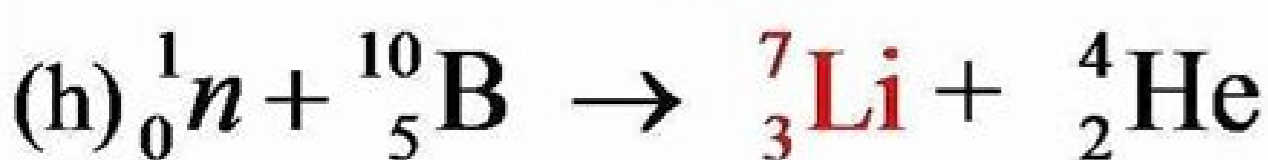
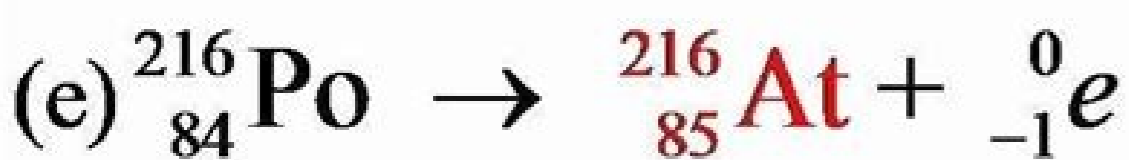
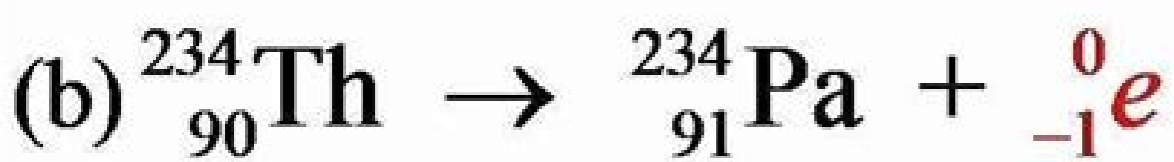
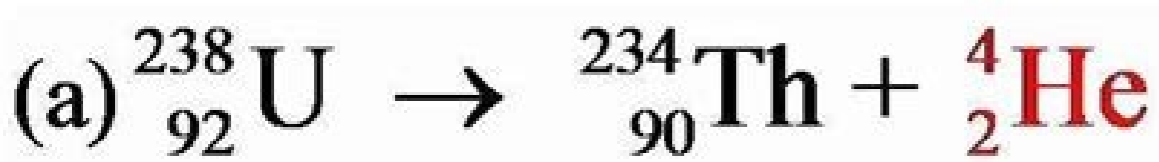


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Worksheet - Nuclear Decay

Instructions: Fill in the table below and then use it to figure out what is happening during each type of decay - alpha (α), beta (β), and gamma (γ).

Parent Isotope	Particle emitted	New Daughter Isotope	Alpha, Beta, or gamma Decay?	# of protons lost or gained by "parent"	Change in mass number
${}_{88}^{226}\text{Ra}$	${}_{-2}^4\text{He}$	${}_{86}^{222}\text{Rn}$	Alpha	Lost 2	minus 4
${}_{84}^{214}\text{Po}$	${}_{-2}^4\text{He}$	${}_{82}^{210}\text{Pb}$	Alpha	Lost 2	minus 4
${}_{82}^{214}\text{Pb}$	${}_{-1}^0\text{e}$	${}_{83}^{214}\text{Bi}$	Beta	Gained 1	None
${}_{83}^{214}\text{Bi}$	${}_{-1}^0\text{e}$	${}_{84}^{214}\text{Po}$	Beta	Gained 1	None
${}_{84}^{214}\text{Po}$	${}_{-2}^4\text{He}$	${}_{82}^{210}\text{Pb}$	Alpha	Lost 2	minus 4
${}_{82}^{210}\text{Pb}$	${}_{-1}^0\text{e}$	${}_{83}^{210}\text{Bi}$	Beta	Gained 1	None
${}_{83}^{210}\text{Bi}$	${}_{-1}^0\text{e}$	${}_{84}^{210}\text{Po}$	Beta	Gained 1	None
${}_{84}^{210}\text{Po}$	${}_{-2}^4\text{He}$	${}_{82}^{206}\text{Pb}$	Alpha	Lost 2	minus 4

