it is very important to remember that there is a very complex balance of attractive and repulsive forces between electrons and protons and electrons with other electrons. These interactions are complemented by a complex suite of other factors and aspects of quantum mechanics. One result of these different effects is that fully filled subshells are more stable than partially filled ones. Use this information to explain why you observed what you did when determining the first ionization energies of beryllium and boron.

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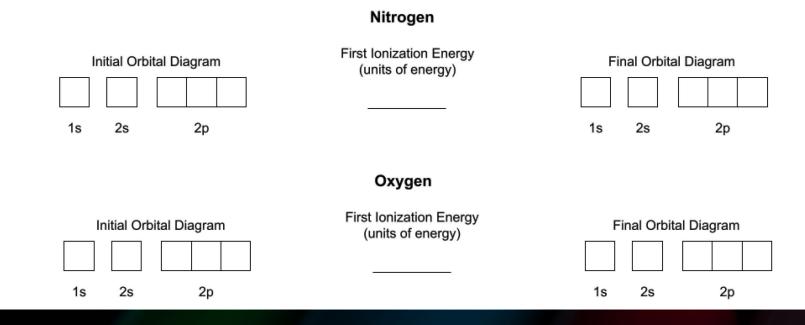




**TASK 5:** We will now explore another ionization energy phenomenon using the elements nitrogen and oxygen.

To begin, look at the effective nuclear charges of nitrogen (N) and oxygen (O) using the table from *Task 2*. As you remember, effective nuclear charge increases from left to right across a period. Oxygen is located just to the right of nitrogen in the same period. In the space below, write a claim as to which of the two should have the higher first ionization energy and provide your reasoning.

In the sandbox, remove a nitrogen atom and an oxygen atom from the bank. Complete the orbital diagram for each atom before removing one electron and recording the ionization energy in the spaces below. After you remove the electron, complete the orbital diagram for each ion.



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Demonstrate an understanding of exceptions to normal patterns of ionization energy.

Did the ionization energies modeled in the sandbox support or refute your initial claim about the first ionization energies of nitrogen and oxygen? Use the data you collected to support your decision.

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### LOCK IT IN:

Another result of the complexity of the atom is that exactly half-filled subshells are also more stable than partially filled ones. Use this information to explain why you observed what you did when determining the first ionization energies of nitrogen and oxygen.

**LOCK IT IN:** Describe in a few sentences the relationship between effective nuclear charge and ionization energy going across a period. Explain why there are occasionally exceptions to this relationship.



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**TASK 6:** Use the sandbox to identify the ionization energies of the elements indicated on the section of the periodic table below.

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7 NI	8	9 <b>F</b>	10
Nitrogen 14.007	Oxygen 15.999	Fluorine 18.998	Neon 20.180
15	16	17	18
Phosphorus 30.974	<b>S</b> Sulfur 32.066	Chlorine 35.453	Argon 39.948
33	34	35	36
As	Se	Br	Kr
Arsenic 74.922	Selenium 78.971	Bromine 79.904	Krypton 83.798

Element	First Ionization Energy (units of energy)
Nitrogen	
Phosphorus	
Arsenic	
Sulfur	
Chlorine	



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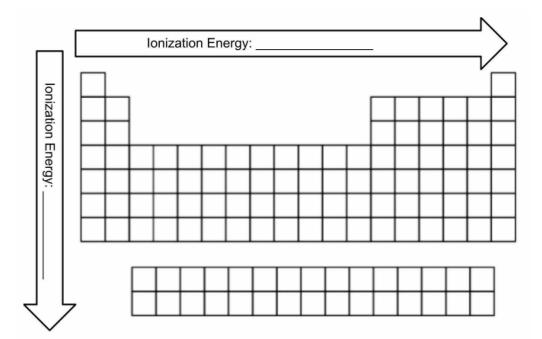
### LOCK IT IN:

Label the periodic table below with the terms "increasing" or "decreasing" based on the general trends in ionization energy. Remember that there will be exceptions!



### LOCK IT IN:

Justify the trend you identified going from left to right across a period using the concept of effective nuclear charge.





### LOCK IT IN:

Justify the trend you identified going down a group using the concept of increasing principal quantum number (n).

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Another important concept in chemistry is the idea of electron affinity. Electron affinity describes the energy change associated with adding an electron to a neutral atom in the gaseous state as described in the equation below.

# $X(g) + e^- \rightarrow X^-(g)$

Note that in the Ionization Energy game, electron affinity is described in "units of energy". In reality, however, electron affinities are typically given as kilojoules per mole (kJ/mol) or electronvolts (eV). Unlike ionization energy, electron affinities can either be negative, positive, or zero. A negative electron affinity indicates that energy is released by the addition of the electron, while a positive one indicates that energy is required to add the electron. Accordingly, a very negative electron affinity while the opposite is true for a very positive electron affinity.

