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VCE Chemistry ½ Metals & Covalent Lattices [1.3]

Workbook

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Learning Objectives:

- CH34 [1.3.1] Explain the metallic bonding model.
- CH34 [1.3.2] Identify properties of metals (high MP/BP, electrical & thermal conductivity, malleability & ductility, lustre).
- CH34 [1.3.3] Explain the covalent lattice structures bonding & properties of diamond and graphite.





Section A: Metallic Bonding

Sub-Section: Introduction to Metals



<u>Discussion:</u> What are some common metals we see in real life?



<u>Discussion:</u> What are some properties metals have?



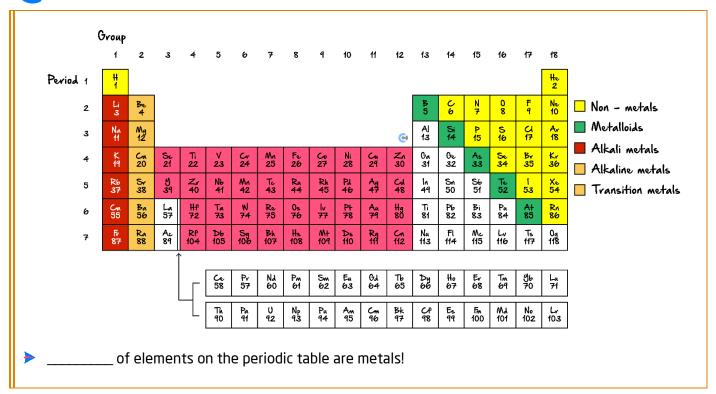
What types of metals exist?

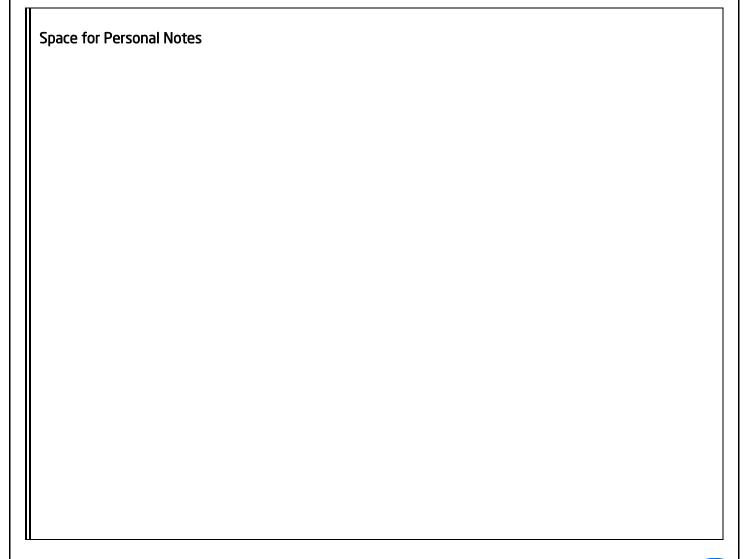


Exploration: Metals on the Periodic Table

- Where are metals on the periodic table? (Label Below)
- What do we call metals found in the d-block? (Label Below)
- What are Group 1 metals called? (Label Below)
- What are Group 2 metals called? (Label Below)

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Sub-Section: Metallic Bonding Structure



Let's have a look at the structure of metals!



Discussion: What does the structure of metallic bonding look like?



Active Recall: How many electrons do atoms want in their valence shells?



Exploration: Metal Ion Forms



- How many electrons does each of them have? (Label Below)
- What are their shell model electron configurations? (Label Below)







- The Sodium atom can either lose ______ electron(s) or gain _____ electron(s), and [losing] / [gaining] electrons is more likely.
- The Calcium atom can either lose ______ electron(s) or gain _____ electron(s) and [losing] / [gaining] electrons is more likely.



The following ions will form:

Na+ • Ca2+

- Sodium has now [lost] / [gained] an electron to become a _____ charge.
- Calcium has now [lost] / [gained] an electron to become a _____ charge.
- Metals are found in _____ forms rather than being found in the regular, neutral form.

