

Worksheet: Ionic Versus Covalent Bonding

In each case, determine if an ionic or covalent compound will form. For ionic bonding show the transfer of all electrons and the resulting ions. For covalent cases, state how many electrons each atom needs to complete its octet and then draw the covalent compound. In both cases draw in any extra atoms that are needed.

cov.	1.	$\cdot\ddot{N}\cdot$ needs 3	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\therefore \times 3$	\Rightarrow		three single bonds	NO_3
cov.	2.	$\cdot\ddot{\text{Se}}\cdot$ needs 2	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 2$	\Rightarrow		two single bonds	SeCl_2
ionic	3.	K	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{F}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1	\Rightarrow	$[\text{K}]^{1+} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{F}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{1-}$		KF
ionic	4.	Ba	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 2$	\Rightarrow	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{1-} \quad [\text{Ba}]^{2+} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{1-}$		BaCl_2
cov.	5.	$\cdot\ddot{\text{C}}\cdot$ needs 4	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 4$	\Rightarrow		four single bonds	CH_4
cov.	6.	$\cdot\ddot{\text{As}}\cdot$ needs 3	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 3$	\Rightarrow		three single bonds	AsH_3
ionic	7.	Sr	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Br}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1	\Rightarrow	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Br}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{1-} \quad [\text{Sr}]^{2+} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Br}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{1-}$		SrBr_2
ionic	8.	Cs	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{O}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 2$	\Rightarrow	$[\text{Cs}]^{1+} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{O}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array} \right]^{2-} \quad [\text{Cs}]^{1+}$		Cs_2O
cov.	9.	$\cdot\ddot{\text{P}}\cdot$ needs 3	$\begin{array}{c} \times\times \\ \times\text{Cl}\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \\ \times\times \end{array}$ needs 1 $\times 3$	\Rightarrow		three single bonds	PCl_3