Nonmetal	C	N	O	Ne	Si	P	S	Ar
Formula of Compound	CF_4	NF_3	OF_2	No compound	SiF_4	PF_3	SF_2	No compound

5. Some binary compounds that form between fluorine and various nonmetals are listed in the table above. A student examines the data in the table and poses the following hypothesis: the number of F atoms that will bond to a nonmetal is always equal to 8 minus the number of valence electrons in the nonmetal atom.

   (a) Based on the student's hypothesis, what should be the formula of the compound that forms between chlorine and fluorine?

   (b) In an attempt to verify the hypothesis, the student researches the fluoride compounds of the other halogens and finds the formula ClF_3. In the box below, draw a complete Lewis electron-dot diagram for a molecule of ClF_3.
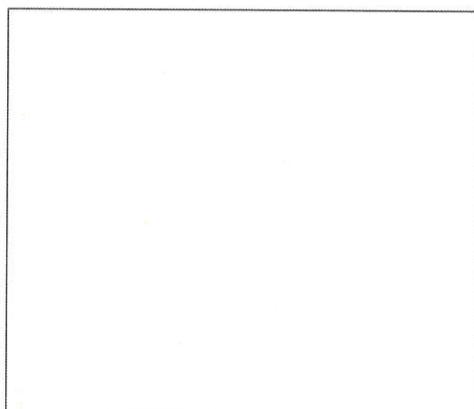
   (c) Two possible geometric shapes for the ClF_3 molecule are trigonal planar and T-shaped. The student does some research and learns that the molecule has a dipole moment. Which of the two shapes is consistent with the fact that the ClF_3 molecule has a dipole moment? Justify your answer in terms of bond polarity and molecular structure.

   In an attempt to resolve the existence of the ClF_3 molecule with the hypothesis stated above, the student researches the compounds that form between halogens and fluorine, and assembles the following list.

Halogen	Formula(s)
F	F_2
Cl	
Br	BrF, BrF_3, BrF_5
I	IF, IF_3, IF_5, IF_7

   (d) Based on concepts of atomic structure and periodicity, propose a modification to the student's previous hypothesis to account for the compounds that form between halogens and fluorine.

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