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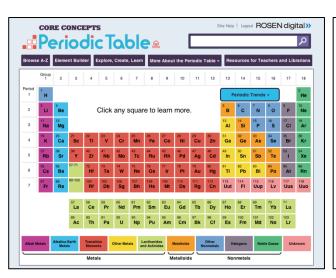
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Supports STEM & Next Generation Science Standards!

Core Concepts: Chemistry encourages students to explore the world around them from the subatomic level on up. This rich resource covers atoms, elements, chemical reactions, organic chemistry, biochemistry, the properties of matter, and more.





Key Features

Learners will experience:

- Biographies and interactive timelines that put discoveries and events in historical context
- Extensive footage, images, and diagrams—including targeted, studentcreated videos from the Chemical Heritage Foundation
- The ability to submit videos for publication on the site
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- iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, and Android compatibility



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blasted into the atmosphere. The state of how its molecules are arranged. In solids, gases, molecules are free to move in any

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Chemistry in Action

The dancing lights of an aurora occur when charged electrons from the Sun collide with gases in Earth's atmosphere. These collisions energize the electrons in the gas atoms. As the electrons jump to a higher energy state, they emit the energy that we see as colored light. The green glow of an aurora comes from electrons colliding with oxygen molecules more than 60 miles (100 km) above Earth's surface.

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Chemical Reactions

Chemical reactions are taking place all around you-and inside you. Some are too small to notice. Others, like the combustion of fireworks, are too dramatic to ignore. Learn how atoms come together and disconnect, and the remarkable changes that result. Discover the immense power of nuclear reactions, the energy in stars and atomic bombs.

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What turns food into energy, coal into fire, and iron into rust? The answer is chemical reactions. Chemical reactions are taking place all around us and even inside our bodies.

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Chemical bonds allow atoms to stick together in different combinations. How a bond between

atoms forms depends on the number and location of the atom's electrons. Read More



Types of Chemical Reactions

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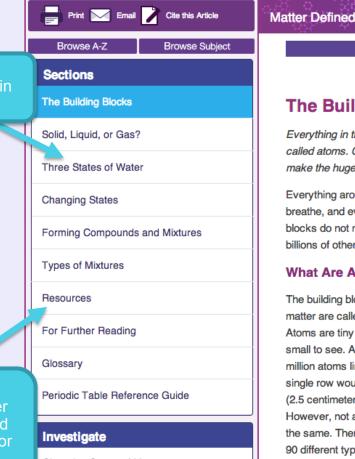
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videos, and extensive information.

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Articles feature "Resources," "For Further Reading," "Glossary," and a pop-up periodic table for convenient reference.

Changing States of Matter

Element Basics

Properties of Gases

Properties of Liquids

The Building Blocks

Everything in the universe is made from

called atoms. Chemistry is the science that investigates hor atoms are organized to make the huge variety of substances people see aroun them.

Everything around you is made of matter. The objects surrounding you, the air you breathe, and even your body are made from " a same building block s. These building blocks do not make up just the things on *Carth.* Everything in the *d*iverse—the sun, the billions of other stars, rocks, and cloves of dust-are made of the n, too.

What Are Atoms?

The building blocks of matter are called atoms. Atoms are tiny and far too small to see. About 125 million atoms lined up in a single row would be an inch (2.5 centimeters) long. However, not all atoms are the same. There are about 90 different types in nature. Atoms come in different sizes and masses and have many properties.

Atoms group together to make the objects and other



All substances are composed of atoms and molecules. Water is made of simple molecules, with an oxygen atom bonded to two hydrogen atoms.

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Photos, charts, tables, and diagrams organize information and make it accessible and engaging for all types of learners.



Covelent and Metallic Bonds

Resources for Teachers and Librarians

Articles feature science experiments and exercises to apply knowledge. undergo neutralization reactions are called acids and bases. Acids are compounds that contain hydrogen ions (H⁺). Bases contain negative hydroxide ions (OH⁻). When acids and bases react they form water and another compound. This second product is neither an acid nor base and is descn.

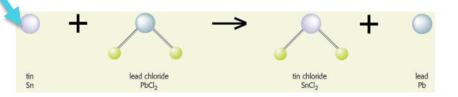
A neutralization occurs where wou add household ammonia (a base; NH_4OH), vinegar (an acid; CH_3O_2H). The vinegar's H⁺ ions and the ammonia's OH^- ions combine to form water (H₂O). The NH_4^+ ion bonds with the vinegar ion ($CH_3CO_4^-$). This forms ammonium ethanoate ($NH_4CH_3CO_2$), a neutral compound. As you scroll down in an article, you will see the following:



This picture shows a displacement reaction in progress. The silver-colored strip of zinc dissolves in the blue copper sulfate solution. Red-brown copper metal forms at the bottom of the test tube.

