Chemical misconceptions 14-16 years

STUDENT SHEET

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Iron – a metal: true or false?

The statements below refer to the diagram of the structure of iron. The diagram shows part of a slice through the three-dimensional structure.

Read each statement carefully and decide if it is correct or not. **Circle your answer.**



1.	Iron has a type of bonding called metallic bonding.	True / False
2.	Iron atoms do not have a full outer shell of electrons and this makes iron very reactive.	True / False
3.	Iron is a silvery-grey metal because iron atoms are silvery-grey.	True / False
4.	Iron can conduct electricity because iron atoms can slip over their neighbours and move through the solid.	True / False
5.	Iron can be re-shaped, without changing the shape of iron atoms.	True / False
6.	Iron rusts because iron atoms will rust if exposed to damp air.	True / False
7.	In iron metal, each atom is bonded to each of the other iron atoms surrounding it.	True / False
8.	Iron conducts electricity because iron atoms are electrical conductors.	True / False
9.	Iron is a solid because that is the natural state for metals.	True / False
10	A metal consists of positive metal ions and negative electrons which move around the solid between the ions.	True / False
11	. An iron atom will reflect light and so freshly polished iron shines.	True / False
12	Iron becomes a liquid when heated because the bonds melt.	True / False
13	Iron conducts electricity because it contains a 'sea' of electrons.	True / False
14	. The atoms in iron are held together by ionic bonds.	True / False
15	. Iron conducts heat because there is room between the atoms for hot air to move through the metal.	True / False
16	Iron is hard because iron atoms are hard.	True / False
17	Iron contains molecules held together by magnetism.	True / False
18	. If iron is heated to a very high temperature, it will become a gas.	True / False
19	Iron expands when it is heated because iron atoms get bigger.	True / False
20	. Chemical bonds are needed to hold the atoms together in iron, even though all of the atoms are of the same type.	True / False