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VCE Chemistry ½
Covalent Molecules [1.6]

Workbook

Outline:

Covalent Bonds

- Lewis Structures
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- Drawing Lewis Structures of Molecules
- Deriving Molecular Formula
- Multiple Covalent Bonds

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- Parent/Electron Geometry vs Molecular Geometry

Learning Objectives:

- ☐ CH12 [1.6.1] Draw Lewis structures of atoms & covalent molecules.
- CH12 [1.6.2] Identify the geometries (parent & molecular) of molecules, with reference to VSEPR theory.

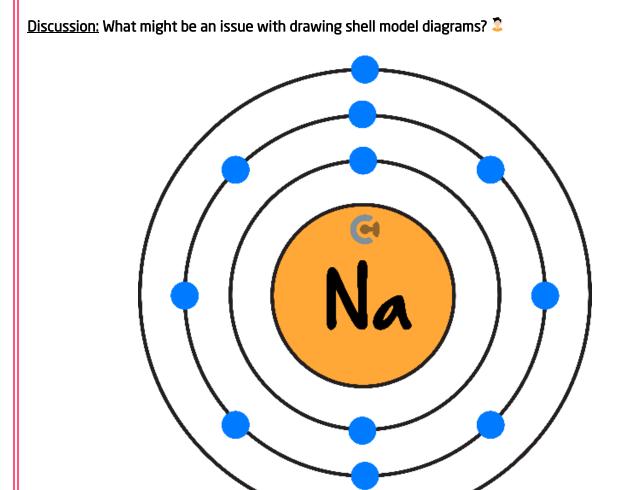




Section A: Covalent Bonds

Sub-Section: Lewis Structures







Exploration: Chlorine Shell Model Diagram



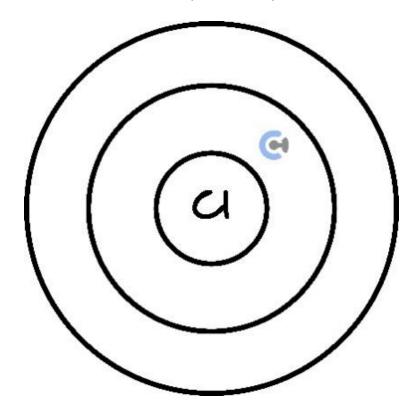


<u>Protons</u>	<u>Electrons</u>
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What is the Shell Model electron configuration of chlorine?

How many valence electrons does chlorine have? <a>\$\bar{z}

▶ What is the shell model diagram for chlorine? (Label Below) 🍣



NOTE: We don't care about the inner shell electrons. The number of ______ electrons matter a lot more.





Exploration: Chlorine Lewis Structure



The following short-formed version of the shell model diagram is used instead. (Label Below)



- Structure name: _________
- Feature: Only shows ______ electrons in an atom. \$\simeg\$

Lewis Structure/Lewis Dot Structure



- **Definition:** The Lewis Structure only shows the **valence electrons** in an atom, which is typically shown by ______. §
- **Example:**



NOTE: Lewis structures are used because it's much **quicker** to draw molecules compared to the Shell Model Diagram.





Let's practise this together!



Question 1 Walkthrough.

Draw the Lewis Structure for Lithium (Li).

Your turn!



Question 2

Draw the Lewis Structures for each of the following atoms:

a. Nitrogen (N).

c. Sulphur (S).

b. Carbon (C).





Question 3 (1 mark) Additional Question.

Draw the Lewis dot structure for bromine.

Misconception



"The Lewis Structure of atoms can be drawn in any way."

Sulphur can be written in any of these two ways:







TRUTH: Lewis Structures can't be drawn in any way.

Misconception



"Electrons always pair up first."

TRUTH: Electrons do pair up, but they pair up last, after the 4 valence orbitals are half-filled first.

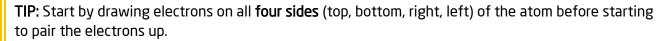
What does this look like in practice?



Question 4 Walkthrough.

Draw the Lewis Structures for Nitrogen (N).

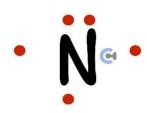






Electron Pairing in Lewis Dot Structures

- Electrons pair up last after the 4 valence orbitals are half-filled first.
- Nitrogen's Lewis Structure:



NOTE: The electrons in Lewis Structures can be drawn as either **dots or crosses**.