Metal Ion Forms



Metals are found in ionic forms rather than the atomic form due to the Octet Rule being satisfied.

Question 1

Write each of the following metals in their metal ion form:

a. Lithium (Li)

d. Zinc (Zn)

b. Magnesium (Mg)

e. Iron (Fe)

c. Aluminum (Al)



Extension: Transition Metals



Transition metals can form different ions due to their d-orbital electrons leading to coordination complexes being formed (University Chemistry, so don't worry).

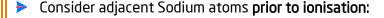
NOTE: Transition metals typically form cations with a +2 charge due to the two s-orbital electrons and other charges as well.



Let's have a look at what metal ionisation looks like!



Exploration: Metallic Bonding













- The metals ionise, shooting electrons out. (Label Above)
- Creates a 'sea of delocalised electrons'.
- What charges do the metal cations and the delocalised electrons have? (Label Above)





<u>Discussion:</u> Why does the structure still hold despite the cations repelling one another?



Analogy: Paparazzi

Imagine paparazzi and a celebrity:

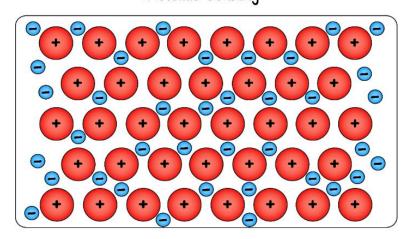


Metallic Bonding Structure

The metal cations are in a tightly packed regular arrangement, known as a _______.



Metallic bonding



- Delocalised electrons
- A Metal ions



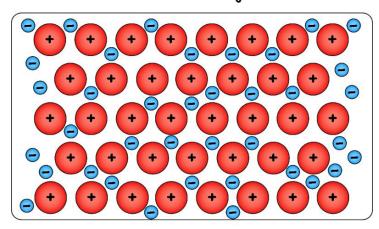


Metallic Bonding



- Metallic bonding is caused by electrostatic attraction between metal cations and electrons which have been lost.
- The lost electrons group together in a 'sea of delocalised electrons'.
- Metal cations would usually repel each other, but hold together as all are attracted to the electrons.
- The metal cations are arranged within a lattice (a tightly packed regular arrangement):

Metallic bonding



- Delocalised electrons
- + Metal ions

Let's have a look at a question together!



Question 2 (3 marks) Walkthrough.

Draw the metallic bonding structure if nine Lithium (Li) atoms were to metallic bond together.



Your turn!



Question 3 (3 marks)

Draw the metallic bonding structure if 4 Calcium (Ca) atoms were to metallic bond together.

Key Takeaways



- Metallic bonding is caused by electrostatic attraction between metal cations and the electrons lost.
- ☑ The lost electrons group together in a 'sea of delocalised electrons'.
- ✓ The metal cations are arranged within a lattice.



Section B: Properties of Metals

Sub-Section: Conductivity of Electricity



Discussion: What is electricity?



Electricity



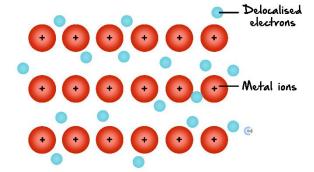
Energy resulting from the existence of ______ particles (such as electrons), either statically as an accumulation of charge or dynamically as a current.

<u>Discussion:</u> Can the electrons move freely about in a metallic bonded structure?



Exploration: Delocalised Electrons





- Since these electrons are delocalised, that means they are _______.
- As such, metals are [good]/[poor] conductors of electricity.







Try a question!

Question 4 (1 mark)

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Which one of the following best explains why metals can conduct electricity in a solid state?

- **A.** Ions can move easily through the lattice.
- **B.** All electrons can move easily through the lattice.
- **C.** Outer-shell electrons can move easily through the lattice.
- **D.** Ions and electrons can move easily through the lattice.

