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The purpose of this activity is to become familiar with the elements and the periodic table.

## A. Getting Organized

1. The elements are arranged in order of increasing $\qquad$ .
2. Columns of elements belong to the same $\qquad$ .
3. Rows of elements belong to the same $\qquad$ .
4. The atomic number is equal to $\qquad$ .
5. The atomic mass = $\qquad$ $+$ $\qquad$ .
6. The number of electrons = $\qquad$ in a neutral atom.
7. When dealing with the first three rows of the periodic table:

The maximum number of electrons in the first orbital is $\qquad$
The maximum number of electrons in the second orbital is $\qquad$
The maximum number of electrons in the third orbital is $\qquad$
8. Electrons in the outermost orbit are called $\qquad$ electrons.
B. Valence Electrons

Complete the following abbreviated periodic table for the elements as shown in the example. (The number in the top left corner of each box refers to the element's atomic number).


1. What is the relationship between the family number and the number of valence electrons?
2. What is the relationship between the period number and the number of orbital shells in which they are located?
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