**TASK 7:** Pull out the atom of each element listed in the table below from the atom bank. Record the number of units of energy released (include a negative sign) or used (include a positive sign) to add an electron to each element.

Element	Electron Affinity (units of energy)
Sodium (Na)	
Magnesium (Mg)	
Aluminum (Al)	
Sulfur (S)	
Chlorine (Cl)	

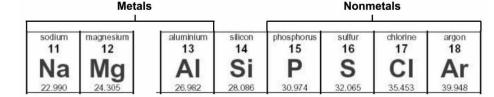




**TASK 8:** Trends in electron affinity are less identifiable going down a group of the periodic table. However, there are other patterns that emerge, particularly across a period. Use the information you gathered in Task 6 and the image of Period 3 below to help you answer the questions beneath it.

What is the general trend in electron affinity that exists going from left to right across a period?







### LOCK IT IN:

Argon (Ar) has by the far the lowest electron affinity of the elements in period 7. Explain why this makes sense using its electron configuration of 1s<sup>2</sup>2s<sup>2</sup>2p<sup>6</sup>3s<sup>2</sup>3p<sup>6</sup>.

### LOCK IT IN:

Assuming the data you collected in *Task* 7 is representative (which it is), compare the electron affinities of metals with nonmetals (excluding argon).

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### LOCK IT IN:

Compare the electron affinity you observed for sodium with that of magnesium. Explain why that makes sense considering that the electron configuration of sodium is  $1s^22s^22p^63s^1$  and the electron configuration of magnesium is  $1s^22s^22p^63s^2$ .



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Demonstrate an understanding of how the octet rule helps determine the charge of a main group ion.

One of the most crucial concepts in understanding the main group elements and their behaviors is the octet rule. This phenomenon describes the tendency of atoms to prefer having eight electrons in the valence shell. More specifically, atoms prefer to have full valence s and p subshells and, as you will see in other games, will react with other elements in ways that allow them to achieve such a state as best as possible. This same situation is often described as an attempt by atoms to resemble the nearest noble gas (Group 8) on the periodic table since noble gases in their neutral ground state all have full valence shells.

**TASK 9:** In this task, you will once again take a look at the elements of Period 3. However, this time you will be determining how to help these elements satisfy the octet rule in the most energetically favorable manner.

- 1. Use the sandbox to determine the amount of energy required to reach a complete octet by removing electrons from each atom and then by adding electrons. In the case that there is not enough energy available in the sandbox to complete a task, simply enter ">100" to indicate that more than 100 units of energy would be necessary to complete the removal or addition of an electron.
- 2. Decide if it is more energetically favorable to add or remove electrons and indicate how many electrons should be added or removed.
- 3. Determine the charge of the ion satisfying the octet rule. Remember that electrons are negatively charged!

Element	Energy Required to Add Electrons to Complete Octet (units of energy)	Energy Required to Remove Electrons to Complete Octet (units of energy)	Most Energetically Favorable Scenario? ("gain electrons" or "lose electrons")	Change in # of Electrons for Most Energetically Favorable Scenario	Charge of Ion Satisfying Octet Rule
Sodium (Na)					
Magnesium (Mg)					
Aluminum (Al)					
Phosphorus (P)					
Sulfur (S)					
Chlorine (Cl)					

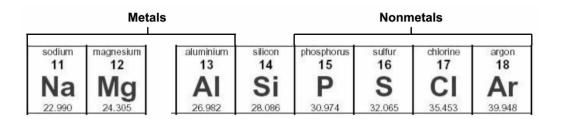


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Demonstrate an understanding of how the octet rule helps determine the charge of a main group ion.



### LOCK IT IN:

According to trends in the Period 3 elements, do **metals** generally prefer to gain or lose electrons to achieve a complete octet?

### LOCK IT IN:

Using what you have seen so far in this sandbox activity, is it more energetically favorable to form cations from elements with low ionization energies to complete the octet rule or from those with high ionization energies?

# LOCK IT IN: According to trends in the Period 3

elements, do **nonmetals** generally prefer to gain or lose electrons to achieve a complete octet?

# LOCK IT IN:

Using what you have seen so far in this sandbox activity, is it more energetically favorable to form anions from elements with low electron affinities to complete the octet rule or from those with high electron affinities?



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Demonstrate an understanding of how the ionic radius is determined by the difference between the nuclear charge and the number of electrons.

**TASK 10:** Complete the table with your knowledge of electron configurations and atomic radii gained during the Radii Trends game. Then rank the atoms by radius in the designated space beneath the table. Use a periodic table as necessary.