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Sub-Section: Thermal Conductivity



Thermal Conductivity



- Metals are also good conductors of ______ (thermal energy).
 - Electrons can easily transfer the thermal energy throughout the metal, as they are free to .

NOTE: Thermal conductivity is not commonly tested!



Try a question!

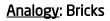
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Expl	ain how the metallic bonding model links to a metal's ability to conduct heat and electricity.			
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Sub-Section: Malleability

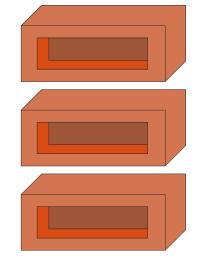




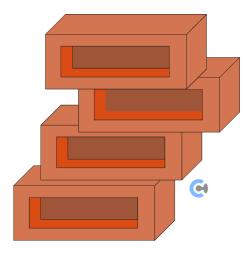
Consider some bricks being hit by a hammer:







• What will happen to the bricks?

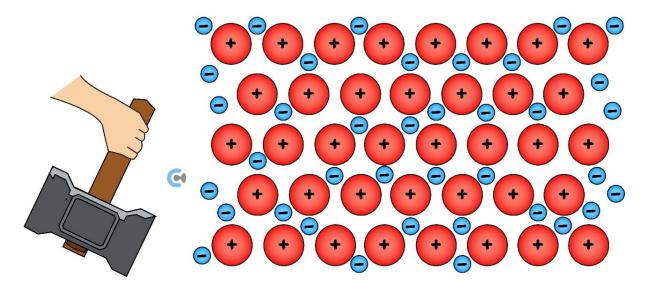






Exploration: Malleability

- Consider a metallic bonding structure comprised of a metal lattice of cations with a sea of delocalised electrons:
 - What happens if the structure is struck by a hammer?



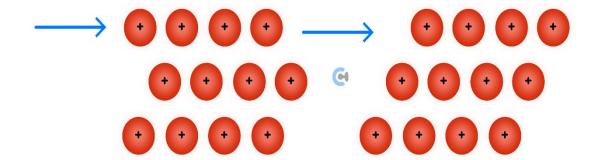
- The metal structure/shape [does] / [does not] change. (Label Above)
- There [is] / [is not] electrostatic attraction between the cations and electrons.
- Thus, the metallic bonding [is] / [is not] intact.
- As such, the metal itself [is] / [is not] broken or cracked.



Definition

Malleability

- Metals are ______, they can _____ when hit, but will not _____
- The force causes metal ions to move past each other.
- lon layers are still together due to electrostatic attraction between the metal ions and delocalised electrons.



NOTE: We also say that metals are ______. This is due to very similar reasoning. Ductility talks about a substance's ability to be ______.



Question 6 (2 marks)

Explain why metals are malleable and ductile.

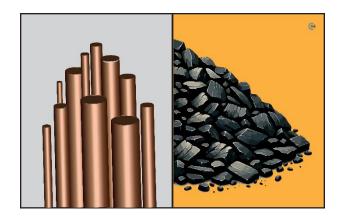


Sub-Section: Metal Appearance

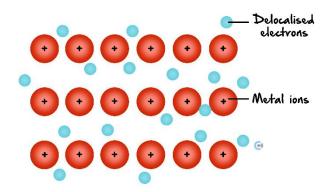


Exploration: Metal Appearance

Appearance of metals compared to the appearance of non-metals:



- What are the differences in terms of appearance between metals and non-metals?
- Metals are lustrous, which means that they ______
- Why is this the case?



The 'free' electrons can **absorb** light energy and **vibrate and reflect** the energy back.





Try some questions!



Question 7 (1 mark)

Which one of the following properties is **not** typical of most metals?

- **A.** High density
- B. Brittle
- C. High boiling point
- **D.** High electrical conductivity in solid state

Ouestion 8

You are given the following clues about four unknown metals, A, B, and C:

Metal A has one valence electron.

Metal *B* has a larger atomic radius than *A*.

