Chapter 2 The Chemistry of Life

Section 2–1 The Nature of Matter (pages 35–39)

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This section identifies the three particles that make up atoms. It also explains how atoms of the same element can have a different number of neutrons and describes the two main types of chemical bonds.

Atoms (page 35)

- **1.** The basic unit of matter is called a(an) _____.
- 2. Describe the nucleus of an atom. _____
- **3.** Complete the table about subatomic particles.

SUBATOMIC PARTICLES

Particle	Charge	Location in Atom
	Positive	
	Neutral	
	Negative	

4. Why are atoms neutral despite having charged particles?

Elements and Isotopes (page 36)

5. What is a chemical element? _____

- 6. What does an element's atomic number represent?
- 7. Atoms of the same element that differ in the number of neutrons they contain are known as ______.
- 8. How are isotopes identified? _____
- 9. Why do all isotopes of an element have the same chemical properties? _____

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Chemical Compounds (page 37)

10. What is a chemical compound? _____

11. What does the formula for table salt indicate about that compound?

Chemical Bonds (pages 38–39)

12. What holds atoms in compounds together?

13. Complete the table about the main types of chemical bonds.

CHEMICAL BONDS

Туре	Formed when
Covalent bond	
lonic bond	

14. What is an ion? _____

- **15.** Is the following sentence true or false? An atom that loses electrons has a negative charge. _____
- **16.** The structure that results when atoms are joined together by covalent bonds is called a(an) ______.
- **17.** Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about covalent bonds.
 - **a.** When atoms share two electrons, it is called a double bond.
 - **b.** In a water molecule, each hydrogen atom forms a single covalent bond.
 - c. Atoms can share six electrons and form a triple bond.
 - **d.** In a covalent bond, atoms share electrons.
- **18.** The slight attractions that develop between oppositely charged regions of nearby molecules are called ______.