Chemistry Part 1 Vocabulary List

1. atom the smallest particle of matter	2. nucleus the center of the atom containing protons and neutrons
3. proton a positively charged particle in the nucleus of an atom	4. neutron a neutral particle in the nucleus of an atom
5. electron a negatively charged particle outside the nucleus of an atom	6. valence electron the electrons farthest away and most loosely held by the nucleus.
7. element a substance that cannot be broken down into any other substances by chemical or physical means	8. symbol the set of characters that is used to identify an element
9. periodic table an arrangement of the elements in order of atomic number, in which elements with similar properties are grouped in columns	10. atomic number the number of protons in an atom; the top number in each element's box.
11. atomic mass the sum of protons and neutrons in an atom; the bottom number in each box	12. period the rows going across the periodic table
13. group the columns going down the periodic table	14. electron cloud All of the area inside an atom surrounding the nucleus where electrons are found.
15. subatomic particles Particles that are smaller than the atom. These include protons, neutrons, and electrons	16. electrical charge The form of charge that is found on the subatomic particles: Protons (+), Neutrons (o), and Electrons (-)
17. molecule a combination of two or more atoms that are bonded together	18. compound a substance made of two or more elements chemically combined in a set ratio

Chemistry Part 1 Vocabulary Illustrations

