

Hydrates

Hydrates are compounds that contain water as part of its ionic crystal structure.

When heat is applied to a hydrate, it will decompose to produce water vapour and an ionic compound. This proves that the water is loosely held to the ionic compound. When this water, called water of hydration, is removed, the product is referred to as **anhydrous**.

Epsom salts is a common example of a hydrate. $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$. This formula means that for every magnesium sulphate there are seven molecules of water weakly bonded to it. The dot before the water molecules signifies a hydrated compound.

The word “hydrate” is included in the name of these compounds. Prefixes are added to the word “hydrate” to show the exact number of water molecules per formula.

Example:

Write the name of $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Step 1. Name the first part like usual

Copper (II) sulfate

Step 2. Name the hydrate after the first part with the appropriate prefix.

Copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate

Fill in the missing information

Name	Formula
Sodium carbonate decahydrate	
Iron (III) oxide trihydrate	
Aluminum chloride hexahydrate	
Lithium chloride tetrahydrate	
Calcium chloride dihydrate	
Zinc sulphate heptahydrate	
Lithium chloride tetrahydrate	
Cobalt (II) chloride hexahydrate	
Nickel (III) chloride pentahydrate	
Cadmium nitrate tetrahydrate	
	$\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{ZnCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Nomenclature #5: Odds And Ends when Naming Ionic Compounds

1. Write correct formulae for each of the following names:

sodium hypochlorite (bleach)	mercury (II) periodate
manganese (IV) oxide	tin (IV) bromate
potassium permanganate	zinc hypophosphite
chromium (II) sulfate	chromium (III) hydrogen sulfate
iron (III) acetate	silver nitrate
tin (IV) iodite	lead (IV) hydrogen carbonate
lithium oxalate	cobalt (II) perchlorate
arsenic (V) thiosulfate	gold (III) fluoride
calcium permanganate	sodium chromate
aluminum hydrogen borate	strontium cyanate
copper (II) hydrogen carbonate	lead (IV) hypoiodite
silver dichromate	iron (III) borate
ammonium cyanide	antimony (III) hydrogen sulfate
mercury (II) acetate dihydrate	
silver cyanide tetrahydrate	
copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate	
copper (I) carbonate heptahydrate	
iron (III) perchlorate nonahydrate	

2. Write the IUPAC names for the following compounds. Use Roman numerals when necessary.

Na ₂ O	Hg(ClO ₄) ₂
KNO ₂	Zn(OH) ₂
CrSO ₄	Cr(HSO ₃) ₃
Fe(CH ₃ COO) ₃	LiIO ₄
AuF ₃	CaSO ₂
HgMnO ₄	NaCN
Pb(IO) ₂	Sn(H ₂ PO ₄) ₂
CuHSO ₄	Al ₂ (Cr ₂ O ₇) ₃
Ag ₂ HPO ₃	H ₂ O ₂
NiPO ₄	Pb(HCO ₃) ₄
Co(IO ₂) ₂	Sb ₃ (BO ₃) ₅
MnO ₂ · 4 H ₂ O	
CuNO ₃ · 6 H ₂ O	
NaCH ₃ COO · 3 H ₂ O	
AuCN · 8 H ₂ O	