

# Worksheet: Molecular Geometry and Intermolecular Forces

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## Molecular Geometry

A molecule consisting of only two atoms has a linear shape. A molecule with two atoms bonded to the central atom with zero unshared pair(s) of electrons has a **linear** shape. A molecule with three atoms bonded to the central atom with zero unshared pair(s) of electrons has a **trigonal planar** shape. A molecule with four atoms bonded to the central atom with zero unshared pair(s) of electrons has a **tetrahedral** shape. A molecule with two atoms bonded to the central atom with two unshared pair(s) of electrons has a **bent** shape. A molecule with three atoms bonded to the central atom with one unshared pair(s) of electrons has a **trigonal pyramidal** shape.

## Predicting Molecular Shapes

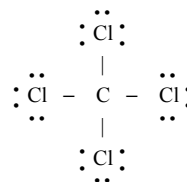
Draw each molecule and predict the shape each molecule will form.



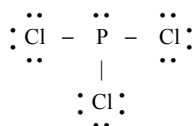
*linear*



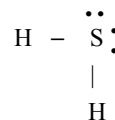
*tetrahedral*



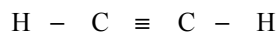
*trigonal pyramidal*



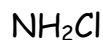
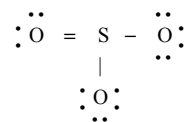
*bent*



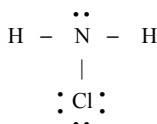
*linear*



*trigonal planar*



*trigonal pyramidal*



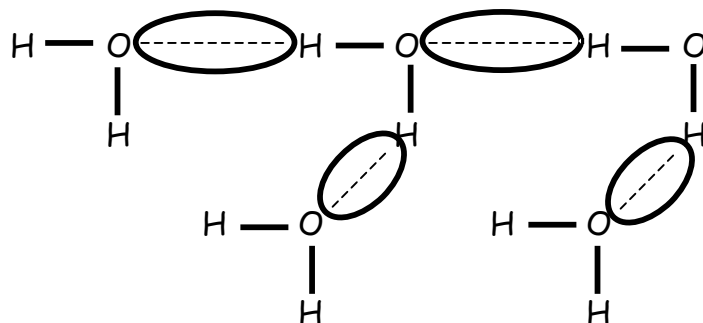
## Polarity in Molecules

Determine the type of bonds in each of these molecules using the "Table of Electronegativities." Then, determine whether each of these molecules will be polar or nonpolar. Explain your reasoning.

IBr	$2.8 - 2.5 = 0.3$ nonpolar – has nonpolar bonds	CCl <sub>4</sub>	$3.0 - 2.5 = 0.5$ nonpolar – has polar bonds, but can't be divided into + and – ends
PCl <sub>3</sub>	$3.0 - 2.1 = 0.4$ polar – has polar bonds and can be divided into + and – ends	H <sub>2</sub> S	$2.5 - 2.1 = 0.4$ polar – has polar bonds and can be divided into + and – ends
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	$2.5 - 2.1 = 0.4$ nonpolar – has polar bonds, but can't be divided into + and – ends	SO <sub>3</sub>	$3.5 - 2.5 = 1.0$ nonpolar – has polar bonds, but can't be divided into + and – ends
NH <sub>2</sub> Cl	$3.0 - 2.1 = 0.9$ $3.0 - 3.0 = 0.0$ polar – has polar bonds and can be divided into + and – ends		

## Intermolecular Forces

While bonding is the force of attraction WITHIN molecules, intermolecular forces are the forces of attraction BETWEEN molecules. Circle these forces in the following diagram.



### Define "Dipole-dipole Forces."

*force of attraction between the positive end of one molecule and the negative end of another; this is the strongest intermolecular force*

### Define "Hydrogen Bonding."

*occurs in molecules with H–F, H–O, and H–N bonds; positive charge on hydrogen is attracted to unshared pair of electrons on a neighboring molecule; strongest type of Dipole-dipole forces*

### Define "London-Dispersion Forces."

*weakest intermolecular force that results from the constant motion of electrons; occurs in all molecules*