

1. acid	any substance that forms hydrogen ions (H ⁺) in water, pH below 7; sour taste; turns blue litmus red; phenolphthalein remains clear; example: lemon juice	18. ionic bond	attractive force between two ions of opposite charge; example: salt, NaCl; Na ⁺ has a positive charge and Cl ⁻ has a negative charge
2. activation energy	the amount of energy needed to begin a chemical reaction	19. isotope	atoms of the same element that have different number of neutrons; has the same number of protons; can be radioactive
3. amino acid	building blocks of proteins; 20 amino acids	20. lipid	macromolecule composed mostly of carbon and hydrogen atoms with a few oxygen atoms; examples include waxes, fats, oils and steroids; insoluble in water; make up part of cell membrane
4. atom	smallest particle of an element that still retains the same characteristics of the element; made of neutrons, protons and electrons	21. macromolecules	large molecules, polymers, that are found in organisms (carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, nucleic acids)
5. base	any substance that forms hydroxide ions in water (OH ⁻); pH above 7; bitter taste; slippery; turns red litmus blue; phenolphthalein turns pink; example: soap	22. metabolism	all of the chemical reactions that occur within an organism
6. buffers	substances that maintain certain pH levels	23. mixture	combination of substances in which the individual components retain their own properties; example - sugar in water or salt in water
7. carbohydrate	macromolecule composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen in a ratio of two hydrogen atoms to one carbon atom to one oxygen atom; starch, glycogen and cellulose	24. molecule	group of atoms held together by covalent bonds; examples: glucose and water
8. catalyst	substance that speeds chemical reactions by lowering the activation energy	25. monomer	building blocks of polymers; examples include monosaccharides, amino acids, nucleotides
9. chemical reaction	process that rearranges atoms to form different substances (reactants to products)	26. nucleic acid	macromolecule that stores cellular information in the form of a code made of nucleotides; DNA and RNA are examples
10. compound	composed of atoms of two or more different elements that are chemically combined; can be either covalent or ionic	27. nucleotide	monomers consisting of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorus; building blocks of nucleic acids; three parts: nitrogenous base, simple sugar and a phosphate group
11. covalent bond	a bond formed between two or more atoms by the sharing of electrons forming a molecule; examples include lipids, proteins and water	28. nucleus	center of an atom; contains the protons and neutrons; positively charged. Atomic mass is the combination of the neutrons and protons, atomic number is the number of protons only
12. dehydration	a process that removes -OH from one monomer and H ⁺ from another monomer to create water and a polymer	29. peptide bond	covalent bond formed between amino acids; creates proteins
13. element	a substance that cannot be broken down into simpler chemical substances; composed of the same type of atoms	30. pH	measure of how acidic or basic a solution is; pH scale is from 0 to 14. 0 to 7 is acidic; 7 to 14 is basic; 7 is neutral
14. enzyme	protein, biological catalyst, that increases the rate of a chemical reaction; is not changed in reaction; affected by heat and pH; become denatured and will not function properly	31. polar molecule	molecule with an unequal distribution of charge, resulting in the molecule having a positive end and a negative end. example - water
15. hydrogen bond	weak chemical bond formed by the attraction between polar molecules		
16. hydrolysis	a process that breaks bonds of a polymer to the individual monomers by taking the -OH and H ⁺ from a water molecule and adding them to each monomer		
17. ion	charged particle formed when one or more atoms gain or lose electrons		

32. polymer	large molecule formed when many smaller molecules bond together; can be formed by dehydration
33. product	substance(s) that are created as a result of a chemical reaction
34. protein	macromolecule composed of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and sometimes sulfur; building blocks are amino acids; enzymes; created at ribosomes
35. reactant	substances needed to start a chemical reaction
36. solution	a mixture in which one or more substances (solute) are distributed evenly in another substance (solvent); water is the universal solvent; example: sweet iced tea
37. substrate	reactants that bind to an enzyme
38. van der Waals forces	attraction between the positive and negative regions of molecules that hold them together (weak attraction)