Structure of Matter

Type of Matter	Structure	Pictured as		
<i>Ionic Compounds</i> (also known as: Salts)	Crystals composed of alternating positive and negative ions	Cl- O O O O O O O O O O O O Na+	In sodium chloride, each positive ion is surrounded by six negative ions (in 3-dimensions). Likewise, each negative ion is surrounded by six positive ions. This is called a "crystal lattice"	
<i>Covalent Compounds</i> (also known as Molecular compounds)	Covalently bonded molecules in which the joined atoms share electrons	$\mathbf{H} \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}$	H	Molecules are discreet, independent structures, normally involving the covalent bonding of nonmetals to other nonmetals.
		Ethene, C ₂		There are millions of possible compounds involving only nonmetals.
<i>Metals</i> (Pure metals and alloys)	"Closest packing" structures of metallic cations in a sea of valence electrons	ar	entical metallic cations (same size) will rrange a structure in which each cation as six identical cations surrounding it in the same plane.	
		In the next layer, cations will occupy the "indentations" created by three adjoining cations in the layer beneath them.		