Element	# of Protons	# of Electrons	Electron Configuration	Orbital Diagram	
Sulfur (S)				1s         2s         2p         3s         3p         4s	
Chlorine (Cl)				Is         2s         2p         3s         3p         4s	]
Potassium (K)				Is         2s         2p         3s         3p         4s	
Calcium (Ca)				Is         2s         2p         3s         3p         4s	]

Largest Radius	
Smallest Radius	



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Demonstrate an understanding of how the ionic radius is determined by the difference between the nuclear charge and the number of electrons.

**TASK 11:** Create the ions listed in the table below in the sandbox and make sure to "Check" them so that they appear in the bottom panel. Once they all appear there, complete the rest of the table and rank them by ionic radius.

lon	# of Protons	# of Electrons	Electron Configuration	Orbital Diagram
S <sup>2-</sup>				1s     2s     2p     3s     3p     4s
Cl				1s     2s     2p     3s     3p     4s
K⁺				$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Ca <sup>2+</sup>				1s         2s         2p         3s         3p         4s

Largest Radius	
Smallest Radius	
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Demonstrate an understanding of how the ionic radius is determined by the difference between the nuclear charge and the number of electrons.

LOCK IT IN: Are the trends in atomic radius and ionic radius the same? Explain your answer.



### LOCK IT IN:

You should notice that the ions in Task 10 are isoelectronic—ions with the same electron configurations. Explain why these ions do not all have the same radius. As part of your answer, justify why the smallest and largest ions are that way.

LOCK IT IN: Compare the radius of cations and anions with their parent atoms.



### LOCK IT IN:

With which noble gas do these elements all share an electron configuration?



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Demonstrate an understanding of the trends in ionic radius on the periodic table.

**TASK 12:** Depending on what ions remain in the bottom panel of your sandbox, ensure that you either have or create lithium (Li<sup>+</sup>), sodium (Na<sup>+</sup>), and potassium (K<sup>+</sup>) ions. Rank them by radius in the space below.

Ithium 3 Li 6.941 sodium 11 Na 22.990 potassium 19 K 39.098

Largest Radius
Smallest Radius



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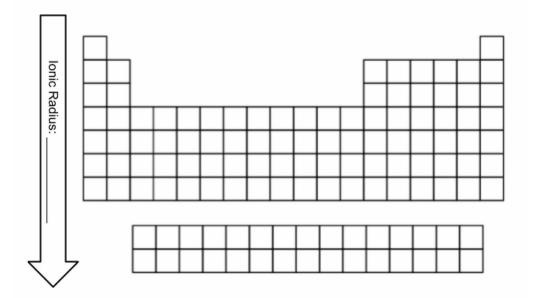


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### LOCK IT IN:

The trend in ionic radius going right across a period for the main group elements (transition elements are more complex) is that the radius decreases for the positive ions and then increases at the first negative ion and then decreases from there. Label the periodic table below with the term "increasing" or "decreasing" based on the trend in ionic radius going down a group.







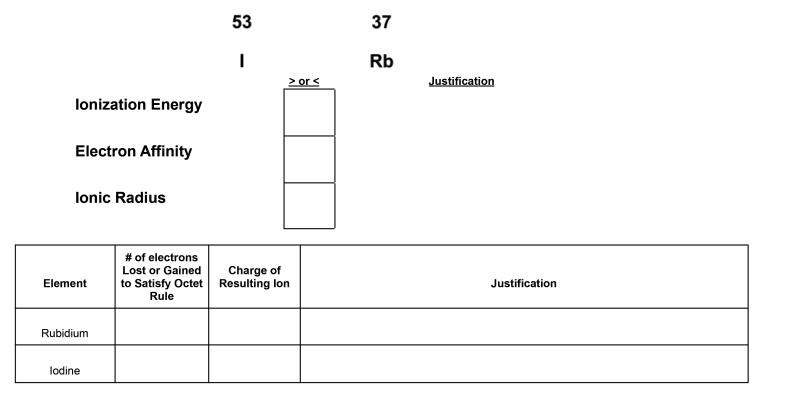
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**CLOSURE:** Rubidium (Rb) and Iodine (I) are two elements in Period 5 that are not available to you in the sandbox for the Ionization Energy game. However, you should be able to use what you have learned so far to demonstrate your overall understanding of the concepts presented in the game. Compare the ions for rubidium and iodine on their ionization energy, electron affinity, and ionic radius using only a periodic table. Enter a greater than (>) or less than (<) symbol into the table. Then provide a brief justification as to why you chose the symbol you did using what you have learned.

In the table, identify how many electrons the atom would lose or gain to satisfy the octet rule and identify the charge of the resulting ion. You must also justify your answers there as well.





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