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The diagram above shows how tin displaces lead when added to a solution of lead chloride.

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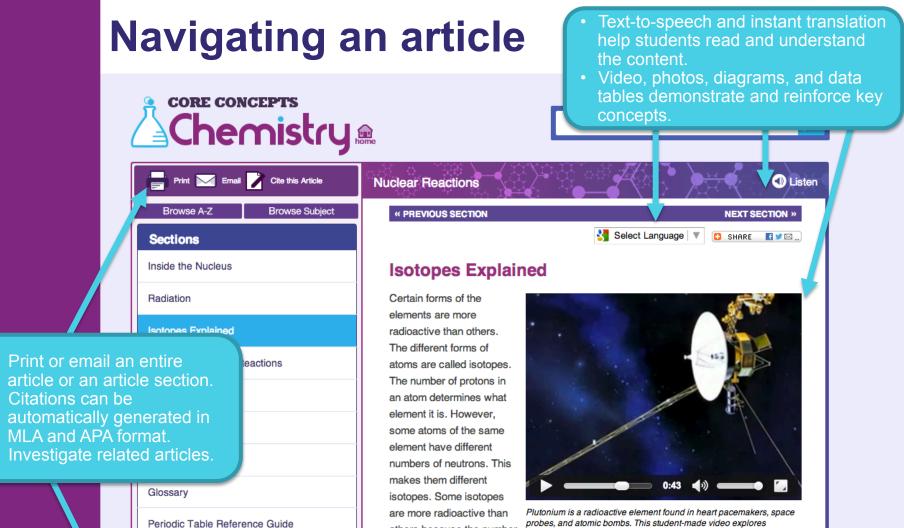
Acid or Base?

Chemists use a substance called an indicator to test if something is an acid or a base. The indicator changes color when acid or bases are added to it. You can make an indicator at home from red cabbage.

Chop up a whole red cabbage into small pieces. Boil the pieces for 30 minutes. (Ask an adult to help you and be careful with the hot water.) The boiling cabbage will make the water turn red. Let the water cool and then use a size (strainer) to separate the

Call-outs feature hands-on activities and ways to apply the information to daily life.





Atomic Pioneer Lise Meitner

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probes, and atomic bombs. This student-made video explores plutonium's properties and history.

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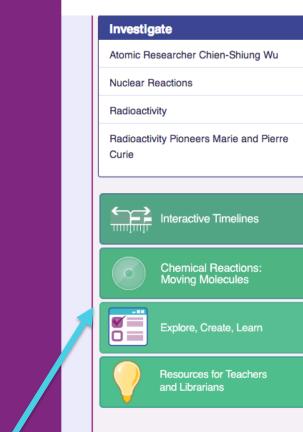
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isotopes, it helps to understand how they are written. Chemists write isotopes in two ways. One way to write an **isotope** looks like this: ${}^{a}_{z}$ X, where "X" is the **chemical symbol**, "z" is the **atomic number** (the number of protons in the nucleus), and "a" is the **atomic mass number** (the sum of the protons and neutrons in the nucleus). If you subtract the atomic number from the mass number, you get the number of neutrons in that isotope. This level of detail can be useful but it is not always needed. Chemists may just write the symbol and the mass number, such as U-238 (uranium-238, or ${}^{238}_{92}$ U).

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amount of energy. That's why the uranium became krypton).

Meitner and Frisch named this process nuclear fission. Genain scientists nao mour a that nuclear fission might be possible, but Meitner and Frisch were the first to recognize and explain it.

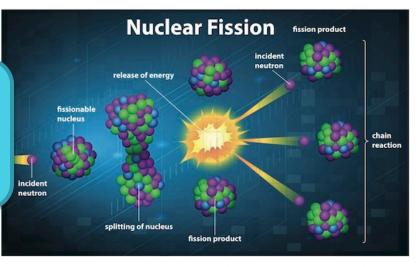
Lise Meitner realized that nuclear fission could be used to convert mass into enormous amounts of energy with a **chain reaction**. In a nuclear chain reaction, neutrons break atoms into pieces. Those split atoms release their neutrons, which crash into other atoms. Those atoms in turn split and release more neutrons that crash into more atoms that are split. The

Think Like a Scientist

Based on what you know about atoms and neutrons, why do you think a nuclear fission reaction continues for so long and produces so much energy?

cycle continues until the radioactive material is stabilized.

Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassmann published a paper describing their findings in 1939. They did not mention Lise Meitner, even though she, at the very least, interpreted and explained the discovery. Hahn and Strassmann knew that it would be dangerous to list a Jewish physicist as coauthor in Germany. Meitner understood and accepted their choice.