Try some yourself!

Question 5		
Draw the Lewis Structures for each of the following atoms:		
a. Oxygen (0).	c. Carbon (C).	
b. Phosphorus (P).	d. Boron (B).	
Question 6 Additional Question.		
Draw the Lewis Structures for each of the following atom	ns:	
a. Si	b. F	



Sub-Section: Covalent Bonds



<u>Active Recall:</u> According to the Octet Rule, how many electrons do atoms want in their outer shell?



Exploration: Chlorine Obtaining a Full Outer Shell

- Chlorine valence electrons: 💈
 - What will a chlorine atom try to do to achieve a full outer shell? [Gain] / [Lose] an electron.
- What will this look like on a chlorine atom? (Label Below)



If there are only other chlorine atoms nearby, what is the issue with each of them? *(Label Below)*





Will either atom want to give up an electron? \(\bar{z}\)

[Yes] / [No]

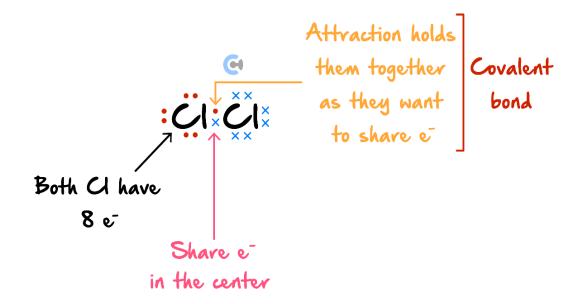
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- What do they end up doing? (Label Below)
- How many electrons do both chlorine atoms have now? (Label Below) 🕏
- What is this bond called? (Label Below)

Covalent Bond



- Definition: A chemical bond where two or more atoms ______ electrons. 👺
- Feature: Covalent bond is formed so that all atoms have full outer shells.



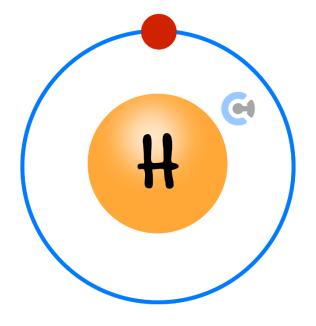


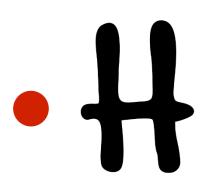
Let's explore this idea with another element!



Exploration: Hydrogen Atom Covalent Bonding

Consider hydrogen (H), which has 1 valence electron.





- How many electrons will make its valence electron shell full?
- How many electrons does it need to obtain a full outer shell?
- What happens if two hydrogen atoms are placed close to one another? (Label Below)









NOTE: A simplified way to represent a covalent bond is to use a ______ to connect the two atoms involved in the bond.



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Exploration: Bonding and Non-bonding Electrons



Mhat does the bonding look like between hydrogen and chlorine? (Label Below)

The electrons in atoms involved in bonding can be classified into two categories:

electrons. 🐉

electrons. S

- What does this look like on chlorine and hydrogen? (Label Above)
- Final 'group of atoms' name: _____ \$\square\$

Bonding and Non-Bonding Electrons



- Bonding electrons are valence electrons which are directly involved in a covalent bond.
- Non-bonding electrons are electrons which are **not directly** involved in a covalent bond.

NOTE: Covalent bonding always occurs between _______ as they need to gain electrons! 👺 🙇





<u>Discussion:</u> What is a molecular formula?



Exploration: Molecular Formula

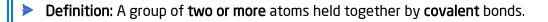


What is the molecular formula of each of the following? (Label Below) \(\bar{\omega} \)





<u>Molecule</u>









What if the molecular formula is given and the lewis structure needs to be derived from it?

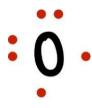
Exploration: Water



Lewis Structure for oxygen (0): (Label Below)



- Number of electrons required for full outer shell in oxygen: 💆 ______
- Number of covalent bonds required for full outer shell in oxygen:
- > The oxygen atom will bond with the two hydrogen atoms as follows: (Label Below) \$







NOTE: The number of covalent bonds each atom forms is ______ to the number of electrons it requires to obtain a full outer shell.