- What changes take place in the nucleus when an alpha particle is emitted?
- Protons and 2 Neutrons are lost.
- What is the identity of an alpha particle?
- What changes take place in the nucleus when a beta particle is emitted?
- Neutrons in nucleus are lost and electrons are gained.
- Which particle is associated with beta decay?
- Electron.
- Fill in the missing parts of these nuclear reactions: (numbers & elements)

a) ${}_{19}^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{18}^{40}\text{Ca}$	b) ${}_{82}^{202}\text{Th} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_{80}^{198}\text{Ra}$	c) ${}_{14}^{30}\text{Si} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{15}^{30}\text{P}$
d) ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_{90}^{234}\text{Th}$	e) ${}_{55}^{137}\text{I} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{54}^{137}\text{Xe}$	f) ${}_{88}^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_{86}^{222}\text{Rn}$

- Write equations for:
 - the alpha (α) decay of radon-222: ${}_{86}^{222}\text{Rn} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_{84}^{218}\text{Po}$
 - the beta (β) decay of uranium-237: ${}_{92}^{237}\text{U} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{91}^{237}\text{Pa}$
 - Plutonium-244 undergoes gamma decay: ${}_{94}^{244}\text{Pu} \rightarrow {}_{94}^{244}\text{Pu} + \gamma$
- Does the identity of an atom change during radioactive decay? Why or why not?
- For alpha and beta decay it does because the proton number changes.
- During gamma, there is no change of identity, just energy.
- How does the "Law of Conservation of Matter" explain how you write nuclear equations?

The Law of Conservation of Matter states that matter cannot be created or destroyed. This is why the mass numbers and atomic numbers of the products must add up to equal the mass number and atomic number of the parent isotope.
- List the 3 types of radiation (α , β , γ) in order from least penetrating to most penetrating.

Alpha: least Beta: middle Gamma: most
- Why would you expect alpha particles to be least able to penetrate materials than beta?

The alpha particle is the largest of the three decay particles, so it will not be able to pass through materials as easily.

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The Process

Step 1
First, choose one element from the periodic table. You can find a list of the elements by copying and pasting the following web address into an internet search:
<http://chemistry.about.com/od/element/a/elementlist.htm>

Step 2
Once you have chosen an element, find the following information about it:
 *Name, symbol, atomic number, atomic weight
 *Location on the periodic table
 *Number of protons, electrons, and neutrons
 *Melting and boiling points
 *The founder of the element
 *Important uses of the element
 *Any other cool or fascinating information that you may find (information that may help you "sell" your element)
 The websites that will display this information can be found on the following websites:
<http://www.periodictable.com/>
<http://www.ptable.com/>
<http://www.chemicalelements.com/>

Step 3
Organize your information into a way that you will be able to make the most sense out of it. For example, try making notecards out of the bulleted list above. On one side of the notecard, write the bulleted point. On the other side, write down all of the information you found, having to do with that bulleted point (you may need more than one notecard for some of the bulleted points).


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NUCLEAR DECAY

Name: _____
Period: _____

Predict the products of the following nuclear reactions.

