

Nomenclature Mnemonic for Remembering "ates"

Nick the Camel Ate a Clam Supper and Crepes (for dessert) in Phoenix



	Consonants = Oxygen	Vowels = Charge	Polyatomic Ion
Nick = Nitrate	3	-1	NO_3^-
Camel = Carbonate	3	-2	CO_3^{2-}
Clam = Chlorate	3	-1	ClO_3^-
<i>(Note: Bromate and Iodate are the same as Chlorate.)</i>			
Supper = Sulfate	4	-2	SO_4^{2-}
Crepes = chromate	4	-2	CrO_4^{2-}
Phoenix = Phosphate	4	-3	PO_4^{3-}