

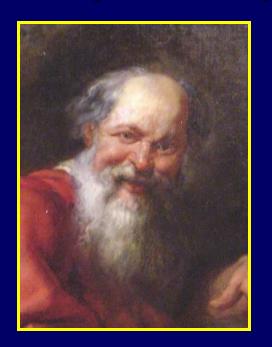
I Can Statements

At the end of this lesson, you should be able to say, with confidence:

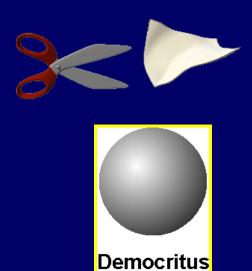
- I can describe the charge and location of protons, neutrons, and electrons within an atom.
- I can explain how each element is distinguished by a unique number of protons.

Democritus

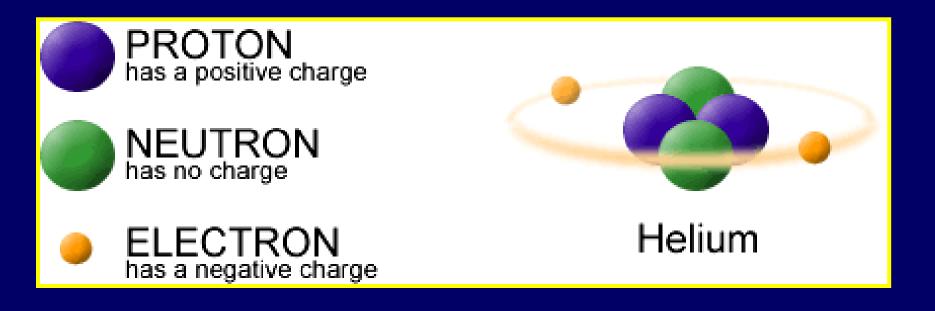
The first person to ever conceive of the idea that matter was made up of smaller pieces, was a Greek philosopher, called Democritus.



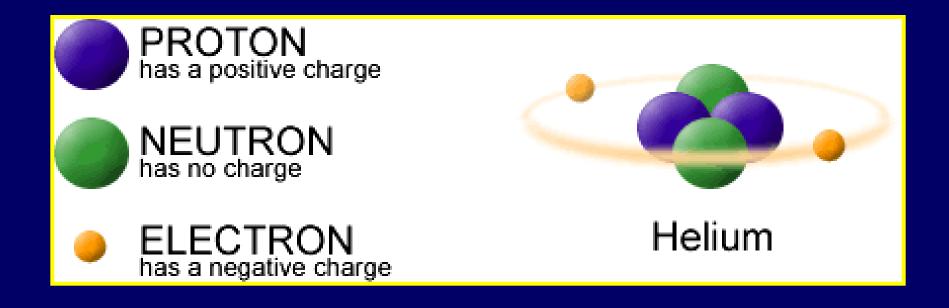
"If you cut a substance until you reached a point you could not cut it anymore, you would be left with an atom"



The central nucleus contains nearly all the mass of the atom and consists of protons with a positive charge and neutrons with a neutral charge.



Because only the protons have a charge, the overall charge of any nucleus is positive.

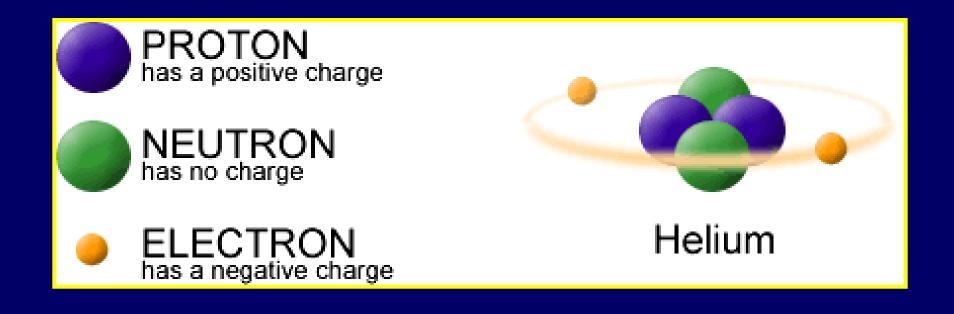


Electrons, which have a negative charge, orbit the nucleus.