- ${}_{19}^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{18}^{40}\text{Ca}$
- ${}_{84}^{214}\text{Po} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He} + {}_{82}^{210}\text{Pb}$
- ${}_{82}^{214}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{83}^{214}\text{Bi}$
- ${}_1^1\text{H} + {}_1^1\text{H} \rightarrow {}_2^4\text{He}$
- ${}_3^6\text{Li} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_3^4\text{He} + {}_1^3\text{H}$
- ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al} + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{15}^{30}\text{P} + {}_0^1\text{n}$
- ${}_8^{16}\text{O} + {}_1^1\text{H} \rightarrow {}_7^{15}\text{N} + {}_2^4\text{He}$
- ${}_{19}^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + {}_{18}^{40}\text{Ar}$
- ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{56}^{142}\text{Ba} + {}_{36}^{91}\text{Kr} + 3{}_0^1\text{n}$
- ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U} + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{94}^{242}\text{Pu} + {}_0^1\text{n}$
- Bombardment of aluminum-27 by alpha particles produces phosphorus-30 and one other particle. Write the nuclear equation for this reaction and identify the other particle.
 ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al} + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{15}^{30}\text{P} + {}_0^1\text{n}$
- Plutonium-239 can be produced by bombarding uranium-238 with alpha particles. How many neutrons will be produced as a by product of each reaction? Write the nuclear equation for this reaction.
 ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U} + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{94}^{239}\text{Pu} + 2{}_0^1\text{n}$
- Neutron bombardment of plutonium-239 yields americium-240 and another particle. Write the nuclear equation and identify the other particle produced.
 ${}_{94}^{239}\text{Pu} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{95}^{240}\text{Am} + {}_{-1}^0\text{e}$
- Alpha-particle bombardment of plutonium-239 produces a neutron and another isotope. Write the nuclear equation for this reaction and identify the isotope.
 ${}_{94}^{239}\text{Pu} + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{92}^{235}\text{U} + {}_0^1\text{n}$



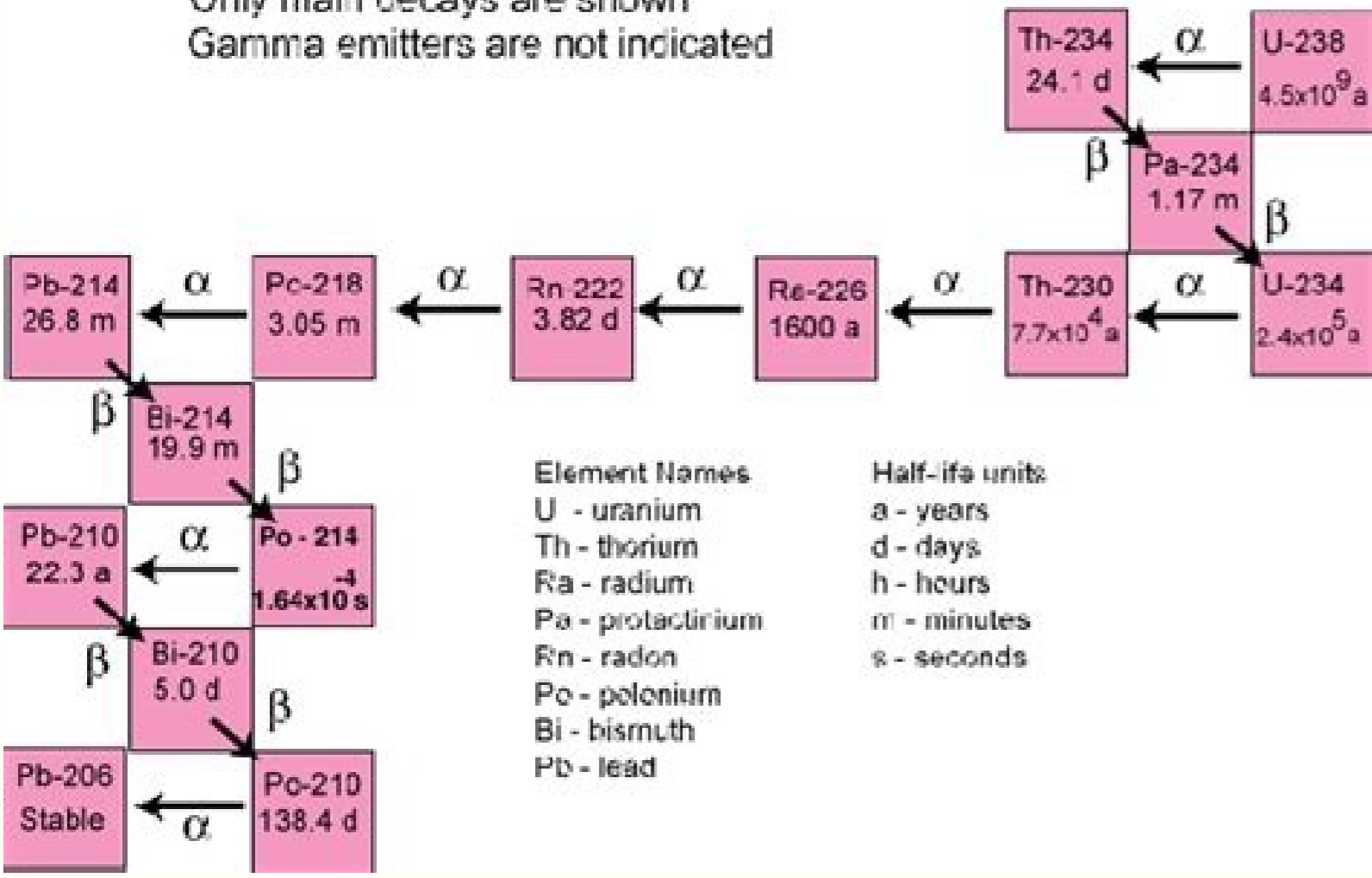
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The Uranium-238 Decay Chain

