

# 4.1 DEFINING THE ATOM

## Section Review

### Objectives

- Describe Democritus's ideas about atoms
- Explain Dalton's atomic theory
- Describe the size of an atom

### Vocabulary

- atom
- Dalton's atomic theory

### Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

- Elements are composed of tiny particles called 1 \_\_\_\_\_.
- Atoms of any one element are 2 \_\_\_\_\_ from those of any other element. Atoms of different elements can form 3 \_\_\_\_\_ by combining in whole-number ratios. Chemical reactions occur when atoms are 4 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT, sometimes true, ST, or never true, NT.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Atoms of one element change into atoms of another element during chemical reactions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Atoms combine in one-to-one ratios to form compounds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Atoms of one element are different from atoms of other elements.

### Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A.

#### Column A

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. atom

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. scanning tunneling microscope

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. John Dalton

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Democritus

#### Column B

a. an instrument used to generate images of individual atoms

b. Greek philosopher who was among the first to suggest the existence of atoms

c. the smallest particle of an element that retains its identity in a chemical reaction

d. English chemist and schoolteacher who formulated a theory to describe the structure and chemical reactivity of matter in terms of atoms

### Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

12. In what type of ratios do atoms combine to form compounds?

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13. How many copper atoms would you have to line up side by side to form a line 1 m long?

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