Metal C has more delocalised electrons than the other three metals.

Given that the metals are either Potassium, Magnesium, or Sodium, state the identities of each of the metals.

Question 9 (1 mark) Additional Question.

Which of the following is true regarding metals?

- **A.** Metals are typically soft.
- **B.** Metals can conduct electricity as they have free-moving cations.
- **C.** Delocalised electrons exist in every compound containing a metal.
- **D.** Delocalised electrons arise from metal atoms becoming stable.



Key Takeaways



- ✓ Due to free moving charges delocalised electrons metals are good conductors of electricity and heat.
- When struck, the lattice structure of a metal merely shifts, but remains intact due to electrostatic attraction between the cations and delocalised electrons, making them malleable and ductile.
- ☑ Metals are **lustrous**, as the delocalised electrons are able to reflect light.

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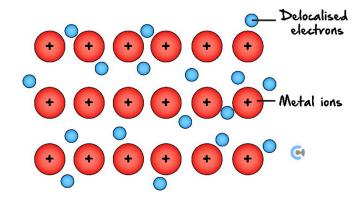


Section C: Strength of Metallic Bonding

Context



- Let's compare the strength of metals and their respective metallic bonding.
- Metallic bonding is shown below:





<u>Sub-Section</u>: Metallic Bonding Strength: Cations with Different Charges



<u>Discussion:</u> Is this electrostatic attraction between the metal cations and the negative electrons a strong or weak attraction?



Exploration: Strength of Metallic Bonding



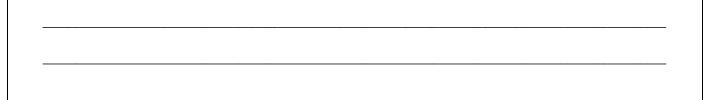
- Due to ______ electrostatic attraction, metals are very _____, as the metal cations are held tightly together in the metallic lattice.
- Leads to metals being packed together tightly, making them very ______.

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Let's look at a question together!

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Explain whether Magnesium (Mg) or Sodium (Na) has a higher melting point.



NOTE: Melting point only requires intermolecular bonds to be weakened.



Boiling point only requires intermolecular bonds to be completely broken.





Sample Response: Melting/Boiling Point



- When explaining what substance has a higher or lower melting or boiling point, be sure to cover:
 - Which substance has stronger bonding.
 - Explain why the substance has stronger/weaker bonding.
 - If one of the substances has stronger bonding, more thermal energy is required to vibrate and weaken (for melting point) / break (for boiling point) the bonds.
 - Leading to a higher melting/boiling point.

Try one yourself!

Question 11 (3 marks)	
Explain which metal has a higher boiling point out of Lithium and Calcium.	
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NOTE: The strength of the metallic bonds depends on the charges of the metal cations. A greater cation charge leads to metallic bonding.	
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Sub-Section: Comparing Metallic Bonding Down a Group

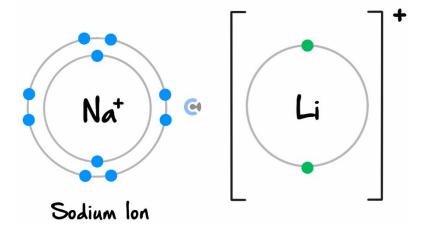


What if two metals form the same charge when ionised?



Exploration: Metallic Bonding Down a Group

- Consider Lithium (Li) and Sodium (Na).
- What is the charge of Lithium and Sodium?
- What is the difference between Lithium (period 2) and Sodium (period 3)?



- The cation that is closer to its delocalised electrons is [Sodium] / [Lithium].
- The [Sodium] / [Lithium] cation will have stronger electrostatic attraction to a lone electron.
 - As such, _____ has stronger metallic bonding.
 - G Thus, it will have a _____ melting/boiling point.





Metallic Bonding Strength



- The strength of the metallic bonds depends on the charges of the metal cations.
- A greater cation charge leads to stronger metallic bonding.
- When comparing metals from the same group, metals with smaller atomic radii will have greater electrostatic attraction, and therefore, stronger metallic bonding.

