

# PERIODIC TRENDS

Warning: It is risky to proceed  
without a periodic table!

# WHAT IS A TREND?

It is a predictable change  
in a particular direction.

# REVIEW

A **period** is a row of elements on the periodic table.

A **group** is a column of elements on the periodic table.

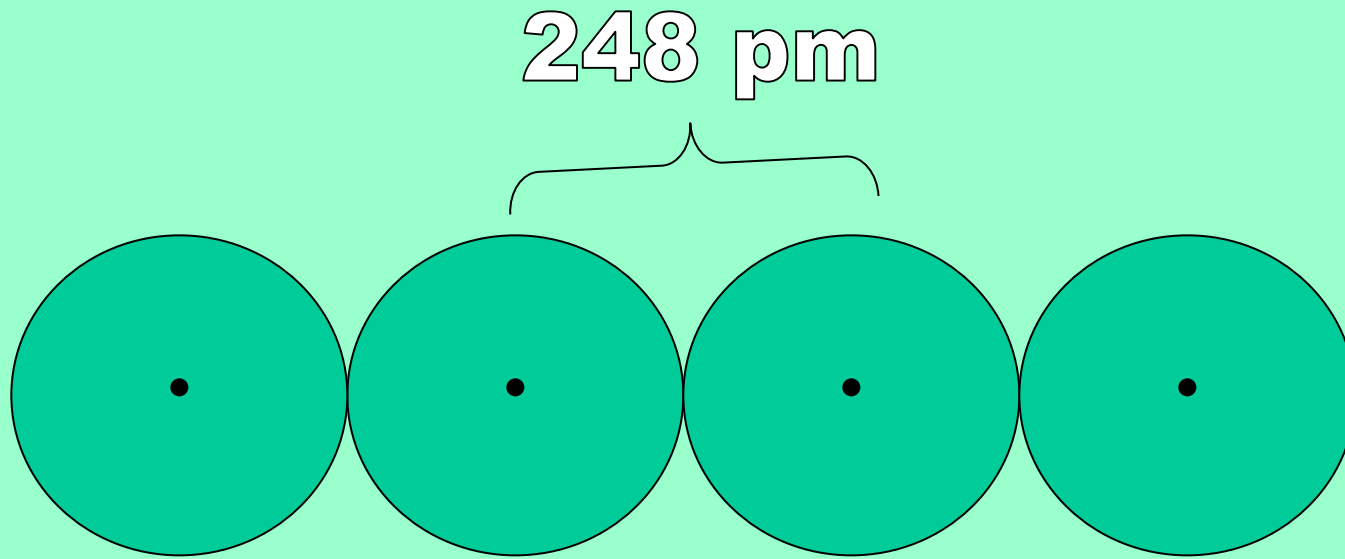
# TREND 1

Atomic Radius

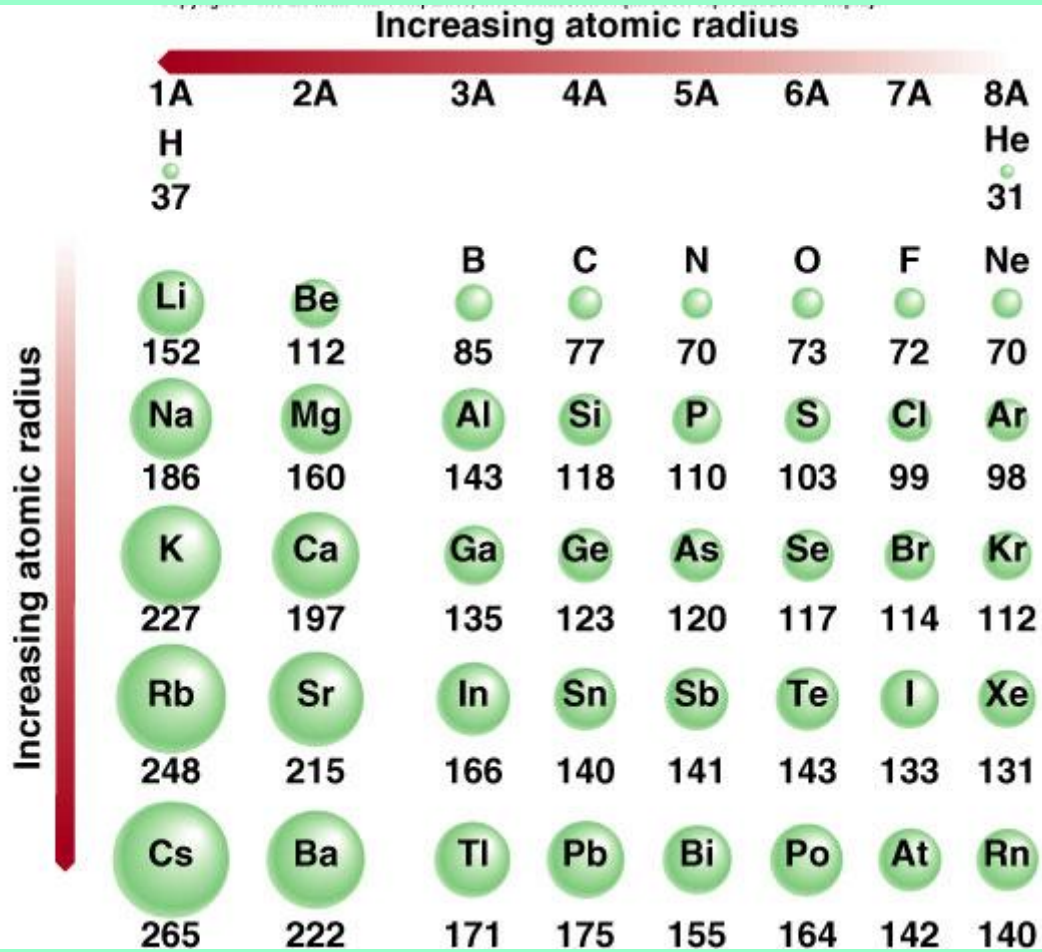
# Atomic Radius

is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the distance between the nuclei of 2 identical atoms in the gaseous state.

example: Iron atoms



Radius = ?



## group trend

The radii get larger as one reads down a family.

## period trend

The radii get larger as one reads from right to left across a period.





Which atom  
has the largest radius?

Mg Cl Na P



# TREND 2

Electronegativity

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-describes the power of an atom in a compound to attract electrons to itself.

