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# ISOTOPES AND ATOMIC MASS WORKSHEET



Answer the following questions.

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## Answers

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- 2) Calculate the average atomic mass of copper if  $^{63}\text{Cu}$  is 69.17% abundant and  $^{65}\text{Cu}$  is 30.83% abundant.

$$\text{Average atomic mass of Cu} = (63 \times 0.6917) + (65 \times 0.3083) = 43.5771 + 20.0395 \\ = 63.6166 \text{ amu}$$

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$$\text{Average atomic mass of I} = (127 \times 0.8) + (126 \times 0.17) + (128 \times 0.03) \\ = 101.6 + 21.42 + 3.84 = 126.86 \text{ amu}$$

- 4) Calculate boron's (B) atomic mass, if the natural abundance for its isotopes is 19.9%  $^{10}\text{B}$  and 80.1%  $^{11}\text{B}$ .

$$\text{Average atomic mass of B} = (10 \times 0.199) + (11 \times 0.801) = 1.99 + 8.811 = 10.801 \text{ amu}$$