Understanding the process of fission was a dramatic step forward. It led to the development of nuclear

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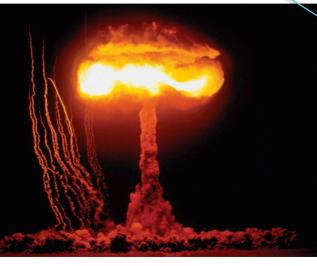
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Atom bombs make use of the instability of radioactive elements. By exploding these elements, huge quantities of energy are released, along with invisible but deadly radiation. View Larger Image Gentoo Multimedia Limited/Shutterstock.com

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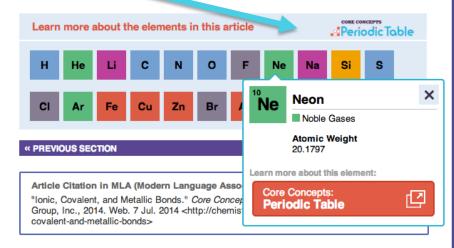
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Larger atoms have two or more electron shells. The extra shells are larger than the first one and need eight electrons to become stable. Becoming stable with eight electrons is called the **octet rule**. This rule drives all chemical reactions because atoms will react ch other until they become stable.

Want to learn more about the elements in a Chemistry article? Use integration to jump directly into Periodic Table articles.

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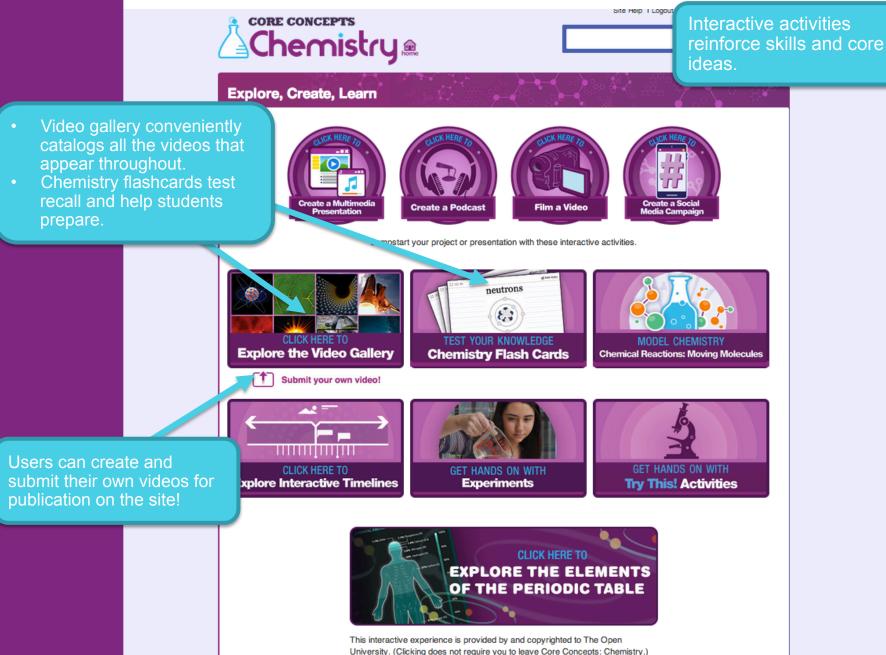
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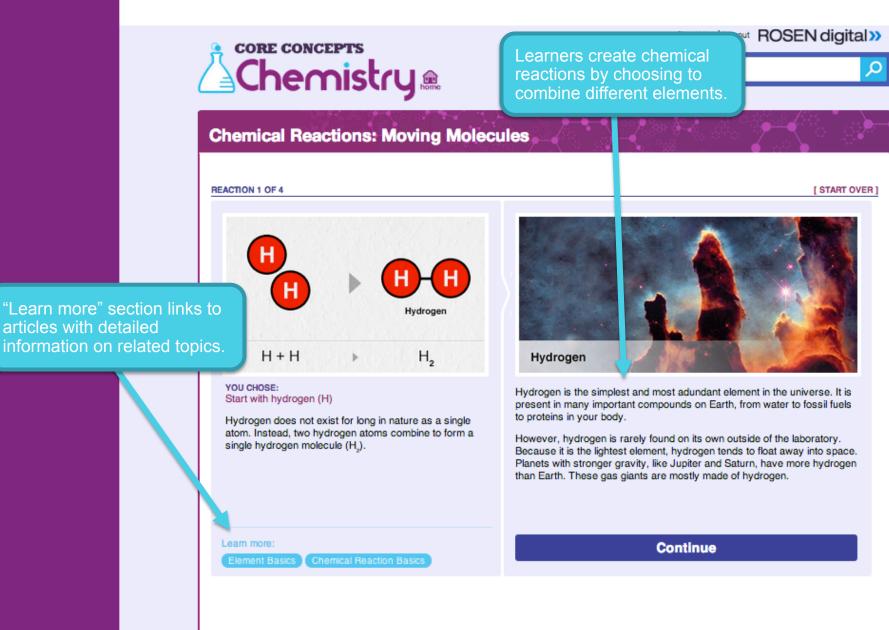
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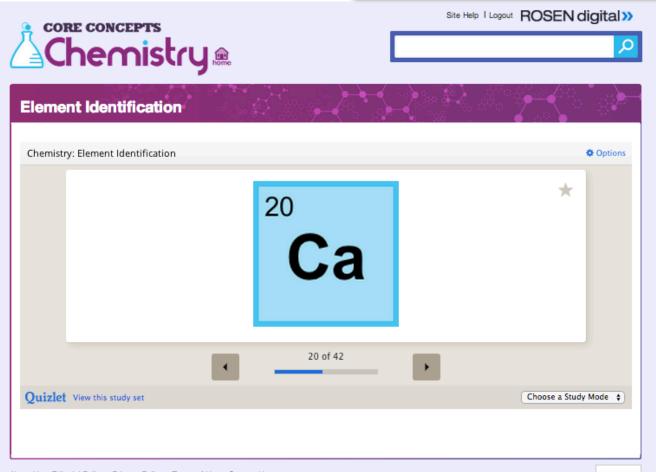


