**Worksheet #2**

**Name: Period: Seat#:**

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| 1. A positively charged particle made up of two protons and two neutrons and released by a radioactive nucleus is the:
 | 1. An electron released by a radioactive nucleus that causes a neutron to change into a proton is called a
 | 1. The amount of time for half the atoms in a radioactive sample to decay is called
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| 1. The process in which the nuclei of unstable atoms can become more stable by emitting particles and/or electromagnetic radiation is called
 | 1. High-energy electromagnetic radiation released by a radioactive nucleus is called
 | 1. What kind of decay is the breaking up of a radioactive element, more often than not resulting in the formation of a new nucleus.
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| 1. What is it called when an atom is changed into another kind of atom that takes place during radioactive decay.
 | 1. Is Alpha radiation a stream of positively or negatively charged particles?
 | 1. Is Beta radiation a stream of positively or negatively charged particles?
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| 1. Whenever an element undergoes

decay it turns into another element with an atomic number two less than before and mass number four less than before. | 1. Whenever an element undergoes

decay, a neutron in the nucleus decays into a proton, an electron, and a neutrino. | 1. Circle one:The more stable a nucleus is, the

  *longer shorter* its half-life will be.  |
| 1. Which type of radioactive decay can be stopped with a piece of paper?
 | 1. Which type of radioactive decay can be stopped with a thin metal sheet?
 | 1. Which type of radioactive decay can be stopped with a thick metal sheet?
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| 1. Which type of radioactive decay travels at the speed of light?
 | 1. Which type of radioactive decay is not affected by a magnetic field because it carries no charge?
 | 1. An alpha particle is actually a nucleus of:
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| 1. Where do beta particles originate from in the atom?
 | 1. Radioactive decay processes occur until a

Element is formed | 1. True or false? The half-life of a given isotope can be altered by heat, pressure, or some other physical means.
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**Fill in the missing symbol and identify the type of decay taking place.**

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|  | **Reaction** | **Type of Decay** |
| **1** |  |  |
| **2** | 90 |  |
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 **Write and/or complete the following transmutations, fission and fusion reactions.**

1. Neutron initiated fission of U-235 releases 2 neutrons, forms Cs-144 and another nucleus.

1. Bombardment of Cl-35 with a neutron produces a sulfur-34 nucleus and another particle.
2. Neutron initiated fission of U-235 releases 4 β particles, forms Sr-90 and releases another nucleus.
3. Neutron initiated fission of U-235 releases 3 neutrons, one β, forms Br-87 and another nucleus.
4. Neutron initiated fission of Pu-239 gives three neutrons, La-145 and another nucleus.
5. Two tritium nuclei are fused to produce 2 neutrons and another nucleus.
6. An H-1 nucleus (protium) and a Li-7 nucleus are fused to produce He-4.
7. Tritium and deuterium are fused to produce a neutron and a new nucleus.
8. Bombardment of U-238 with C-12 produces an isotope of element 98 and 4 identical particles.