Chemistry Revision Notes – Patterns Of Behaviour

1. Metals will react with acids, water, and oxygen, in the following ways:

$$Metal + Acid \rightarrow Metal \ Salt + Hydrogen$$

Metal + Water → Metal Hydroxide + Hydrogen

 $Metal + Oxygen \rightarrow Metal Oxide$

 $Metal + Hydroxide (or Oxide) + Acid \rightarrow Metal Salt + Water$

2. The **reactivity series** of metals:

Potassium

Sodium

Calcium

Magnesium

Aluminium

Zinc

Iron

Tin

Lead

(Hydrogen)

Copper

Silver

Gold

Platinum

3. The **alkali metals** (group 1):

Lithium

Sodium

Potassium increasing reactivity

Rubidium

Caesium ↓

As you descend the list, the outer shell (1 electron) is further away and easier to lose.

4. The **halogens** (group 7):

Fluorine

Chlorine increasing Bromine reactivity

Iodine

As you ascend the list, the outer shell (7 electrons) is closer to the nucleus and so it is easier to gain an electron.

5. The **noble gases** (group 0):

Helium

Neon

Argon

Krypton

Xenon

Radon

They are very unreactive, as they all have a full outer shell.

- 6. Oxygen is prepared by the decay of **hydrogen peroxide** $-2H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + O_2$.
- 7. Metals burn in oxygen to form alkaline oxides, whereas non-metals form acidic oxides.

8. **Indicators** are used to test the acidity of a compound:

Indicator	Acid Colour	Alkali Colour	Neutral Colour
Methyl Orange	red	yellow	orange
Phenolphthalein	colourless	purple	colourless
Litmus Blue	red	blue	blue
Litmus Red	red	blue	red
Universal	red	purple	green/yellow

- 9. To test for **chlorides**, **bromides**, and **iodides**, then add dilute nitric acid followed by silver nitrate solution:
 - If it is a **chloride**, it will give a white precipitate.
 - If it is a **bromide**, it will give a cream precipitate.
 - If it is an **iodide**, it will give a yellow precipitate.
- 10. **Electrolysis** is the splitting up of an ionic compound (the **electrolyte**) using two **electrodes** to pass a current through the solution the positive electrode is the **anode**, and the negative electrode is the **cathode**. An example is shown below:

$$NaCl \rightarrow Na^{+} + Cl^{-}$$

 $H_{2}O \rightarrow H^{+} + OH^{-}$

- At the **cathode** H⁺ ions are **reduced** to give off hydrogen gas.
- At the anode Cl⁻ ions are oxidised to give off chlorine gas.
- The left over compound is **sodium hydroxide** (NaOH).
- 11. Copper can be **purified** by electrolysis, using **copper electrodes**.