

Candy Compounds

Teacher Information

I use this activity after we have discussed ionic and covalent bonds to give my students a chance to practice bonding. I walk around the classroom as students work on this activity and am able to identify those students who have grasped the concept of bonding as well as which students need additional instruction to understand bonding.

Materials Needed:

Toothpicks

Gumdrops (assorted colors) – May also use other small candy with 6 different colors

Ziploc bags

Copies of Candy Key

Copies of Student Worksheet

Preparation:

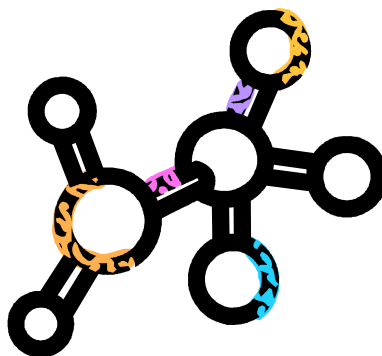
If you are having students work in groups, determine the number of groups you will have. I can usually get 5-6 sets out of 1 regular sized bag of gumdrops. Sort the gumdrops into Ziploc bags using the candy key as a guideline. You will not need to have all the colors the same in every bag (i.e. all red for hydrogen, all orange for chlorine), but may mix them up to make the gumdrops go further. One bag may have 4 red, 3 yellow, 2 orange, 2 green, 1 white, and 1 purple, while another may have 4 yellow, 3 green, 2 red, 2 purple, 1 white, and 1 orange.

Directions:

1 – Give each group 1 bag of gumdrops, a candy key, and colored pencils or crayons. Allow time for students to color in the key according to the number of gumdrops in their bag. They may pick which colors to use for oxygen and sodium as well as carbon and calcium.







2 – Give each student a copy of the student worksheet and read through the directions. You may also want to do the first bond together so they know exactly what they need to do.

3 – Allow time for groups to make each bond and fill in the chart. They will need to take apart the bonds and reuse the same gumdrops for the other molecules.



Candy Compounds - Candy Key







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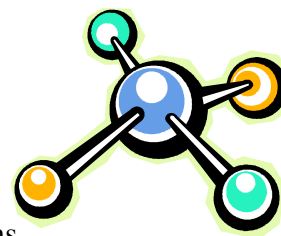
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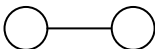
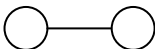
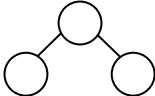
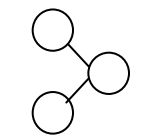
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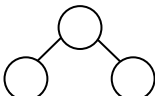
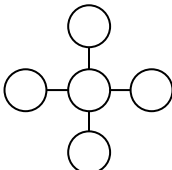

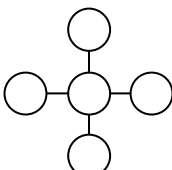
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For each compound, you will need to:

- (1) List the atoms and number of each,
- (2) Identify the type of bond,
- (3) Make and color the gumdrop model, and
- (4) Draw the bond structure showing the transfer or sharing of electrons.