One covalent bond = One more electron ______ by sharing.

ALSO NOTE: Within a molecule, there may be **multiple** covalent bonds.

Let's have a look at a question together!



Question 7 Walkthrough.

For nitrogen (N), indicate the maximum number of covalent bonds which will form.

Your turn!



Question 8

For each of the following atoms, indicate the maximum number of covalent bonds which will form.

a. Oxygen (0).

d. Fluorine (F).

b. Carbon (C).

e. Neon (Ne).

c. Hydrogen (H).

f. Argon (Ar).

NOTE: Noble gases such as Ne or Ar have a full outer shell and, thus do not form bonds with anything and are unreactive as a result!



Sub-Section: Drawing Lewis Structures of Molecules



Let's put what we've learnt so far together in a question!



Question 9 Walkthrough.

Draw the Lewis Structure for ammonia (NH₃).



TIP: When trying to draw out a molecule, draw the Lewis structure first, and figure out how many covalent bonds each atom will try to form!

Your turn!



Question 10

Draw the Lewis Structure for each of the following molecules:

a. Hydrogen sulphide (H₂S).

b. Methane (CH_4) .

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Draw the Lewis Structure for each of the following molecules:

a. Phosphorus trichloride (PCl₃).

b. Carbon tetrafluoride (CF_4) .

Question 12 Additional Question.

Draw the Lewis Structure for each of the following molecules:

a. Methane (CH_4) .

b. Ethane (C_2H_6) .



Sub-Section: Deriving Molecular Formula



What if we need to work the other way?



Question 13 Walkthrough.

Identify the most likely formula of the molecule formed between Carbon (C) & Chlorine (Cl).

TIP: Figure out how many covalent bonds each atom will try to form and find the simplest combination that gives each atom a full outer shell!



Your turn!



Question 14

Identify the most likely formula of the molecule formed between the following pairs of elements:

a. Hydrogen & Iodine.

b. Nitrogen & Bromine.



Identify the most likely formula of the molecule formed between the following pairs of elements:			
Sulphur (S) & Fluorine (F).	b. Silicon and Hydrogen.	b. Silicon and Hydrogen.	



Sub-Section: Multiple Covalent Bonds

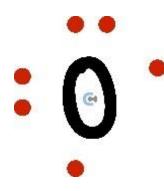


<u>Discussion:</u> Can atoms share multiple pairs of electrons?



Exploration: Multiple Covalent Bonds

Consider oxygen again:



<u>Valence Electrons</u>	Electrons Required	Covalent Bonds Formed

What if it were to form a covalent bond with itself? (Label Below)





This is a _____ covalent bond, is this the ideal formation? 🍮

[Yes] / [No]



What if the atoms share **two** pairs of electrons? (Label Below)





This covalent bond is a [single] / [double] bond, is this the ideal formation? 💈 [Yes] / [No]

Multiple Covalent Bonds



- Double covalent bonds are the same as a pair of atoms bonding with each other twice.
- > Can also be denoted by a **double straight line**:







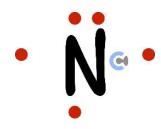


What about more covalent bonds?



Exploration: More Covalent Bonds

Consider nitrogen:



- How many more bonds does it want to form?
- Nitrogen (N) atoms can bond with itself. (Label Below)











_____ covalent bonds can also form!

Extension: Quadruple covalent bonds

They exist, but are not covered in VCE Chemistry!



<u>Discussion:</u> In nature, are elements more likely to exist as singular atoms, or are they more likely to exist in pairs?



[Singular atoms] / [Exist in Pairs]



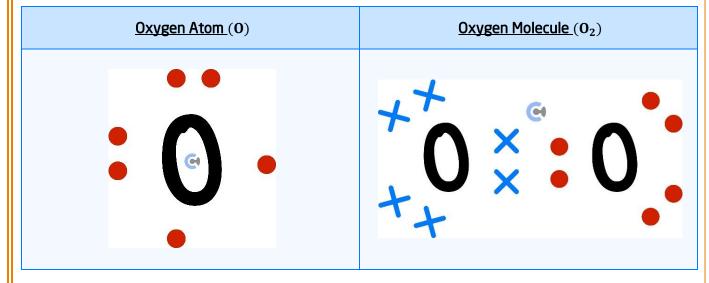


Let's take a look at this idea!



