

Ionic Bonding Puzzle Instructions

Step one: Color all of the “ion puzzle pieces” according to the following rules:

- Color all puzzle pieces with a +1 charge red.
- Color all puzzle pieces with a +2 charge orange.
- Color all puzzle pieces with a +3 charge yellow.
- Color all puzzle pieces with a -1 charge green.
- Color all puzzle pieces with a -2 charge blue.
- Color all puzzle pieces with a -3 charge purple.

Step two: Cut out each of the puzzle pieces.

Step Three: Complete the Ionic Bonding Puzzle Activity using the “ion puzzle pieces” to show the compounds.

Step Four: Once you have finished putting together all of your pieces for the Puzzle Activity, reuse the puzzle pieces to make and glue the following compounds onto page _____ in your notebook.

Write their name and formulas under each set of glued puzzle pieces on your notebook page.

- Lithium bromide
- Magnesium oxide
- Calcium chloride
- Potassium nitride
- Aluminum phosphide
- Aluminum sulfide

Step Five: Complete the worksheet.

Ionic Bonding Puzzle Activity

Use your puzzle pieces to combine the following ions to show how they make a compound.

Write down the chemical formula for the final compound. Remember: Positive ion is written first, negative ion is second! Include subscripts to show the number of atoms!

H + F _____ Be + O _____ Be + I _____

Al + N _____ Al + P _____ Li + P _____

Li + F _____ Li + Br _____ Ca + O _____

Ca + S _____ H + O _____ Al + N _____

Al + Br _____ K + Cl _____ K + I _____

Mg + S _____ K + S _____ Rb + I _____

Rb + Br _____ H + Cl _____

Ionic Bonding Puzzle Worksheet

1) What happens to the total charge of the compound after the ions bond together?
(Hint: add together the charges of the ions in the compound).

2) How many lithium ions are required to bond with one nitrogen ion? Why?

3) How many chlorine ions are required to bond with one aluminum ion? Why?

4) Describe how you can use the periodic table to predict the charge of an ion?

5) Predict the charges for the following: (include the “+” or “-” sign)

Cs _____ Sr _____ In _____

Ra _____ As _____ Se _____

At _____ Fr _____ Ba _____