Try some questions!



Quest	Question 12 (3 marks)				
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Que	stion 13 (4 marks)		
Expl	lain whether Barium (Ba) or Francium (Fr) has a higher melting point.		
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<u>Key</u>	<u>r Takeaways</u>		
	Due to the strong electrostatic attraction between metal cations and the sea of delocalised electrons, metallic bonding is strong.		
☑	This gives rise to metals being hard, strong, and dense.		
	The strength of the metallic bonds depends on the charges of the metal cations. A greater cation charge leads to stronger metallic bonding.		
	When comparing metals from the same group, metals with smaller atomic radii will have greater electrostatic attraction, and therefore, stronger metallic bonding.		
Ø	Melting point only requires intermolecular bonds to be weakened.		
Ø	Boiling point only requires intermolecular bonds to be completely broken.		
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Section D: Covalent Lattices

Context



- Let's look at covalent lattices in Carbon.
- > Carbon is a unique molecule because it can bond with itself in multiple ways, unlike most non-metals.
- How many covalent bonds can Carbon form?

Exploration: Covalent Lattices



As such, Carbon can bond with itself in the following way:



Discussion: What is this Carbon structure known as?





<u>Discussion:</u> Do diamonds have high or low melting/boiling points?



[High] / [Low] Melting Point

Extension: Sublimation Point of Diamonds

- Diamonds can't 'melt' and turn into a liquid as the bonds inside diamonds need to be weakened.
- As diamonds are made of strong covalent bonds, they are either holding the diamond in place or not present at all.
- Diamonds do not have melting or boiling points, rather, they have ______
- > Sublimation point is where a substance sublimes or turns from a solid directly to a gas.

Discussion: Can diamonds conduct electricity?



[Yes] / [No]

Exploration: Can diamonds conduct heat?



[Yes] / [No]

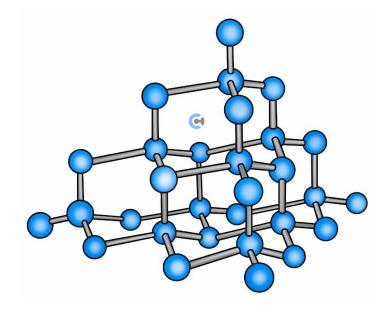




Diamonds



> Alternative Name: ______ of Carbon.



- Strength of Diamonds: [High] / [Low]
- Melting Point of Diamonds: [High] / [Low]
- Conductivity of Electricity: [High] / [Low]
- Conductivity of Heat: [High] / [Low]

Allotrope



- Definition:
 - One of two or more different ways in which an element can exist by itself.
- Example: Oxygen can exist in two allotropes: 0₂ and 0₃.



Your turn!



Question 14 (4 marks)			
Explain each of the following properties of Diamonds.			
a. Its high strength. (2 marks)			
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h. Its inability to conduct electricity (2 morks)			
b. Its inability to conduct electricity. (2 marks)			
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Question 15 (1 mark) Additional Question.			
What type of bond exists between the carbon atoms in a diamond?			
A. Ionic Bond			
B. Metallic Bond			
C. Covalent Bond			
D. Hydrogen Bond			
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Sub-Section: Allotropes of Carbon



Exploration: Another Allotrope of Carbon









Name of this carbon allotrope:

NOTE: Carbon can form three covalent bonds with itself instead of four, which generally happens when the Carbon is not under immense pressure and will be pushed tightly together.



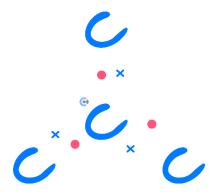
ALSO NOTE: The last electron that Carbon has will be shot out and delocalised.





<u>Discussion:</u> What is the shape formed from carbon atoms in graphite?





