

RAY'S RULES

name — formula

How do I write a formula for an ionic compound containing a Polyatomic Ion starting with its name?

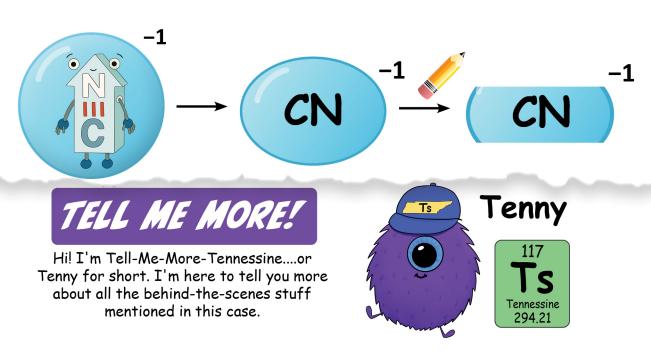
Example: potassium nitrate

Step	Action
1. Write the symbol and charge for the metal.	K ⁺¹
2. Look to see if there is a Polyatomic Ion in the name. Write the formula and charge for the Polyatomic Ion.	(NO ₃)-1
3. Use "Zero is Our Hero" to determine the formula.	K ⁺¹ (NO ₃) ⁻¹
	+1 -1 =0



POPPI'S PUZZLES

Write the formula, in parentheses, of each to the polyatomics shown. (Cyanide is done as an example.)



1. Tell Me More.....about The Colors in Van Gogh's paintings



