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# Periodic Table Trick for Electron Configurations

Periodic Table of Elements																	
0	IA	IIA	IVA	VIA	VIA	VA	IB	IB	IIIB	IVB	VIB	VIB	VIB	VIIB	VIIB	VIIB	VIIB
1	H	He															
2	Li	Be															
3	Na	Mg															
4	K	Ca	Sr	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br
5	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Ta	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I
6	Cs	Ba	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Ru	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At
7	Ra	+Ac															

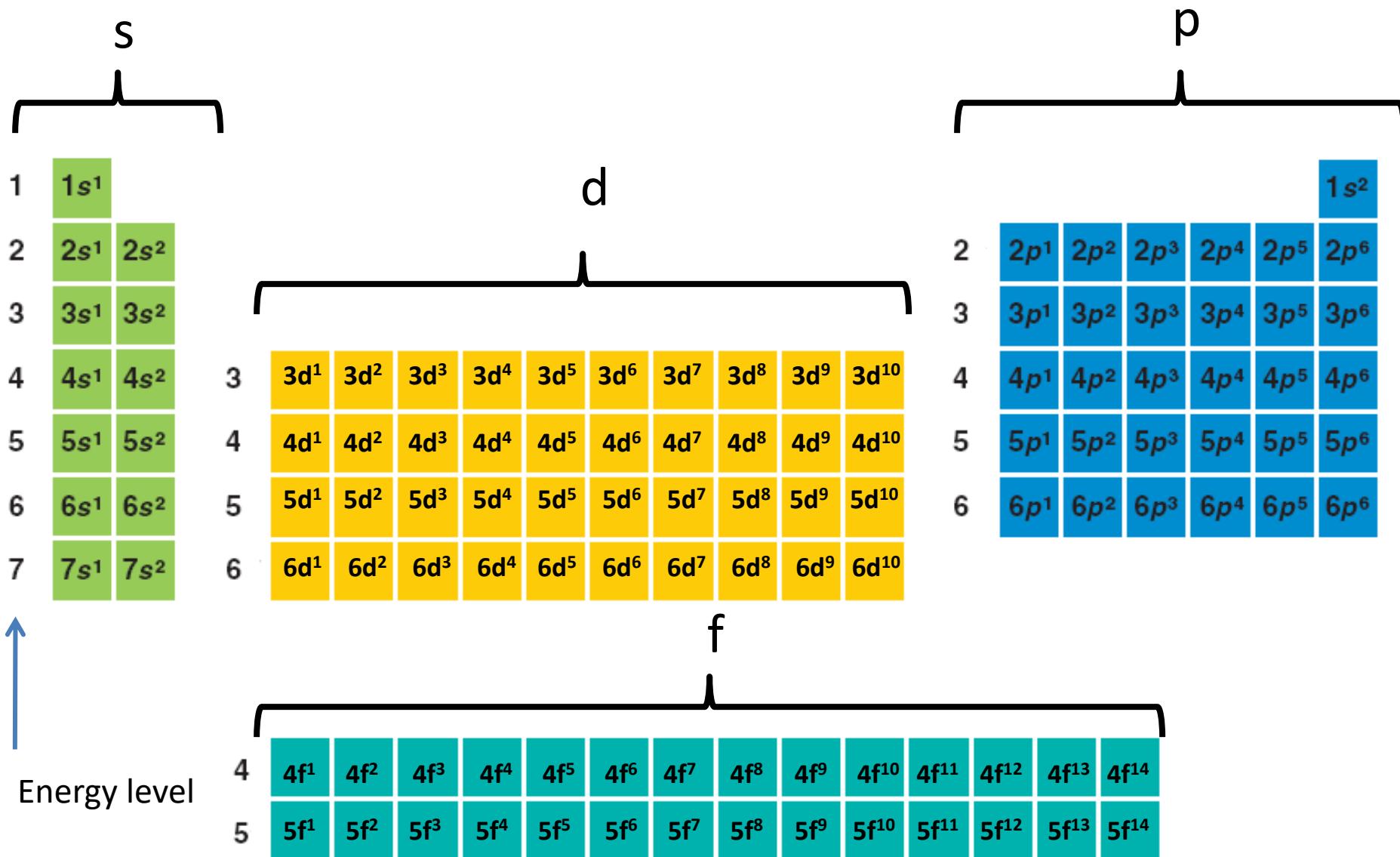
**Target:** I can use the layout of the periodic table to help me write electron configurations.

Link to YouTube Presentation: <https://youtu.be/ZBfcpKEfFI>

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# Trick for writing electron configurations so you don't have to use an orbital diagram

