

The s-, p-, d-, and f-Block Elements

s block												p block						s ²
s ¹																		2 He
1 H																		
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
11 Na	12 Mg	d block										13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
		d ¹	d ²	d ³	d ⁴	d ⁵	d ⁶	d ⁷	d ⁸	d ⁹	d ¹⁰							
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
55 Cs	56 Ba	71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra	103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Uun	111 Uuu	112 Uub							
		f block																
		f ¹	f ²	f ³	f ⁴	f ⁵	f ⁶	f ⁷	f ⁸	f ⁹	f ¹⁰	f ¹¹	f ¹²	f ¹³	f ¹⁴			
		57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb			
		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No			

1. What are the four sections, or blocks, of the periodic table? s-, p-, d-, f- blocks
2. What does each block represent? the energy sublevel being filled by valence electrons
3. What do elements in the s-block have in common? valence electrons only in the s orbitals
4. What is the valence electron configuration of each element in group 1A? s¹
5. What is the valence electron configuration of each element in group 2A? s²
6. Why does the s-block span two groups of elements? the single s orbital can hold a maximum of two valence electrons
7. Why does the p-block span six groups of elements? The three p orbitals can each hold a maximum of two electrons, resulting in a maximum of six valence electrons, which corresponds to the six columns spanned by the p-block.
8. Why are there no p-block elements in period 1? The p sublevel does not exist for the first principal energy level.
9. What is the ending of the electron configuration of each element in group 4A? p²
10. What is the electron configuration of neon? [He]2s²2p⁶
11. In what period does the first d-energy sublevel appear? Period 4
12. Why does the d-block span ten groups of elements? The five d orbitals can each hold a maximum of two electrons, resulting in a total of ten possible valence electrons.
13. What is the ending of the electron configuration of each element in group 3B? d¹
14. What is the noble gas configuration of titanium? [Ar]4s²3d²
15. In what period does the first f-energy sublevel appear? period 6
16. Determine the group, period, and block for the element having the electron configuration [Xe]4f¹⁴5d¹⁰6s²6p³. a. group_5A or 15 b. period _6 c. block _p