Interactive "Chemical Reactions" Activity



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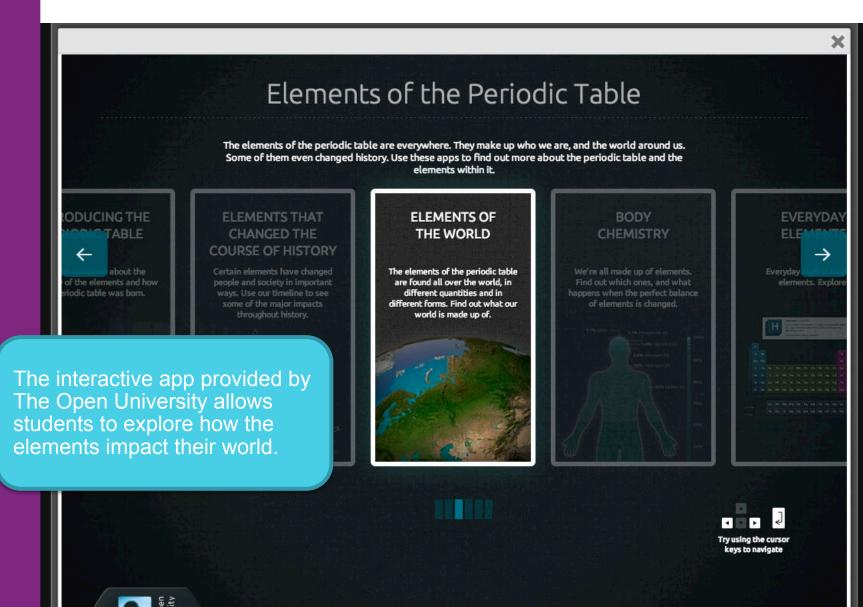


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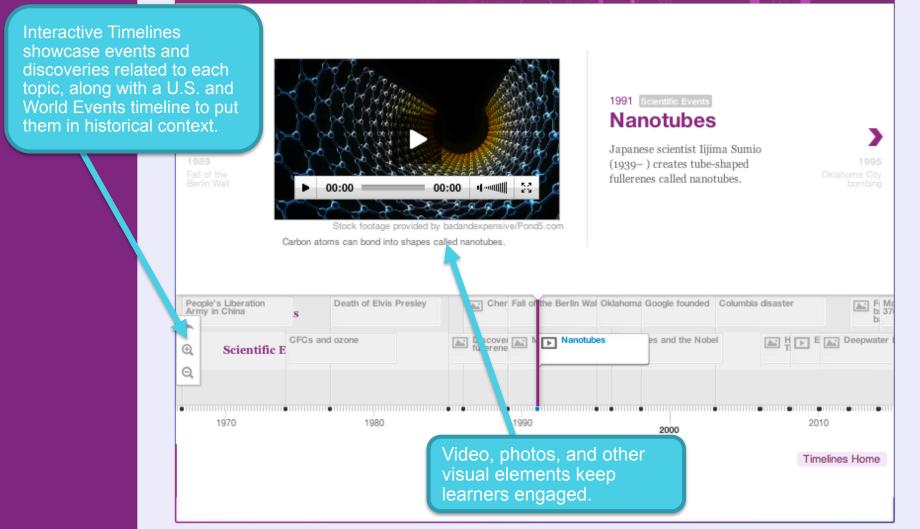
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