

13 **Al** Aluminium metal

Atomic number
13

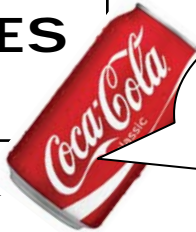
Electron configuration
2,8,3

Loses 3 electrons to achieve a full valence shell, which is a stable arrangement

Forms an **Al³⁺** cation

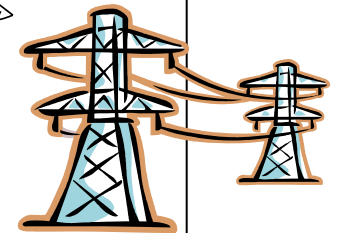
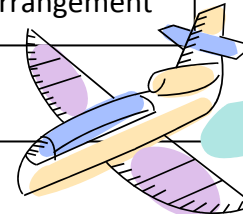
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



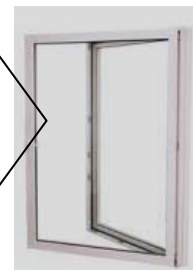
Malleable – can be made “can” shaped; low density – cheaper to transport. Unreactive to O₂, water, acidic contents

- Low density
- Good conductor of electricity
- Good conductor of heat
- Ductile
- Malleable
- Fairly shiny
- Not very strong (unless as an Al alloy)



- Place in reactivity series Na > Ca > Mg > **Al** > Zn.... But it often appears less reactive than it really is
- Al has ALREADY reacted with oxygen in the air to form a tough, thin oxide layer – Al₂O₃ – which protects the aluminium metal underneath from further reaction with {**named**} substances
 - Oxygen in the air
 - Water as rain
 - Dilute acids eg acid rain / fruit juices / cola drink etc

Oxide layer means the frame is unreactive to O₂ in the air and water (rain & washing), even slightly acidic (polluted) rain



The malleability of Al means that it can be rolled in sheets and extruded. Its low density means that the frames will be quite light, yet still strong.

COPPER

Cu

METAL

PINKY - ORANGE

Chemical properties

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Very unreactive metal

- No reaction with water
- No reaction with dilute acids

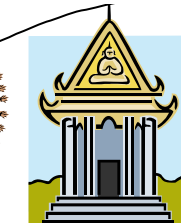
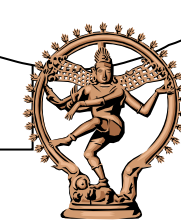
USES mainly related to lack of reactivity include

- Water pipes
- Roofing material
- Statues
- Coins



Heated in air

- Gains an oxide layer – black – when heated in air
- copper + oxygen → copper oxide

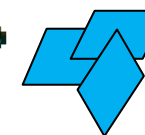


Corrodes VERY slowly in moist air (reacts with both O₂ & CO₂); layer of basic copper carbonate makes it greenish

Copper oxide is a base

- Reacts with acid to give a salt and water eg
- $CuO + 2HCl \rightarrow CuCl_2 + H_2O$
- $CuO + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow CuSO_4 + H_2O$

MANY USES RELY ON BOTH PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES..... a bracelet has to be malleable (to shape it), the Cu colour is attractive, it stays quite shiny, it is hard, it doesn't react with water, sweat, or chemicals it might come into contact with.....

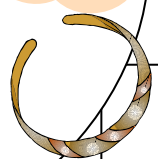
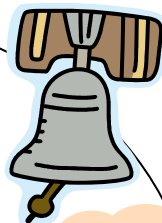


evaporate

Blue colour due to the Cu²⁺ ion

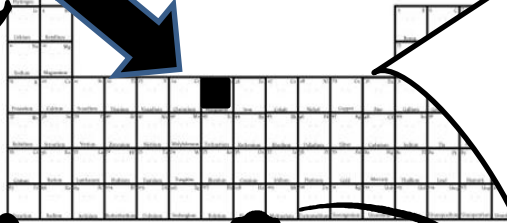


QUITE HEAVY **MALLEABLE**
DUCTILE **SONOROUS**
GOOD CONDUCTOR OF HEAT
GOOD CONDUCTOR OF ELECTRICITY
HARD **STRONG**
HIGH MELTING POINT **SHINY**



A saucepan needs to be a good conductor of heat – but the fact it also conducts electricity well is irrelevant here – we do not cook peas by electrocution!

IRON
Fe



Most used of all the metals due to low cost & high strength



Fe has many uses

Ductile
Hard
Strong
High M pt
High B pt
Magnetic
Dark silvery grey
Good conductor of heat
Good conductor of electricity

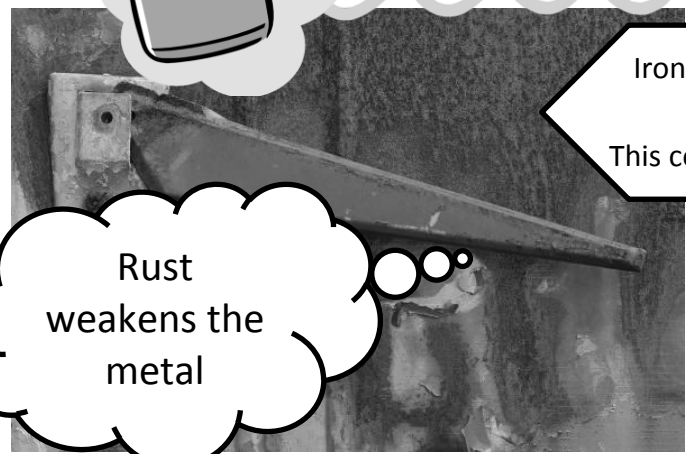
STEEL IS THE BEST KNOWN ALLOY OF IRON



Malleable
Is coated in zinc (galvanised) or painted to stop it from rusting



Ductile - No 8 fencing wire!!



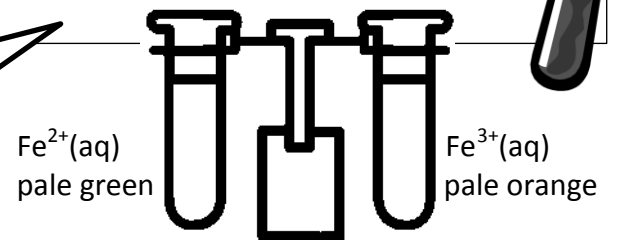
Rust weakens the metal

Iron - corrodes in the presence of water AND oxygen.
This corrosion of iron is called **RUST**

Fe is the only metal that rusts - rust is hydrated iron(III) oxide

Iron is a fairly reactive metal
Na Ca Mg Al Zn **Fe** Pb Cu
Metal + oxygen → metal oxide
Metal + acid → salt + hydrogen

Can form iron(II) and iron(III) compounds because of Fe²⁺ & Fe³⁺ ions



Fe²⁺(aq)
pale green

Fe³⁺(aq)
pale orange