

Rules for Naming Compounds

1. Name the 1st element as seen on periodic table.
2. Name the 2nd element, but change the ending to -ide.
3. If the 1st element is a **metal**, then the compound is **ionic** and the name is **complete**.
4. If the 1st element is a **nonmetal**, then the compound is **covalent** and you add **prefixes**.

1- mono

2- di

3- tri

4- tetra

5- penta

*6- hexa

*7- hepta

8- octa

9- nona

10- deca

*** Exception: DO NOT use Mono for the first element***

Examples:

1. Metals are on the (left/right) side of the periodic table.
2. A Metal and Nonmetal together makes a(n) (ionic/covalent) compound which (does/does not) use prefixes.
3. Fill in the table below:

	Is there a metal present?	Ionic or Covalent?	Add prefixes?	Name	Chemical Formula
A	Yes	Ionic	No	potassium oxide	K ₂ O
B	No	Covalent	Yes	disulfur monoxide	S ₂ O
C	No	Covalent	Yes	X nitrogen trichloride	NCl ₃
D	Yes	Ionic	No	aluminum chloride	AlCl ₃
E	No	Covalent	Yes	di phosphorus pentoxide	P ₂ O ₅

	Is there a metal present?	Ionic or Covalent?	Add prefixes?	Name	Chemical Formula
F	No	Covalent	Yes	X carbon monoxide	CO
G	No	Covalent	Yes	heptanitrogen tri chloride	N ₇ Cl ₃
H	Yes	Ionic	No	gallium chloride	GaCl ₃
I	No	Covalent	Yes	di nitrogen tri oxide	N ₂ O ₃
J	Yes	Ionic	No	lithium sulfide	Li ₂ S
K	Yes	Ionic	No	gallium oxide	Ga ₂ O ₃
L	No	Covalent	Yes	di carbon hexa bromide	C ₂ Br ₆
M	Yes	Ionic	No	aluminum oxide	Al ₂ O ₃
N	Yes	Ionic	No	strontium nitride	Sr ₃ N ₂
O	Yes	Ionic	No	barium sulfide	BaS
P	Yes	Ionic	No	potassium nitride	K ₃ N
Q	No	Covalent	Yes	tri phosphorous pent oxide	P ₃ O ₅
R	No	Covalent	Yes	X nitrogen monoxide	NO
S	No	Covalent	Yes	trisulfur hexafluoride	S ₃ F ₆
T	Yes	Ionic	No	calcium bromide	CaBr ₂
U	No	Covalent	Yes	tetraphosphorous decoxide	P ₄ O ₁₀
V	Yes	Ionic	No	magnesium oxide	MgO
W	No	Covalent	Yes	Diselenium Hexaiodide	Se ₂ I ₆
X	No	Covalent	Yes	Tetraphosphorous Pentasulfide	P ₄ S ₅
Y	No	Covalent	Yes	Trinitrogen Heptafluoride	N ₃ F ₇
Z	No	Covalent	Yes	Dihydrogen Monoxide	H ₂ O