Atomic Number

82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

Only main decays are shown
Gamma emitters are not indicated



Nuclear decay series worksheet answers.

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Work in groups on these problems. You should try to answer the questions without referring to your textbook. If you get stuck, try asking another group for help. Identify the following as Alpha, beta, gamma or neutron: (^1_0n) , $(^0_{-1}e)$, (^4_2He) , $(^0_0\gamma)$

Nuclear decay with no mass nor charge: An electron Least penetrating nuclear decay Most damaging nuclear decay to the human body Nuclear decay that can be stopped by skin paper Nuclear decay that can be stopped by aluminum How many protons, neutrons, and electrons are in $(^{195}_{78}Pt^{+2})$? $(^{62}_{24}Cr)$ decays via beta emission. Which statement is correct concerning $(^{62}_{24}Cr)$? The number of electrons decrease. The number of protons decrease. The number of protons increase. The number of neutrons decrease. The number of protons increase and the number of neutrons decrease. Complete the following nuclear equations (the question marks) $(^{42}_{19}K \rightarrow ^{0}_{-1}e^{-} + ?)$ $(^{239}_{94}Pu \rightarrow ^{4}_{2}He^{+2} + ?)$ $(^{9}_{4}Be \rightarrow ^{9}_{4}Be + ?)$ $(^{235}_{92}U \rightarrow ? + ^{231}_{90}Th)$ $(^{6}_{3}Li \rightarrow ^{4}_{2}He^{+2} + ?)$ $(^{142}_{56}Ba + ^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow ?)$ $(^{195}_{78}Pt^{+2})$ Write equations for the following nuclear decay reactions. Make sure that both mass numbers and atomic numbers are balanced on each side Decay of polonium-218 by alpha emission. Decay of carbon-14 by beta (β^{-}) emission. The alpha decay of radon-198 The beta (β^{-}) decay of uranium-237 The figure below maps the radioactive decay of $(^{238}_{92}U)$ into $(^{206}_{82}Pb)$. Use this figure to answer the following three questions: How many alpha particles are produced as one atom of $(^{238}_{92}U)$ decays to one atom of $(^{206}_{82}Pb)$? Draw the decay pathway you used for this calculation? Does it change if you picked a different pathway? How many beta particles are produced as one atom of $(^{238}_{92}U)$ decays to one atom of $(^{206}_{82}Pb)$? Draw the decay pathway you used for this calculation? Does it change if you picked a different pathway? What is the final product in the decay series of $(^{238}_{92}U)$? Q7 Write the nuclear equation showing that when $(^{229}_{87}Pm)$ goes through two consecutive alpha decays to form $(^{221}_{85}Fr)$. Write the nuclear equation showing that when $(^{210}_{84}Po)$ goes through two consecutive alpha decays and then a beta decay and then another alpha decay. Thorium-232 undergoes radioactive decay until a stable isotope is reached. Write the nuclear reaction for each of the 11 steps in the decay of $(^{238}_{92}Th)$ with each product becoming the reactant of the next decay. What is the final stable isotope? Step 1: Alpha decay Step 2: Beta decay Step 3: Beta decay Step 4: Alpha decay Step 5: Alpha decay Step 6: Alpha decay Step 7: Alpha decay Step 8: Beta decay Step 9: Beta decay Step 10: Alpha decay Step 11: Beta decay

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