

# gridlocks – can you unlock the grid?

## M<sup>2+</sup> (aq) ions

Before you answer the gridlock below fill in the table of M<sup>2+</sup> ions:

	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	green	Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	blue
Hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions	Colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion		Precipitate with NaOH(aq)	Colour of hydroxide precipitate
[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>				green
	blue		Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	blue
[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	pink		Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	green-blue
[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>			Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )	green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )

### Gridlock 1

Each row, column and 2 x 2 box contains information about the four aqueous ions listed. Use your problem solving skills and the answers in the table above to fill in the blank boxes.

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>		blue
[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>			green
		[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	
blue			[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>
colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion		hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions	

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## Gridlock 2

Each row, column and 2 x 2 box contains information about the four metals listed.

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>			green
			green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )
Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>			
precipitate with NaOH(aq)		colour of hydroxide precipitate	

## Gridlock 3

Each row, column and 2 x 2 box contains information about the four metals listed.

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>			green
	Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>		green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )
precipitate with NaOH(aq)		colour of hydroxide precipitate	

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## M<sup>2+</sup> (aq) ions – answers

Hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions	Colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	Precipitate with NaOH(aq)	Colour of hydroxide precipitate
[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	green	Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	green
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	blue
[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	pink	Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	green-blue
[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )	green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )

## Gridlock 1 – answers

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	blue
[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	pink	green
green	pink	[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>
blue	blue	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>
colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion		hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions	

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## Gridlock 2 – answers

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	green
[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	pink
Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	green-blue	green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )
Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )	green	blue
precipitate with NaOH(aq)		colour of hydroxide precipitate	

## Gridlock 3 – answers

hexaaqua M <sup>2+</sup> ions		colour of aqueous M <sup>2+</sup> ion	
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	pink	green
[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	blue	blue
Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	blue	green (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )
Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (Cr <sup>2+</sup> oxidises in air to Cr <sup>3+</sup> )	Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	green	green-blue
precipitate with NaOH(aq)		colour of hydroxide precipitate	