Exploration: Elements in Nature

Single oxygen atom vs Oxygen molecule (O₂):



Which one contains full outer shells?

[atom] / [molecule]

Which one is more likely to exist in nature? \(^2\)

[atom] / [molecule]

NOTE: Molecules are more likely to exist in pairs such as $\mathbf{0}_2$.



ALSO NOTE: This is because atoms would rather pair up and form a _____ molecule where the atoms have full outer shells.

Diatomic Molecule



- **Definition:** A molecule with exactly two atoms in its structure.
- Feature: These molecules exist naturally as they have full outer shells.



TIP: The following mnemonic helps remember which elements are diatomic in nature.



"Have No Fear Of Ice Cold Beer."



Let's look at carbon dioxide!

C

Exploration: Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Structure

<u>Element</u>	<u>Carbon</u> (C)	<u>0xygen (</u> 0)
Electron Configuration 💆		
Number of electrons required to obtain a full outer shell		
Number of covalent bonds each atom can form		

- Carbon can form more bonds, where is it likely to be in the molecule? 👺 ______
- ➤ What will the structure of CO₂ look like? (Label Below)





TIP: Figure out what requires the most electrons – that is the atom(s) which are most likely to be in the middle of the molecule!



Let's have a look at a question together!

Question 16 Walkthrough.

Draw the Lewis Structure for Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN).

Your turn!



Question 17

Draw the Lewis Structure for:

a. Ethene (C_2H_4) .

b. Ethyne (C_2H_2) .



Question 18 Additional Question.

Draw the Lewis Structure for Nitroxyl (HNO).

Key Takeaways



- ☑ The Lewis Structure shows valence electrons in an atom, typically depicted by dots/crosses.
- A covalent bond is a chemical bond where two or more atoms share electrons.
- ☑ Bonding electrons are valence electrons which are directly involved in a covalent bond.
- Mon-bonding electrons are electrons which are not directly involved in a covalent bond.
- Covalent bonding always occurs between non-metals, as they need to gain electrons!
- The **molecular** formula essentially lists the **amount** of each atom in a molecule.
- In nature, many elements exist in their **diatomic** form, as the atoms have **full** outer shells.
- The element that can form the **most** covalent bonds is usually in the **middle** of the molecule.



Section B: Shapes of Molecules

Sub-Section: Molecular Geometry



Context



While we've been looking at the Lewis structures along with the bonding structure of molecules, we have not looked at the **shape** of these molecules!

Molecular Geometry

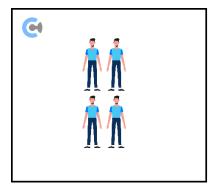


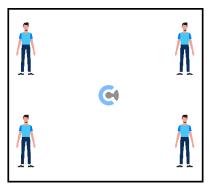
The _____ of atoms that constitute a molecule. 🦫

<u>Analogy</u>



- Imagine four people who hate each other have been forced into a room together.
- How are they most likely to position themselves in the room? (Circle Below)



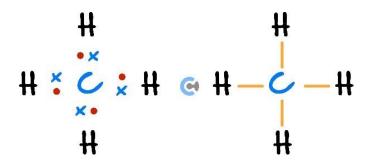




Let's take a look at this idea with molecules!



Exploration: Shape of Methane (CH₄)



Consider the four electron pairs/orbitals surrounding carbon. (Label Below)



The charge on each of these electron pairs: \(\frac{z}{z}\)

[positive] / [negative]

≽ Electron pairs will: 🚨

- [attract] / [repel]
- What is the most likely arrangement of the electron pairs? (Circle Below)



Electron Arrangement

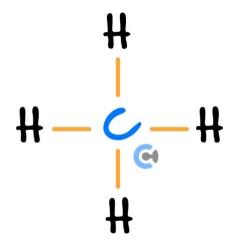


As electron pairs repel each other, they are located as _____ as possible from each other.



