

## ORGANIZATION

## Group/ Family

- Categorized by column
- Members of each group have the same number of electrons in their outer electron energy level or "shell"
- Most reactions involve only the outer electrons, so members of the same group generally participate in the same types of reactions
- Members of the same group usually have very similar chemical properties

### Period/ Row

- Categorized by horizontal row
- Members of the same period have the same number of electron "shells," but they differ in how they are filled

## **ELEMENT CLASSIFICATION**

#### Metals:

- Solid at room temperature (75 degrees F)
- Have a shiny appearance
- Usually give up electrons in a chemical reaction

#### Non-metals:

- Gases or solids at room temperature
- Dull and brittle
- Normally take electrons in a chemical reaction

#### Metalloids:

- Solids at room temperature
- Share characteristics of metals and nonmetals



## ELEMENTAL GROUPS

## 1A - Alkali metals (except H)

- Soft with low density
- Have low melting points
- Are extremely reactive
- Have 1 electron in their outer shell that they are likely to give up in a chemical reaction
- Form strong bonds with Halogens

#### 2A – Alkaline Earth Metals

- Harder and denser than alkali metals
- Silver-colored metals with high melting points
- Have two electrons in their outer energy level, which they tend to give away
- Found in the earth's crust
- Are found in many rocks on the earth

# ELEMENTAL GROUP (CONTINUED)

### Group 3-12 – Transition Metals

- Have good thermal and electrical conductivity
- Are hard metals and have very high melting points
- Have low to moderate reactivity
- Mercury is liquid at room temperature because of its low melting point

## Group 7A – Halogens

- Are highly reactive and are not found naturally in pure form on the earth
- Only need 1 electron to complete their outer shell
- React with metals to form salt (EX: NaCl)
- At room temperature, they can exist as a solid, liquid or gas depending on the element

# ELEMENTAL GROUP (CONTINUED)

- •Group 8A Noble Gases
- Have low boiling points
- Have almost no reactivity
- Have complete outer electron energy levels (8 electrons= octet)
- Commonly used in lighting
- Gases at room temperature

Diatomic Elements - H, N, F, O, I, Cl, Br

- These elements are unstable as a single element so they are generally found in nature as a pair
- H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub>

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