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H₂			
NaCl			
H₂O			
Na₂O			

CaCl₂			
CH₄			
CO₂			
CHCl₃			

What type of bond occurs between a metal and a nonmetal? _____

What type of bond occurs between two nonmetals? _____

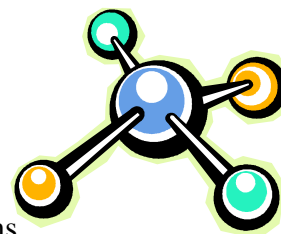
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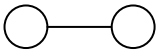
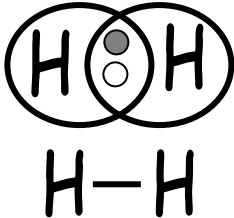
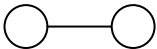
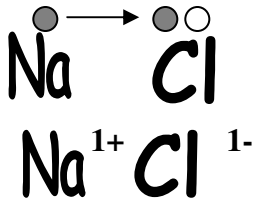
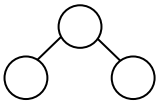
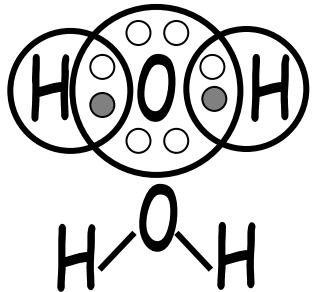
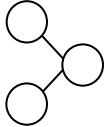
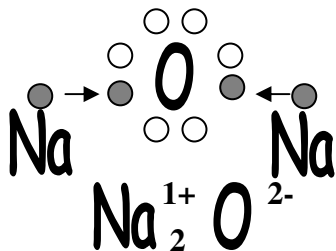
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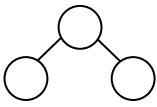
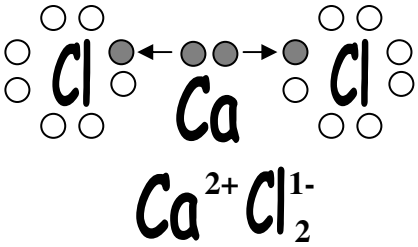
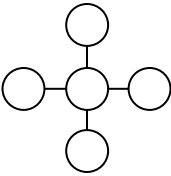
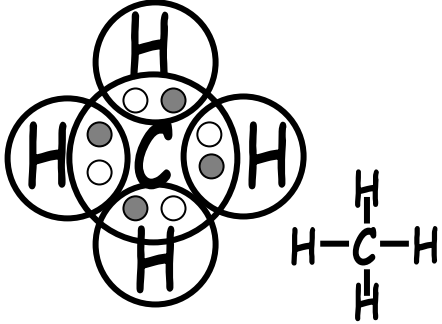
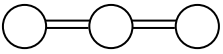
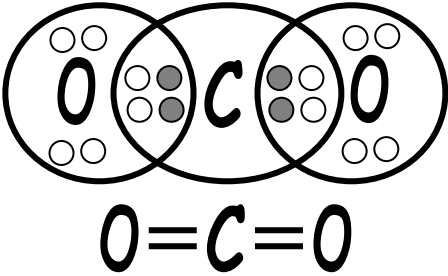
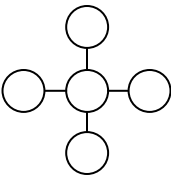
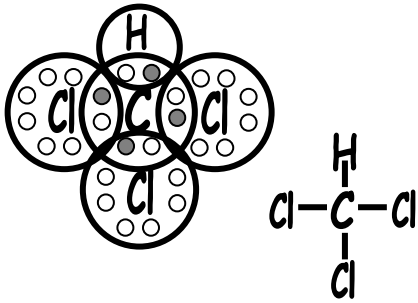
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<p style="text-align: center;">NaCl</p> <p>Na = Sodium = 1 Cl = Chlorine = 1</p>	Ionic		
<p style="text-align: center;">H₂O</p> <p>H = Hydrogen = 2 O = Oxygen = 1</p>	Covalent		
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<p>CaCl₂</p> <p>Ca = Calcium = 1 Cl = Chlorine = 2</p>	<p>Ionic</p>	 <p>Colors depend on candy key</p>	 <p>$Ca^{2+} Cl_2^{1-}$</p>
<p>CH₄</p> <p>C = Carbon = 1 H = Hydrogen = 4</p>	<p>Covalent</p>		
<p>CO₂</p> <p>C = Carbon = 1 O = Oxygen = 2</p>	<p>Covalent</p>		 <p>$O=C=O$</p>
<p>CHCl₃</p> <p>C = Carbon = 1 H = Hydrogen = 1 Cl = Chlorine = 3</p>	<p>Covalent</p>		

What type of bond occurs between a metal and a nonmetal? **Ionic**

What type of bond occurs between two nonmetals? **Covalent**