**Case 1: Ionic compounds containing monatomic ions** (i.e. ions that can only have one charge)

- Name of Compound = name of metal + name of non-metal w/ide suffix or name of polyatomic ion. No prefixes are used!
- e.g. NaF = sodium fluoride; Na₃PO₄ = sodium phosphate; (NH₄)₃PO₄ = ammonium phosphate

Case 2: Ionic compounds containing a metal that can form more than one ion

- Name of Compound = name of metal, followed by charge of metal in Roman numerals in parentheses, followed by name of non-metal w/ -ide suffix or name of polyatomic ion. No prefixes are used!
- e.g. PbCl₂ = Lead (II) chloride; Cu(NO₃)₂ = copper (II) nitrate

Case 3: Binary molecular compounds:

- Name of Compound = name of first element + name of second element with -ide suffix.
- Use prefixes (mono-, di-, tri-, tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta-, nona-, deca-) to indicate the number of atoms. The mono prefix is not used with the first element.
- e.g. CO = carbon monoxide; NO₂ = nitrogen dioxide; N₂O = dinitrogen monoxide; P₂O₅ = diphosphorus pentoxide

Case 4: Binary acid solutions (i.e. binary acids dissolved in water = binary acids in aqueous solution)

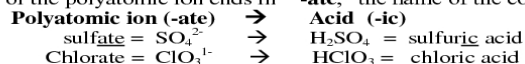
- Name of Compound = hydro + name of halogen w/ -ic suffix e.g. HF_(aq) = hydrofluoric acid; HCl_(aq) = hydrochloric acid
- Unless stated otherwise assume the formula of a binary acid is for the acid dissolved in water. E.g. assume HCl = HCl_(aq)

Naming Oxoacids (i.e. compound with the general formula H_xMO_y, where M = nonmetal)

The name of an oxoacid is based on the name of the polyatomic ion from which the acid is derived.

Case 5: -ate ↔ -ic

If the name of the polyatomic ion ends in “-ate,” the name of the corresponding acid ends in “-ic acid.”

**Case 6: -ite ↔ -ous**

If the name of the polyatomic ion ends in “-ite,” the name of the corresponding acid ends in “-ous acid.”

