

Electron Configuration Practice Worksheet

In the space below, write the unabbreviated electron configurations of the following elements:

- 1) sodium _____
- 2) iron _____
- 3) bromine _____
- 4) barium _____
- 5) neptunium _____

In the space below, write the abbreviated electron configurations of the following elements:

- 6) cobalt _____
- 7) silver _____
- 8) tellurium _____
- 9) radium _____
- 10) lawrencium _____

Determine what elements are denoted by the following electron configurations:

- 11) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$ _____
- 12) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^1$ _____
- 13) $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^3$ _____
- 14) $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^{14} 5d^6$ _____
- 15) $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 5f^{11}$ _____

Determine which of the following electron configurations are not valid:

- 16) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 4d^{10} 4p^5$ _____
- 17) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^3 3d^5$ _____
- 18) $[\text{Ra}] 7s^2 5f^8$ _____
- 19) $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^5$ _____
- 20) $[\text{Xe}]$ _____

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Note: The electron configurations in this worksheet assume that lanthanum (La) is the first element in the 4f block and that actinium (Ac) is the first element in the 5f block. If your periodic table doesn't agree with this, your answers for elements near the f-orbitals may be slightly different.

- 1) sodium $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$
- 2) iron $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^6$
- 3) bromine $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^5$
- 4) barium $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^6 6s^2$
- 5) neptunium $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^6 6s^2 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6p^6 7s^2 5f^5$
- 6) cobalt $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^7$
- 7) silver $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^9$
- 8) tellurium $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^4$
- 9) radium $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2$
- 10) lawrencium $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 5f^{14} 6d^1$
- 11) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$ sulfur
- 12) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^1$ rubidium
- 13) $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^3$ antimony
- 14) $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^{14} 5d^6$ osmium
- 15) $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 5f^{11}$ einsteinium
- 16) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 4d^{10} 4p^5$ not valid (take a look at "4d")
- 17) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^3 3d^5$ not valid (3p comes after 3s)
- 18) $[\text{Ra}] 7s^2 5f^8$ not valid (radium isn't a noble gas)
- 19) $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^5$ valid
- 20) $[\text{Xe}]$ not valid (an element can't be its own electron configuration)