# The periodic table orders elements for you!



1A		2A		Periodic Table of Elements																		17A							
Symbol	Name	Symbol	Name	Alkali metals		Alkaline earth metals		Post-transition metals		Transition metals		Post-transition metals		Noble gases		Halogen		Pnictogen		Chalcogen		Oxide		Hydrogen					
H	Hydrogen	He	Helium	Li	Lithium	B	Boron	Be	Boron	Mg	Magnesium	Ca	Sodium	Na	Magnesium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon				
1.01		4.00		6.94	9.01	12.01	14.01	16.00	19.00	20.18	20.81	21.01	22.99	24.31	26.98	28.09	30.97	32.07	35.45	36.95	37.72	72.61	74.92	78.96	79.90				
Li	Lithium	B	Boron	Be	Boron	Mg	Magnesium	Ca	Sodium	Na	Magnesium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon	Ar	Argon	Ar	Argon				
6.94	9.01	12.01	14.01	16.00	19.00	20.18	20.81	21.01	22.99	24.31	26.98	28.09	30.97	32.07	35.45	36.95	37.72	72.61	74.92	78.96	79.90	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80				
Na	Sodium	Mg	Magnesium	Ca	Sodium	K	Calcium	Ca	Sodium	Na	Magnesium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon	Ar	Argon	Ar	Argon				
22.99	24.31	26.98	28.09	30.97	32.07	35.45	36.95	37.72	72.61	74.92	78.96	79.90	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80	83.80				
Ca	Sodium	K	Calcium	Ca	Sodium	Rb	Sodium	Sr	Sodium	Sr	Sodium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon	Ar	Argon	Ar	Argon				
39.10	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08	40.08				
Rb	Sodium	Sr	Sodium	Sr	Sodium	Fr	Sodium	Ra	Sodium	Ra	Sodium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon	Ar	Argon	Ar	Argon				
85.47	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62	87.62				
Cs	Sodium	Ba	Sodium	Ba	Sodium	Fr	Sodium	Ra	Sodium	Ra	Sodium	Al	Aluminum	P	Phosphorus	S	Sulfur	F	Fluorine	Ne	Neon	Ar	Argon	Ar	Argon				
132.91	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33	137.33				
→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
La	La	Pr	Pr	Nd	Nd	Pm	Pm	Sm	Sm	Gd	Gd	Tb	Tb	Dy	Dy	Er	Er	Tm	Tm	Lu	Lu	Hf	Hf	Ta	Ta	W	W		
138.91	140.12	140.91	144.24	(144)	150.36	151.97	157.25	158.93	162.50	164.93	167.26	168.93	173.04	174.97	178.49	180.95	186.21	190.23	192.22	195.08	196.97	200.59	204.38	207.20	208.98	(209)	(210)	(222)	
Ac	Ac	(277)	Th	Pa	Pa	U	U	Np	Np	Pu	Pu	Am	Am	Cm	Cm	Cf	Cf	Es	Es	Fm	Fm	Md	Md	No	No	Rf	Rf	Db	Db
(226)	(226)	(226)	232.04	231.04	238.03	(237)	(244)	(243)	(247)	(247)	(251)	(252)	(257)	(258)	(259)	(260)	(262)	(267)	(271)	(272)	(276)	(281)	(280)	(286)	(289)	(293)	(294)	(294)	(294)

## S-block

**1**  $+1 +2$

Hydrogen	1	2
H	He	4.00
1.01	2A	

Lithium	3	4
Li	Be	9.01

**2**

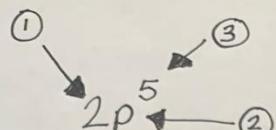
**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**



- ① energy level
- ② orbital type
- ③ # of e- in the orbital "set"

## p-block

$+3 +4 -3 -2 -1$

3A	4A	5A	6A	7A
Boron	Carbon	Nitrogen	Oxygen	F
5	6	7	8	9
B	C	N	O	F
10.81	12.01	14.01	16.00	19.00

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**

**d-block**  
multiple charges  
possible (d & f block)

3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B	9B	10B	11B	12B
Scandium	Titanium	Vanadium	Chromium	Manganese	Iron	Cobalt	Nickel	Copper	Nickel
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Zn	Zn
44.96	47.88	50.94	52.00	54.94	55.85	58.93	58.69	63.55	65.39

Rubidium	Sr	Yttrium	Zirconium	Niobium	Molybdenum	Technetium	Ruthenium	Rhodium	Palladium	Silver	Caesium	Indium	Tin	Antimony	Tellurium	Iodine	Xenon
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
85.47	87.62	88.91	91.22	92.91	95.94	(98)	101.07	102.91	106.42	107.87	112.41	114.82	118.71	121.76	127.60	126.90	131.29

Cesium	Barium	Lanthanum	Hafnium	Tantalum	Tungsten	Rhenium	Osmium	Irindium	Platinum	Gold	Mercury	Thallium	Lead	Bismuth	Potassium	Astatine	Radon
55	56	57	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
132.91	137.33	138.91	178.49	180.95	183.84	186.21	190.23	192.22	195.08	196.97	200.59	204.38	207.20	208.98	(209)	(210)	(222)

Francium	Radium	Actinium	Rutherfordium	Dubnium	Seaborgium	Bhaturenium	Hassium	Melchenium	Darmstadtium	Roentgenium	Nihonium	Flerovium	Moscovium	Livermorium	Tennessee	Oganesson	
87	88	89	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118
Fr	Ra	Ac	(277)	(267)	(268)	(271)	(272)	(270)	(276)	(281)	(280)	(286)	(289)	(289)	(293)	(294)	(294)
(223)	(226)																

\*lanthanides

\*actinides

## f block

go back  
to  
d-block!

D.53

# of orbitals in a "set"	# of e- in the "set"
S	1
P	3
d	5
f	7

**cations**      **Anions**  
lost e-      gain e-  
 $p^+ > e^-$        $p^+ \leq e^-$   
 $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
+ charge      - charge

Atoms want to look like a "noble gas", they want a "full shell". They will make ions to fill their shells!

**YouTube Link to Presentation of Mrs. Farmer setting up the Periodic Table and showing how to do the trick:**

**<https://youtu.be/ZBficpKEfFI>**

**Another video on setting up your periodic table**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb0hia\\_\\_crM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb0hia__crM)**

**Another video on using your periodic table to write configs.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ououF9nHUhk>**