

CHEMISTRY 101 -Polyatomic Ions

Cation

Ammonium (NH₄)⁺

Anions

Anion Name	Formula	Acid Formula	Acid Name
Acetate	(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂) ⁻	H(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂)	Acetic
Carbonate	(CO ₃) ²⁻	H ₂ CO ₃	Carbonic
Chlorate	(ClO ₃) ⁻	HClO ₃	Chloric
Chlorite	(ClO ₂) ⁻	HClO ₂	Chlorous
Hydroxide	(OH) ⁻	HOH (H ₂ O)	Water
Nitrate	(NO ₃) ⁻	HNO ₃	Nitric
Nitrite	(NO ₂) ⁻	HNO ₂	Nitrous
Phosphate	(PO ₄) ³⁻	H ₃ PO ₄	Phosphoric
Sulfate	(SO ₄) ²⁻	H ₂ SO ₄	Sulfuric
Sulfite	(SO ₃) ²⁻	H ₂ SO ₃	Sulfurous
Hydrogen carbonate	(HCO ₃) ⁻	(Also called Bicarbonate)	
Hydrogen sulfate	(HSO ₄) ⁻	(Also called Bisulfate)	

Chemical Family

Common Ionic Charge

Group I metals	+1
Group II metals	+2
Group III metals	+3
Group V nonmetals	-3
Group VI nonmetals	-2
Group VII nonmetals	-1

Transition Metal Ions:

Fe ²⁺ , Fe ³⁺	iron(II), iron(III)
Co ²⁺ , Co ³⁺	cobalt(II), cobalt(III)
Cu ⁺ , Cu ²⁺	copper(I), copper(II)
Sn ²⁺ , Sn ⁴⁺	tin(II), tin(IV)
Pb ²⁺ , Pb ⁴⁺	lead(II), lead(IV)
Hg ⁺ , Hg ²⁺	mercury(I), mercury(II)
Ag ⁺	silver
Zn ²⁺	zinc
Ni ²⁺	nickel

Diatomic Molecules

H₂ O₂ N₂ F₂ Cl₂ Br₂ I₂