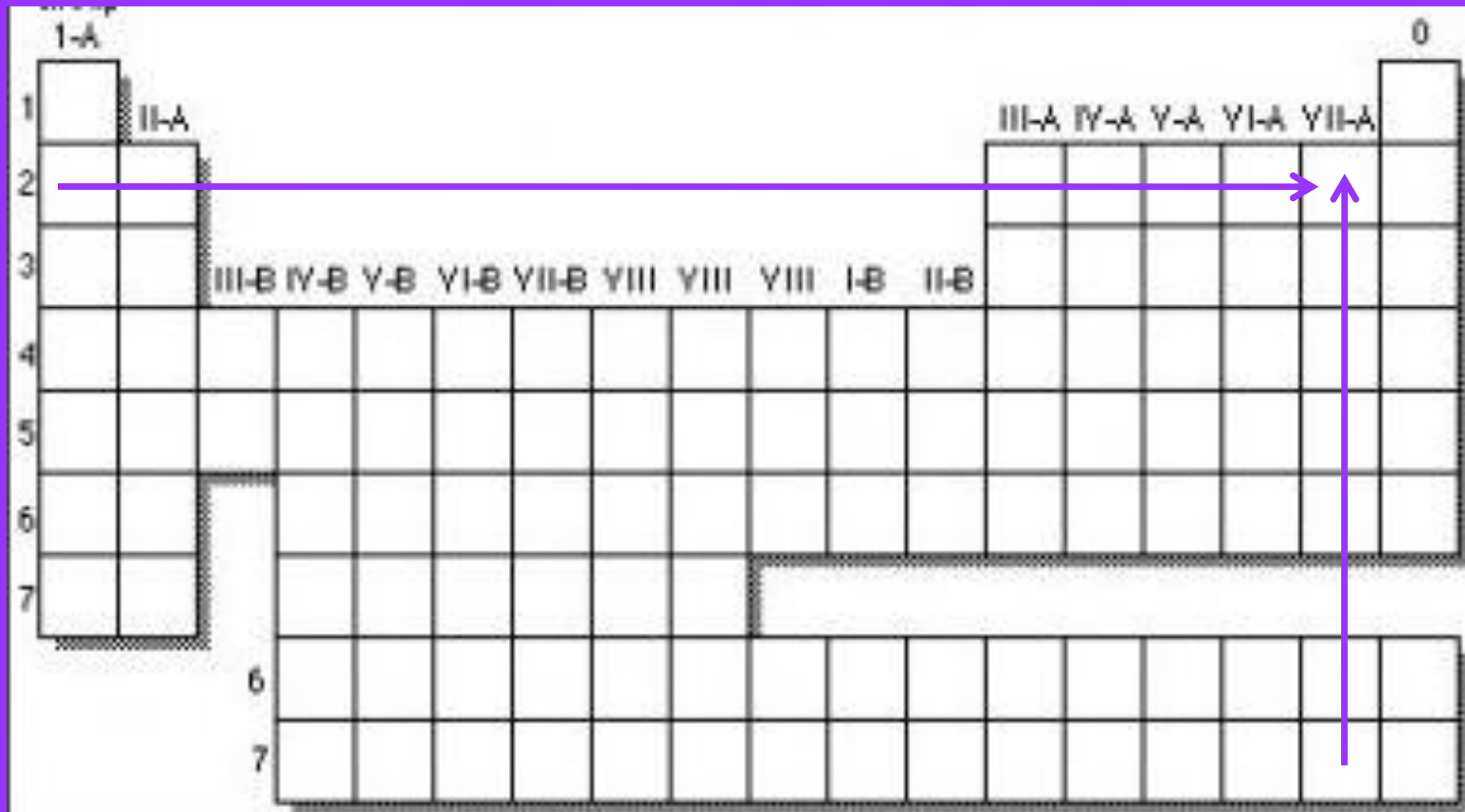
## **group trend**

The electronegativity increases as one reads up a family.

## **period trend**

The electronegativity gets larger as one reads from left to right across a period.

# Electronegativity Trend Summary



Arrange elements in order of decreasing electron affinity.

C, O, Li, Na, Rb, Ne, F

F O C Li Na Rb Ne



# TREND 3

# Ionization Energy



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is the energy required to remove an electron from an atom.

## **group trend**

The ionization  $E$  increases as one reads up a family.

## **period trend**

The ionization  $E$  gets larger as one reads from left to right across a period.



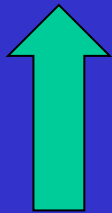
Which element would  
have the highest ionization E?

Cl

Na

I

In



# IONIC RADII

The radius of a **metal** will decrease after it ionizes, because metals lose Electrons.

The radius of a **nonmetal** will increase after it ionizes, because nonmetals gain electrons.

## group trend

The radii get larger as one reads down a family.

## period trend

The radii get larger as one reads from right to left across a period.





Will fluorine get larger or smaller  
when it ionizes?

Will barium get larger or smaller  
when it ionizes?