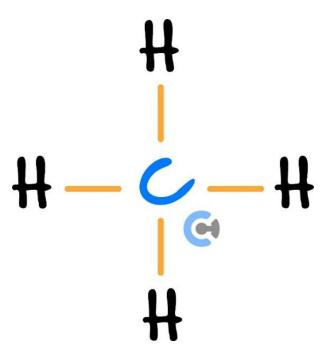
<u>Discussion:</u> What angle will exist between each of the bonds in methane (CH₄)?





Misconception

"When the electron pairs separate from each other as much as possible, they will form a cross formation as shown, with bonds located 90° away from each other.



TRUTH: This is not the formation which results in bonds being located the farthest away from each other!

- This is true for a 2D plane, but atoms exist in ______.
- There are other formations which result in electron groups being located **even further away** from each other!



Let's have a look at some molecules' shapes!



Exploration: Shapes of Molecules

- Simulation:
 - https://www.excelschools.net/sims/html/molecule-shapes/latest/molecule-shapes_all.html?locale=en
 - Click 'Model'.
 - Click 'Remove All' to begin.
 - Add one single bond and slowly add more single bonds only click 'Show Bond Angles' after the shape has been shown! (Fill out the table below as you gol) .
 - Do not play with lone pairs yet!

Number of Bonding Sites	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>	Bond Angle
1		
2		
3		
4		

- Now click 'Remove All', click 'Show Bond Angles', add one double bond and slowly add more single bonds.
 - Shape of the molecule compared to when they are all single bonds: Same] / [Different]





VSEPR Theory

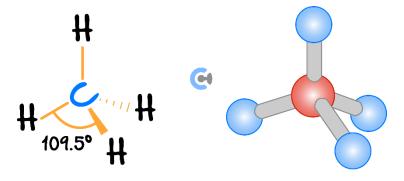


- Name: ______ theory
- > Acronym: _______
- Function: Used to predict the **shapes** that covalent molecules will take based on **valence electron**______ for molecules.

Number of Bonding <u>Sites</u>	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>	Bond Angle
1	Linear	180°
2	Linear	180°
3	Trigonal planar	120°
4	Tetrahedral	109.5°

NOTE: For molecules with four bonds, consider the following _____ shape: 🏖





The bonds are 109.5° away from each other, which is further away than if they were 90° away!

ALSO NOTE: Only molecules with a maximum of 4 bonds will be tested in VCE Chemistry!



Try some questions!



Question 19 (3 marks)
State the bond angle that exists between bonds in a tetrahedral molecule. Justify why this is the case with reference to a relevant theory.
Question 20 Additional Question
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Which of the following is true?

- **A.** Methane has a trigonal planar molecular geometry.
- **B.** NaCl has a linear geometry.
- C. Trigonal planar molecules have an angle of 120° between their bonds.
- **D.** The bond angles are random and cannot be predicted for covalent molecules.





<u>Sub-Section</u>: Molecular Geometry with Double and Triple Covalent Bonds



How do double and triple bonds affect the shape of a molecule?



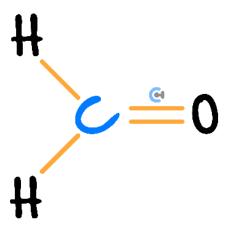
Electron Groups

- Definition
- An electron group is merely a pair of electrons, which may or may not be bonding.

Exploration: Methanal



- Consider methanal (CH₂O):
 - How is the double covalent bond between C and O classified? (Label Below)



- In total, how many electron groups are there?
- ♥ What is the molecular geometry of the molecule?

Definition

Bonding Site

A _____ can be thought of as an **electron group**, provided that group of electrons is part of a bond!



Active Recall: What does VSEPR theory stand for?	?	Y

Active Recall: What are the names of each of these shapes, and what are the bond angles?



Number of Single Bonds	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>	Bond Angle	Number of Bonding Sites
(c)			

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Let's have a look at a question together!



Question 21 Walkthrough.

Draw the Lewis Structure of carbon dioxide, and state its molecular geometry.

Molecular Geometry: _____

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TIP: Regardless as to whether they are single, double, or triple bonds, simply just count the number of **electron groups** to determine the molecular geometry (for now)!

Your turn!



Question 22

Draw the Lewis Structure of each of the following, stating its molecular geometry.

a. Carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄).