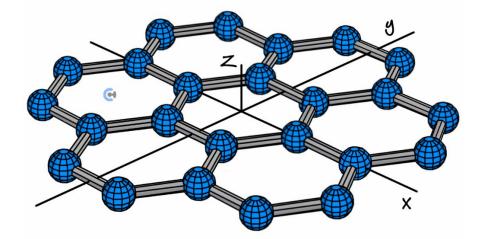
NOTE: Graphite's structure is made of trigonal planar carbons, so the entire structure is **planar**.



ALSO NOTE: This means that graphite's structure can be thought of as being two-dimensional or as a **layered** covalent structure.

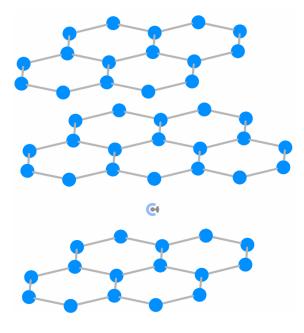
Exploration: Structure of Graphite





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What happens in nature is that, the graphite layers stack on top of each other.



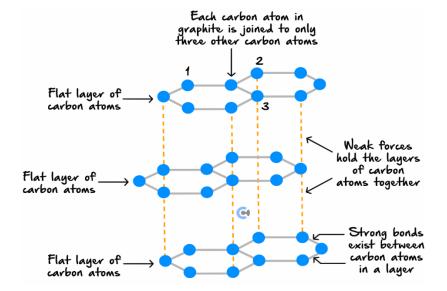
<u>Discussion:</u> What type of intermolecular forces act between each graphite layer?





Exploration: Strength of Intermolecular Bonds of Graphite





- Strength of Intermolecular Bonds within Graphite Layer: _______
- Strength of Intermolecular Bonds between Graphite Layers:
- If a force is applied horizontally, how will graphite act? [Hard & Rigid] / [Soft & Slippery]
- If a force is applied vertically, how will graphite act? [Hard & Rigid] / [Soft & Slippery]

Discussion: Where can graphite be found in real life?



NOTE: As graphite is very soft and slippery in one direction, its structure is exploited in pencil lead for writing.



Exploration: How does graphite allow pencils to 'write'?



As the pencil is rubbed against a surface, a layer of graphite that is 'slipped' off the pencil lead and is 'applied' to the surface.





<u>Discussion:</u> What is a property of the delocalised electrons in graphite?



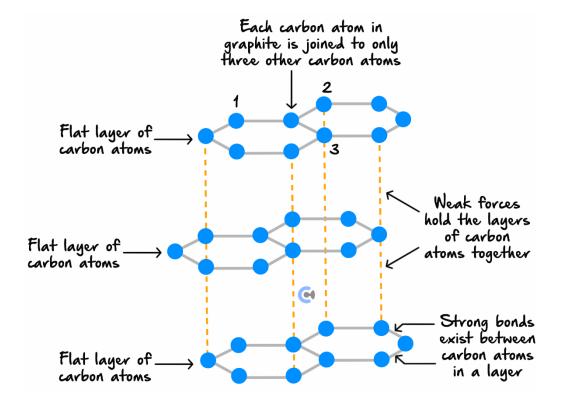
Exploration: Can graphite conduct heat?





Graphite

- Another allotrope of carbon, which forms a sea of delocalised electrons.
- Each carbon forms three bonds in a trigonal planar shape.



Alternative Name: ______





Bonding:

<u>Within Each Layer</u>	Between Each Layer
Forms Covalent Bonds	Forms Dispersion Forces
Hard & Rigid	Soft & Slippery

Conductivity of Electricity: [High] / [Low]

Conductivity of Heat: [High] / [Low]

Your turn!



Question 16 (1 mark)

What is the structure of graphite?

- A. 3D Tetrahedral Lattice
- **B.** Layered Hexagonal Structure
- C. Body-Centered Cubic Structure
- D. Random Amorphous Structure



Question 17

For each of the following, state whether diamond or graphite is likely to be used.