# Metallic Character

# group trend

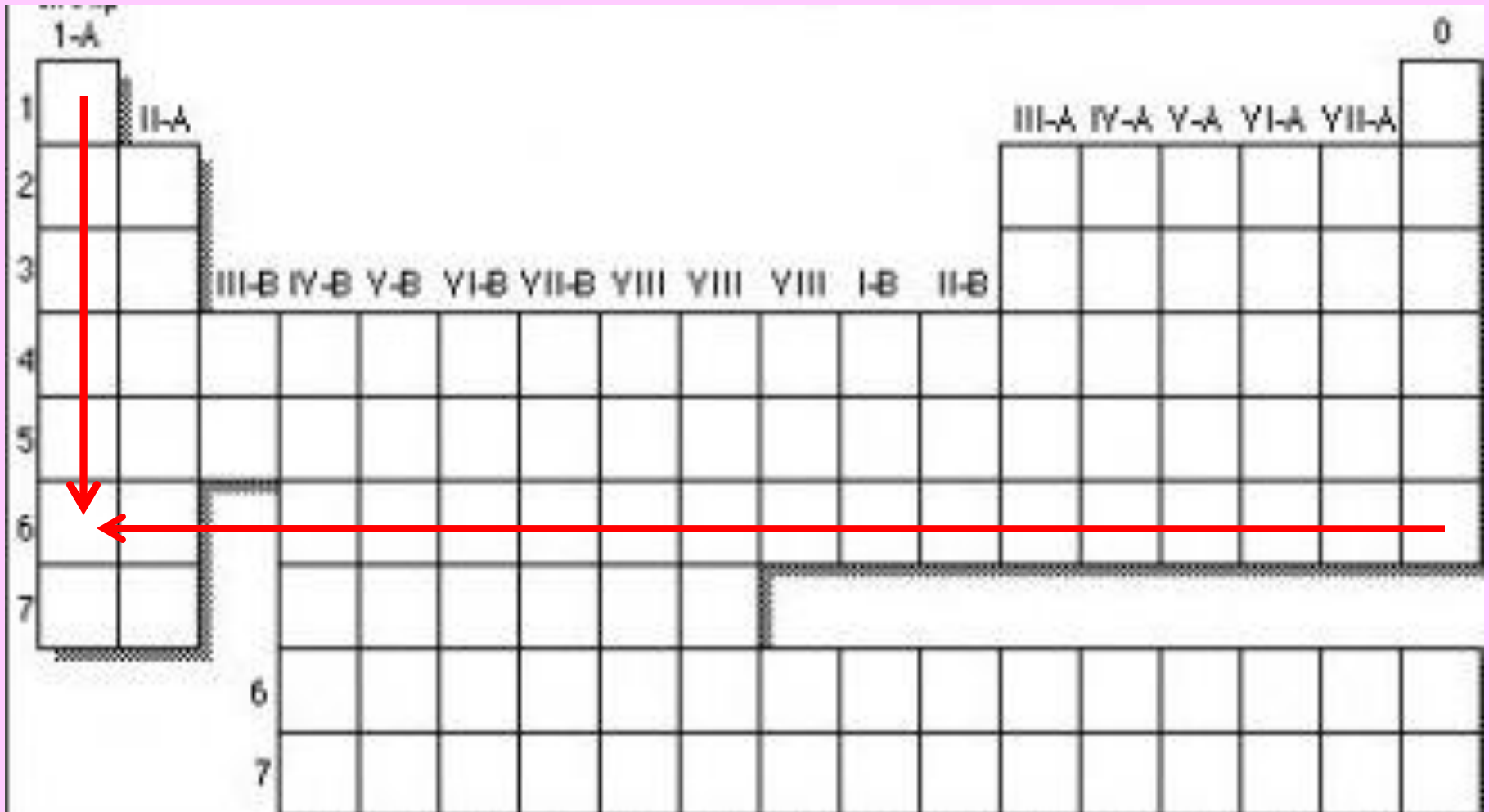
Metallic character gets larger as one reads down a family.



# period trend

The metallic character gets larger as one reads from right to left across a period.

# Metallic Character Trend Summary



# Overall Trend Summary

