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Key words for GCSE Chemistry

An **electron** is part of an atom that has a negative charge. Electrons are electron

found in shells.

cation A **cation** is an atom or a group of atoms with a positive charge.

cathode A negative electrode is **cathode**.

anion An **anion** is an atom or a group of atoms with a negative charge.

anode A positive electrode is an **anode**.

Reduction is the gain of electrons, the gain of hydrogen, or the loss of reduction

oxygen.

reduced A **reduced** substance has gained electrons.

Oxidation is the loss of electrons, the loss of hydrogen, or the gain of oxidation

oxygen.

oxidised An **oxidised** substance has lost electrons.

ionic A substance with a positive or negative charge is **ionic**.

An **electrolyte** is a solution (molten or aqueous) that conducts an electrical

current.

electrolyte

electrode

molten Molten means turned into liquid.

dissociate To **dissociate**, means to separate.

aqueous Aqueous means dissolved in water.

During electrolysis, positively charged ions move to the negative electrode

and negatively charged ions move to the positive electrode.

electrical The flow of a charge around a circuit is called an **electrical** current.

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