<u>Use of Material</u>	<u>Material</u>
Jewellery	
Lubricants	
Pencil Lead	
Industrial Saw Blades	
Drill Bits	
Electrodes	

Question 18			
Explain each of the following properties of graphite.			
a. Its ability to conduct electricity.			
b. Why it is soft and slippery?			

c.	Why does it have a high sublimation point?

Question 19 (1 mark)

Graphite can act as a lubricant. Select the alternative that best explains this property.

- **A.** The particles in graphite are not bonded to each other very strongly.
- **B.** The forces between layers of graphite are weak.
- **C.** There are delocalised electrons moving between the layers.
- **D.** The intramolecular bonds in graphite are weak.

Question 20 (1 mark)

Select the correct answer that best explains why diamond and graphite have such high sublimation points.

- **A.** Molecules of Carbon are strongly attracted to each other by covalent bonds.
- **B.** Molecules of Carbon are strongly attracted to each other by strong intermolecular forces.
- **C.** Both have lattice structures with Carbon atoms bonded together by covalent bonds.
- **D.** Both have lattice structures with Carbon atoms bonded together by strong intermolecular forces.

NOTE: Similar to diamonds, graphite cannot melt as it is held together by strong covalent bonds. It instead sublimes directly from a solid to a gas.





Question 21 (1 mark) **Additional Question.**

What is a primary industrial use of graphite?

- A. Jewellry manufacturing.
- **B.** Electrical insulation.
- **C.** Electrode production in batteries and furnaces.
- **D.** Transparent coatings.

Question 22 (1 mark) Additional Question.

Which of the following is NOT true about graphite?

- **A.** It conducts electricity.
- **B.** It has high melting and boiling points.
- **C.** It is the hardest naturally occurring substance.
- **D.** It is used as a lubricant.

Extension: Amorphous Forms of Carbon



- Amorphous carbon is the 'regular' state in which Carbon exists, usually in wood, coal, etc.
- It has no consistent structure and contains irregularly packed, tiny crystals or graphite and other non-uniform arrangements.

Study Design: Covalent Substances



The structure and bonding of diamond and graphite that explain their properties (including heat conductivity and electrical conductivity and hardness) and their suitability for diverse applications.



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Learning Objective: [1.3.1] - Explain the metallic bonding model

Key Takeaways				
	Metallic bonding is caused by between metal cations and the electrons lost.			
	The lost electrons group together in a ' electrons'.			
	The metal cations are arranged within a			
	Learning Objectives [1.2.2] Identify properties of metals (High MD/DD			
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Key Takeaways				
	Metals are [good] / [bad] conductors of electricity and heat due to the presence of			
	Metals are malleable and ductile when struck, the lattice structure of a metal , but due to electrostatic attraction			
	between the cations and delocalised electrons.			
	As delocalised electrons can reflect light, metals are			
	Metallic bonding is strong, hard, and dense due to the strongbetween metal cations and the sea of delocalised electrons.			
	A [higher] / [lower] charge of metal results in stronger metallic bonding.			
	Within the same group, metals with smaller atomic radii will have [greater] / [weaker] electrostatic attraction, and therefore, [stronger] / [weaker] metallic bonding.			
	Melting point → Intermolecular bonds are			
	Boiling point → Intermolecular bonds are			



Learning Objective: [1.3.3] - Explain the covalent lattice structures bonding & properties of diamond and graphite

Key Takeaways

□ Diamond and Graphite are both ______ of carbon.

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Graphite</u>
	Each carbon atom in graphite is joined to only three other carbon atoms 2 Flat layer of
Strength: [High] / [Low]	Strength: Vertical Strength: [High] / [Low] as it bonds via Horizontal Strength: [High] / [Low] as it bonds via
Melting Point: [High] / [Low]	Melting Point: [High] / [Low]
Conductivity of Electricity: [High] / [Low]	Conductivity of Electricity: [High] / [Low]
Conductivity of Heat: [High] / [Low]	Conductivity of Heat: [High] / [Low]



Key Takeaways



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