

Isotopes and average atomic mass worksheet

Determine the weighted average atomic mass of the following elements.

Element	Isotopes	Average Atomic Mass
Iodine (I)	a) 17% ^{126}I b) 80% ^{127}I c) 3% ^{128}I	
Gold (Au)	a) 50% ^{197}Au b) 50% ^{198}Au	
Carbon (C)	a) 98% ^{12}C b) 2% ^{14}C	
Iron (Fe)	a) 15% ^{55}Fe b) 85% ^{56}Fe	
Hydrogen (H)	a) 99% ^1H b) 0.8% ^2H c) 0.2% ^3H	
Nitrogen (N)	a) 95% ^{14}N b) 3% ^{15}N c) 2% ^{16}N	
Sulfur (S)	a) 95% ^{32}S b) 4.22% ^{34}S c) 0.76% ^{33}S d) 0.014% ^{36}S	
Chlorine (Cl)	a) 75.53% ^{35}Cl b) 24.47% ^{37}Cl	

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Answers

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Iodine (I)	a) 17% ^{126}I b) 80% ^{127}I c) 3% ^{128}I	$(126 \text{ amu} \times 0.17) + (127 \text{ amu} \times 0.80) + (128 \text{ amu} \times 0.03) = 126.9 \text{ u}$
Gold (Au)	a) 50% ^{197}Au b) 50% ^{198}Au	$(197 \text{ amu} \times 0.50) + (198 \text{ amu} \times 0.50) = 197.5 \text{ amu}$
Carbon (C)	a) 98% ^{12}C b) 2% ^{14}C	$(12 \text{ amu} \times 0.98) + (14 \text{ amu} \times 0.02) = 12.0 \text{ amu}$
Iron (Fe)	a) 15% ^{55}Fe b) 85% ^{56}Fe	$(55 \text{ amu} \times 0.15) + (56 \text{ amu} \times 0.85) = 55.85 \text{ amu}$
Hydrogen (H)	a) 99% ^1H b) 0.8% ^2H c) 0.2% ^3H	$(1 \text{ amu} \times 0.99) + (2 \text{ amu} \times 0.008) + (3 \text{ amu} \times 0.002) = 1.01 \text{ amu}$
Nitrogen (N)	a) 95% ^{14}N b) 3% ^{15}N c) 2% ^{16}N	$(14 \text{ amu} \times 0.95) + (15 \text{ amu} \times 0.03) + (16 \text{ amu} \times 0.02) = 14.07 \text{ amu}$
Sulfur (S)	a) 95% ^{32}S b) 4.22% ^{34}S c) 0.76% ^{33}S d) 0.014% ^{36}S	$(32 \text{ amu} \times 0.95) + (33 \text{ amu} \times 0.0076) + (34 \text{ amu} \times 0.0422) + (36 \text{ amu} \times 0.00014) = 32.09 \text{ amu}$
Chlorine (Cl)	a) 75.53% ^{35}Cl b) 24.47% ^{37}Cl	$(35 \text{ amu} \times 0.7573) + (37 \text{ amu} \times 0.2447) = 35.5 \text{ amu}$