

# Naming Covalent compounds

Covalent bonds happen between  
non-metal + non-metal

To name non-metal + non-metal, we use  
prefixes

1	mono	6	hexa
2	di	7	hepta
3	tri	8	octa
4	tetra	9	nona
5	penta	10	deca



Carbon -2 - di  
hydrogen -6 - hexa

di carbon hexa hydride  
note ending in "ide"

Exception → if the first element  
is "mono" do NOT write  
the "mono"



mono carbon tetra hydride  
Carbon tetra hydride ends  
in "ide"

# Practice Questions (Answers below)

- ①  $\text{CO}_2$
- ②  $\text{NH}_3$
- ③  $\text{P}_2\text{Cl}_4$
- ④  $\text{S}_3\text{N}_2$
- ⑤  $\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$
- ⑥ dihydrogen monoxide
- ⑦ Triiodide hexahydride
- ⑧ pentoxide decaphosphide

DON'T LOOK

ANSWERS  
below ↓

- ① carbon dioxide
- ② nitrogen trihydride
- ③ pho  
Diphosphorus tetrachloride
- ④ trisulfur dinitride
- ⑤ tetrahydrogen dioxide
- ⑥  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- ⑦  $\text{I}_3\text{H}_6$
- ⑧  $\text{O}_5\text{P}_{10}$