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### **Atomic structure**

Lesson	Aiming for 4		Aiming for 6		Aiming for 8	
C1.1 Atoms	I can define the word element.		I can describe the basic structure of an atom.		I can use chemical symbols of atoms to produce the chemical formulae of a range of elements and compounds.	
	I can classify familiar substances as elements or compounds.		I can explain in detail, including diagrams, the difference between a pure element, mixture and compound.		I can explain the significance of chemical symbols used in formulae and equations.	
	I can use the periodic table to find the symbols or names of given elements.		I can name and give the chemical symbol of the first 20 elements in the periodic table.			
C1.2 Chemical equations	I can describe familiar chemical reactions in word equations.		I can explain why mass is conserved in a chemical reaction.		I can justify in detail how mass may appear to change in a chemical reaction.	
	I can state that mass is conserved in a chemical reaction.		I can describe familiar chemical reactions with balanced symbol equations including state symbols.		I can describe unfamiliar chemical reactions with more complex balanced symbol equations, including state symbols.	
			I can balance given symbol equations.		I can write balanced symbol equations.	
C1.3 Separating mixtures	I can define the word 'mixture'.		I can explain the difference between a compound and a mixture.		I can use experimental data to explain the classification of a substance as a compound or a mixture.	
	I can identify a mixture and a compound.		I can explain how the chemical properties of a mixture relate to the chemical it is made from.		I can suggest an appropriate separation or purification technique for an unfamiliar mixture.	
	I can list different separation techniques.		I can describe different separation techniques.		I can explain in detail how multi-step separation techniques work.	

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C1.4 Fractional distillation and paper chromatography	I can state when fractional distillation would be used.	I can describe the process of fractional distillation.	I can explain in detail how fractional distillation can separate miscible liquids with similar boiling points.	
	I can safely make a paper chromatogram.	I can explain the main processes occurring in paper chromatography.	I can evaluate separation or purification techniques for a given mixture.	
C1.5 History of the atom	I can list the significant models proposed for atoms.	I can describe the differences between the plum-pudding and the nuclear model of the atom.	I can justify why the model of the atom has changed over time.	
	I can identify the key parts of the plum- pudding model and the nuclear model of the atom.	I can explain how evidence from scattering experiments changed the model of the atom.	I can evaluate the current model of an atom.	
C1.6 Structure of the atom	I can state the relative charges and masses of subatomic particles.	I can describe atoms using the atomic model.	I can use the periodic table to find atomic number and mass number data and use it to determine the number of each subatomic particle in any given atom.	
	I can state that atoms have no overall charge (are neutral).	I can explain why atoms have no overall charge.	I can recognise and describe patterns in subatomic particles of elements listed in the periodic table.	
	I can label the subatomic particles on a diagram of a helium atom.	I can use atomic number and mass numbers of familiar atoms to determine the number of each subatomic particle.	I can explain why we can be confident that there are no missing elements in the first 10 elements of the periodic table.	
C1.7 lons, atoms, and isotopes	I can state what an ion is.	I can describe isotopes using the atomic model.	I can use the periodic table to find atomic number and mass number data and use it to determine the number of each subatomic particle in an ion.	
	I can define an isotope.	I can explain why ions have a charge.	I can use SI units and prefixes to describe the size of an atom and its nucleus in standard form.	
	I can state the relative sizes of an atom and its nucleus.	I can use atomic number and mass numbers of familiar ions to determine the number of each subatomic particle.	I can explain why chlorine does not have a whole mass number.	

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C1.8 Electronic structures	I can state that electrons are found in energy levels of an atom.	I can write the standard electronic configuration notation from a diagram for the first 20 elements.	I can use the periodic table to find atomic number and determine the electronic structure for the first 20 elements .	
	I can state the maximum number of electrons in the first three energy levels.	I can explain why elements in the same group react in a similar way .	I can make predictions for how an element will react when given information on another element in the same group.	