Molecular Geometry:

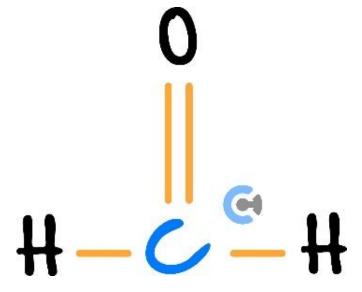


b. Phosgene (COCl₂).

Molecular Geometry:

Question 23 (3 marks)

Derek is investigating methanal (CHO), and wonders why the bonds are not at 90° to each other as shown below.



State the bond angles in the molecule if it were to exist in real life, giving justification for your reasoning.



Question 24 Additional Question.		
State the molecular geometry of the following compounds:		
a. N ₂	b. HCl	



Sub-Section: Parent/Electron Geometry vs Molecular Geometry



It's been assumed that all electron groups are bonding sites, but what if there are some non-bonding electrons in the valence shell?

Exploration: Ammonia (NH₃)

- What is the Lewis structure of ammonia? (Label Below)
 - What do the bonding electrons look like in ammonia? (Label Below)
 - What do the non-bonding electrons look like in ammonia? (Label Below)



- How many electron pairs/groups are there in total?
- How many electron pairs/groups are involved in a bond? 💆
- How many electron pairs/groups are not involved in a bond?

Lone Pair



The **non-bonding** electron pair is known as the _____ pair as it is the pair of electrons which are alone and do not interact with other electrons from other atoms. \$\sigma\$

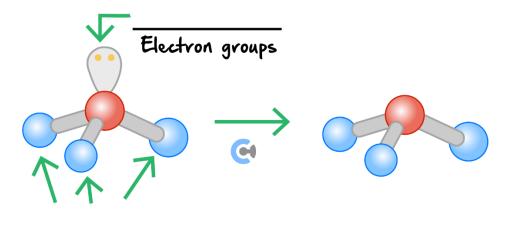




Exploration: Parent/Electron Geometry

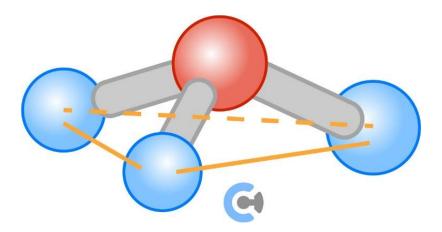


- ➤ Simulation: <a href="https://www.excelschools.net/sims/html/molecule-shapes/latest/molec
- Create a molecule with four single bonds. What is the shape? <a>\$\bigz\$
- Remove one of the single bonds and replace with a lone pair. What shapes do the electrons make?
 - Shape of electrons:
 - What geometry of ammonia (NH₃) is tetrahedral?
- The shape of the molecule [is] / [is not] tetrahedral.
- ➤ What are the electron groups? (Label Below) \(\bar{\sigma}\)



Electron groups

Ammonia (NH₃) shape: S





Parent/Electron vs Molecular Geometry



Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry
The shape that the arrangement of in a molecule takes.	The shape that the arrangement of in a molecule takes.
Look at: Total number of \$\bigsim \text{(both bonding and non-bonding/lone)}.	Look at: Just number of
Ammonia (NH ₃):	Ammonia (NH ₃):

Let's explore this further!



Exploration: Water (H2O) Geometry

- If we also consider water (H₂O):
 - What's the Lewis structure of water? (Label Below)
 - How are the electron pairs classified? (Label Below) 3



<u>Total Electron</u>	Bonding Electron	Non-Bonding Electron Pairs	<u>Parent/Electron</u>	<u>Molecular</u>
<u>Pairs</u>	Pairs		<u>Geometry</u>	<u>Geometry</u>

- Construct this on the simulation:
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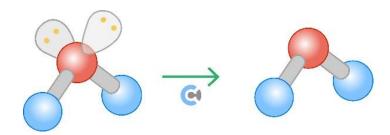




Water Geometry



 \blacktriangleright Water (H₂O) has 2 lone pairs which are not bonded to an atom. It has the following shape:



Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry
Tetrahedral	V-shaped/bent

Are there any other shapes?



