

COMMON IONS

Polyatomic ions are **bolded**.

CATIONS (positive)						ANIONS (negative)					
1+						1-					
H ⁺	hydrogen										
Li ⁺	lithium	Cu ⁺	copper (I)	H ₃ O ⁺	hydronium	H ⁻	hydride	C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻ (or CH ₃ COO ⁻)	acetate	CNO ⁻	fulminate
Na ⁺	sodium	Au ⁺	gold (I)	NH ₄ ⁺	ammonium	NH ₂ ⁻	amide	OH ⁻	hydroxide	OH ⁻	hydroxide
K ⁺	potassium			Hg ₂ ²⁺	mercury (I)	C ₆ H ₅ COO ⁻	benzoate	IO ⁻	hypoiodate	IO ₃ ⁻	iodate
Rb ⁺	rubidium				mercurous	BrO ⁻	hypobromite	IO ₄ ⁻	periodate	MnO ₄ ⁻	permanganate
Cs ⁺	cesium					BrO ₂ ⁻	bromite	NO ₂ ⁻	nitrite		
Ag ⁺	silver					H ⁻	hydride	NO ₃ ⁻	nitrate		
						F ⁻	fluoride	HC ₂ O ₄ ⁻	binoxalate		
						Cl ⁻	chloride	SCN ⁻	thiocyanate		
						Br ⁻	bromide	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	dihydrogen phosphate		
						I ⁻	iodide	HS ⁻	bisulfide		
								(or hydrogen sulfide)			
								HSO ₃ ⁻	bisulfite		
								(or hydrogen sulfite)			
								HSO ₄ ⁻	bisulfate		
								(or hydrogen sulfate)			
2+						2-					
Be ²⁺	beryllium	Cr ²⁺	chromium (II)	Pb ²⁺	lead (II)	O ²⁻	oxide	B ₄ O ₇ ²⁻	tetraborate	C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻	oxalate
Mg ²⁺	magnesium			Mn ²⁺	plumbous	O ₂ ²⁻	peroxide	CO ₃ ²⁻	carbonate	HPO ₄ ²⁻	hydrogen phosphate
Ca ²⁺	calcium	Co ²⁺	cobalt (II)	Hg ²⁺	manganese (II)	S ²⁻	sulfide	C ₄ H ₄ O ₆ ²⁻	tartrate	S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻	thiosulfate
Sr ²⁺	strontium				manganous	Se ²⁻	selenide	CrO ₄ ²⁻	chromate	SeO ₄ ²⁻	selenate
Ba ²⁺	barium	Cu ²⁺	cobaltous		mercury (II)	Te ²⁻	telluride	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	dichromate	SiO ₄ ²⁻	silicate
Ra ²⁺	radium			Ni ²⁺	mercuric			SO ₂ ²⁻	hyposulfite	SiF ₆ ²⁻	hexafluorosilicate
Cd ²⁺	cadmium	Fe ²⁺	cupric	Pt ²⁺	nickel*			SO ₃ ²⁻	sulfite		
Ni ²⁺ *	nickel*		iron (II)	Sn ²⁺	platinum (II)			SO ₄ ²⁻	sulfate		
Zn ²⁺	zinc		ferrous		tin (II)						
					stannous						
3+						3-					
Al ³⁺	aluminum	Cr ³⁺	chromium (III)	Fe ³⁺	iron (III)	N ³⁻	nitride	AsO ₄ ³⁻	aronate	PO ₃ ³⁻	phosphite
Sb ³⁺	antimony		chromic		ferric	P ³⁻	phosphide	BO ₃ ³⁻	borate	PO ₄ ³⁻	phosphate
Bi ³⁺	bismuth	Co ³⁺	cobalt (III)	Mn ³⁺	manganese (III)	As ³⁻	arsenide	C ₂ H ₅ O ₇ ³⁻	citrate		
Ga ³⁺	gallium		cobaltic		manganic						
		Au ³⁺	gold (III)	Ti ³⁺	titanium (III)						
			auric	U ³⁺	uranium (III)						
4+											
Pb ⁴⁺	lead (IV)	Sn ⁴⁺	tin (IV)	W ⁴⁺	tungsten (IV)						
	plumbic		stannic		uranium (IV)						
Pt ⁴⁺	platinum (IV)	Ti ⁴⁺	titanium (IV)	U ⁴⁺							
				V ⁴⁺	vanadium (IV)						

*The most common oxidation state of nickel is +2, but compounds of Ni⁺, Ni³⁺, and Ni⁴⁺ are known. (ISBN 0-7506-3365-4)