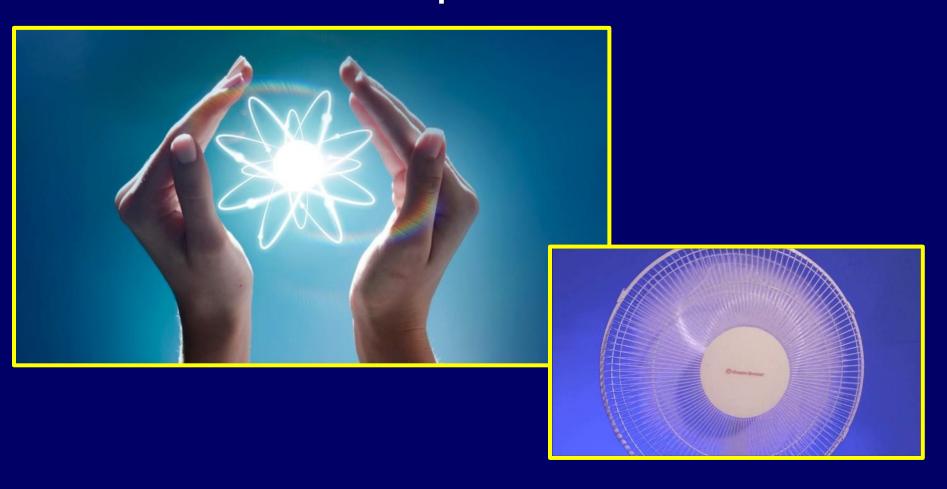


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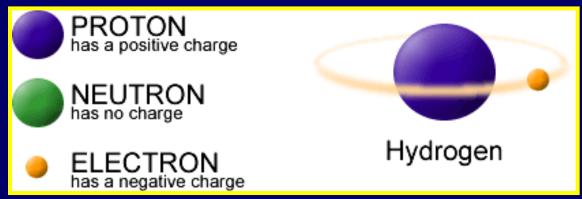


Most of the atom is made up of empty space.



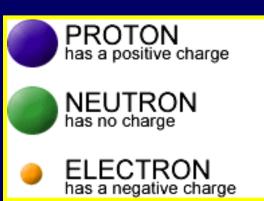
Different Atoms

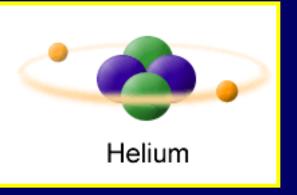
Not all atoms are the same. Different types of atoms have different numbers of protons, neutrons, and electrons.



1 Proton1 Electron

2 Protons2 Neutrons2 Electrons





Different Atoms

The different number of subatomic particles give the atoms different characteristics.





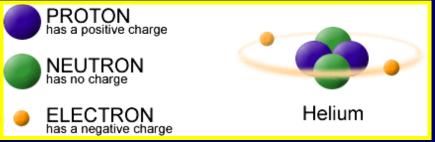
Hydrogen

Helium

Elements

Each different type of atom is called an element.





Which element an atom is, depends upon the number of protons in the atom.

Chemical Symbol

Each element is represented by a chemical symbol consisting of either one capital letter or one capital letter and one lower case letter.













Chemical symbols are based on their Latin or Greek names.



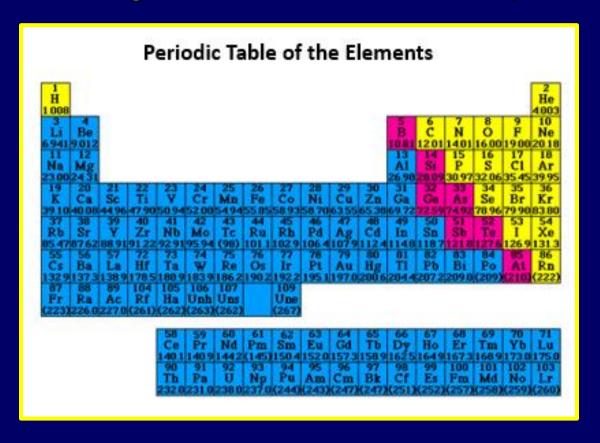
Natrium Sodium



Plumbum Lead

Periodic Table

Each element is placed on the periodic table, from left to right and top to bottom, according to its number of protons.



The End