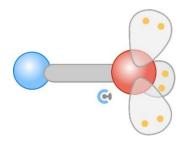
Exploration: Hydrochloric Acid (HCI) Geometry

Lewis Structure of HCl: 3



<u>Total Electron Pairs</u>	Bonding Electron Pairs	Non-Bonding/Lone Electron Pairs

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Parent/Electron Geometry	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>
2	2

Parent/Electron Geometry & Molecular Geometry



Number of Bonding <u>Electron Pairs</u>	Number of Lone Pairs	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>	<u>Shape</u>
4	0	2	G G
3	1	2	G
2	2	2	G
1	3	2	(H)

TIP: When figuring out the molecular geometry, first draw the Lewis Structure to determine the total number of bonding electrons and then, the number of lone pairs.

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Question 25 Walkthrough.

What is the parent geometry and molecular geometry of phosphorous trichloride (PCl₃)?

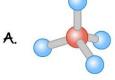
Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry

Your turn!



Active Recall: Name each of the following shapes:









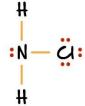




Question 26

Classify the molecular shapes of each of the following atoms:

A.



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C

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Question 27

What is the parent geometry and molecular geometry of hydrogen sulphide (H₂S)?

Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry

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Question 28

What is the parent geometry and molecular geometry of each of the following?

a. CCl_4

Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry

b. 0_2

Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry

NOTE: The parent/electron geometry is not always tetrahedral!



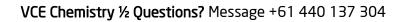
Question 29 Additional Question.

What is the molecular geometry of each of the following?

a. CH₂ClF

b. HF

c. HOCl





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What is the parent geometry and molecular geometry of Nitroxyl (HNO)?

Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry

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<u>Learning Objective</u>: [1.6.1] - Draw Lewis Structures Of Atoms & Covalent Molecules

Study Design

The use of Lewis (electron dot) structures, structural formulas, and molecular formulas to model the following molecules: hydrogen, oxygen, chlorine, nitrogen, hydrogen chloride, carbon dioxide, water, ammonia, methane, ethane, and ethene.

Key Takeaways			
The Lewis Structure shows theelectrons in an atom, typically depicted by			
Abond is a chemical bond where two or more atoms [share] / [transfer] electrons.			
[Bonding] / [Non-bonding] electrons are valence electrons directly involved in a covalent bond.			
Bonding] / [Non-bonding] electrons are electrons not directly involved in a covalent bond.			
Covalent bonding occurs between [metals] / [non-metals], as they [gain] / [lose] electrons!			
The formula lists the amount of each atom in a molecule .			
Many elements exist in their form, as the atoms have full outer shells.			
List the diatomic elements using the mnemonic. (Label Below)			
The element that can form the [most] / [least] covalent bonds is usually in the middle of the molecule.			



<u>Learning Objective</u>: [1.6.2] - Identify The Geometries (Parent & Molecular) Of Molecules, With Reference To VSEPR Theory

Study Design

Shapes of molecules (linear, bent, pyramidal, and tetrahedral, excluding bond angles) as determined by the repulsion of electron pairs according to valence shell electron pair repulsion (VSEPR) theory.

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	As electron pairs [attract] / [repel] each other, they will be located as [close] / [far] as possible from each other.			
c	The	th	eory () is used to	
		covalent molecules will take based or		
	Number of Bonding	<u>Molecular Geometry</u>	Bond Angle	
	<u>Sites</u>	riolecular deometry	Dona Angle	
	1			
	2			
	3			
	4			
_	An is merely a pair of electrons, which may or may not be bonding.			
	In double and triple covalent bonds, all electrons associated in those bonds are electron group.			
	Acan be thought of as an electron group , if the group of electrons is part o a bond!			
	The non-bonding electro	on pair is also known as the	pair as it is the pair of	

electrons.



Parent/Electron Geometry	Molecular Geometry
The shape that the arrangement of [electrons] / [atoms] in a molecule takes.	The shape that the arrangement of [electrons] / [atoms] in a molecule takes.
Considers both the bonding electron pairs and the non-bonding electron pairs (lone pairs).	Only considers the atoms , excluding lone pairs.

Total Number of electron groups	0 non-bonding pairs	1 non-bonding pair	<u>2 non-bonding</u> <u>pairs</u>	<u>3 non-bonding</u> <u>pairs</u>
4				
3				N/A
2			N/A	N/A



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