



The Periodic Table

Part II

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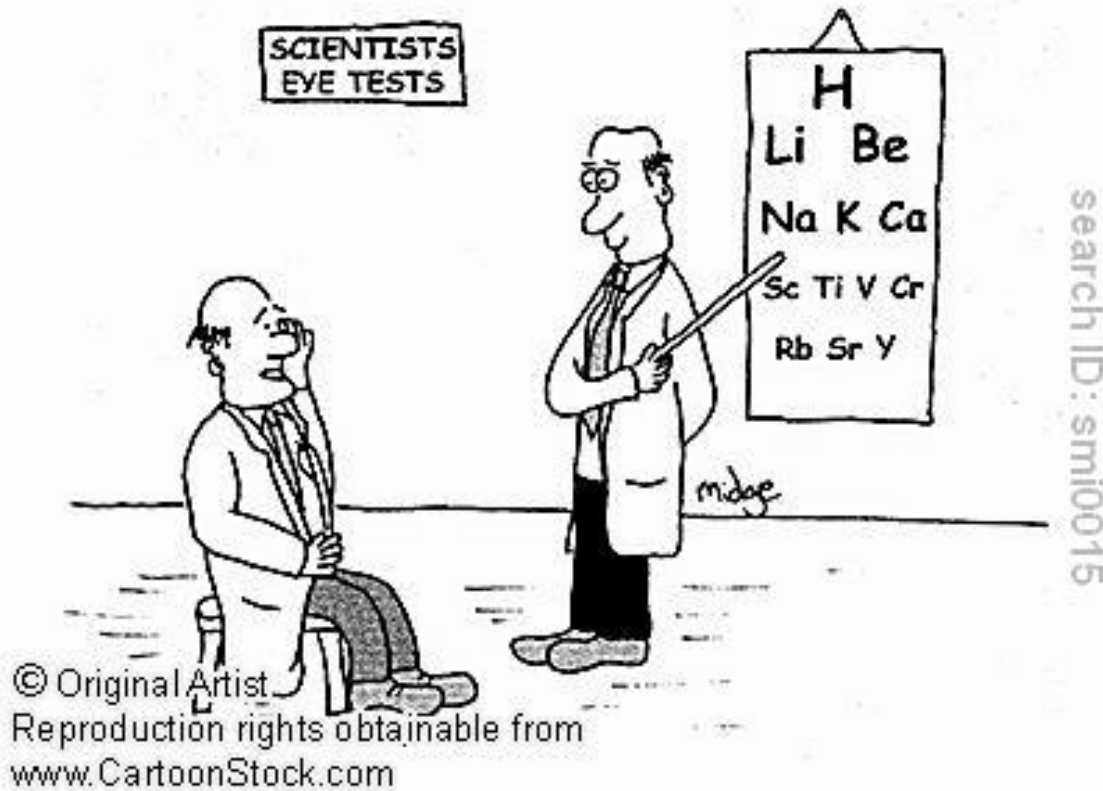
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- Atoms will gain or lose electrons to achieve a noble gas-like electron configuration

Eight is Enough



What are the typical ions of

○K

○Ca

○Xe

○Se

○P

○Br

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 - Ex. Cu
 - Expected:

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- Some elements have electron configurations that don't follow the arrow-filling diagram
- Why?
 - Special stability associated with half-filled or fully filled sublevels

Periodic Law

- When the elements are arranged in order of increasing atomic number, there is a regular and repeating pattern in their physical and chemical properties