## OCTET (DOUBLET) REQUIREMENT METHOD FOR COVALENT BONDING ADV

## 1. DRAW ELECTRON DOT STRUCTURE OF ELEMENTS IN COMPOUND

2. HAVES: count the total # of valence electrons in the compound

**3.** WANTS: how many electrons are required to fulfill the octet or doublet for each atom in the compound

4. DIFFERENCE: take the difference between the wants and haves

**5.** -- **2** = **#** of shared pairs: divide the DIFFERENCE by **2** to calculate the pairs of shared electrons

## 6. # BONDING SITES = count the # of connections to the central atom

Examples: 1. NH <sub>3</sub>	2. CO <sub>2</sub>	3. $[SO_4]^{-2}$
1. N H	C 0	<b>S</b> O
2. HAVES $5 + 3(1) = 8$	4 + 2 (6) = 16	6 + 4(6) +2 e <sup>-</sup> =32
3. WANTS 8 + 3 (2) = 14	3 (8) = 24	<b>5</b> (8) <b>= 40</b>
4. DIFF 6	8	8
5 2 3 pairs	4 pairs	4 pairs
6. # SITES 3	2	3
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## YOU TRY on a clean piece of paper.

<sup>1.</sup> CH<sub>4</sub>,

- <sup>2.</sup> CCl<sub>4</sub>,
- <sup>3.</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>Cl,
- <sup>4</sup>. SiF<sub>4</sub>
- 5. PH<sub>3</sub>,
- <sup>6</sup>. H<sub>2</sub>O,
- <sup>7</sup>. [SO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-2</sup>

8. [PO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-3</sup>

Identify lone pairs of electrons within the compounds by highlighting each pair.