Glue this side down into your science notebook.

“A dot is a lot!”

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In the center of Matterville, there is a place called the **Nucleus Arcade**, where two members of the Atoms Family like to hang out. Perky Patty **Proton**, like her sisters, is quite large with a huge smile and eyes that sparkle (+). Patty is always happy and has a very **positive** personality.

Nerdy Nelda **Neutron** is large like Patty, but she has a boring, flat mouth and eyes with zero expression (o). Her family is very apathetic and **neutral** about everything. Patty, Nelda, and their sisters spend all their time at the **Nucleus Arcade**.

Around the Nucleus Arcade, you will find a series of roadways that are used by another member of the Atoms Family, Enraged Elliott **Electron**. Elliott races madly around the **Nucleus Arcade** on his bright red chrome plated Harley-Davidson. He rides **so fast** that no one can be sure where he is at any time. Elliott is much smaller than Patty and Nelda and he is always angry because these bigger relatives will not let him in the **Nucleus Arcade**. He has a frown on his face, eyes that are squinted with anger, and a very **negative** (-) attitude.

The first energy street can only hold **two** Electron brothers. The second energy street, called the Energy Freeway, can hold **8** brothers. The third energy street, called the Energy Superhighway, can hold up to **18** of the brothers.

The morale of Matterville is stable as long as each negative Electron brother is **balanced** out by one positive Proton sister. The number of residents in Matterville depends on the Proton and Neutron families.
The Atoms Family Song

1st Verse:
They’re tiny and they’re teeny,
Much smaller than a beany,
They never can be seeny,
The Atoms Family.
Chorus

2nd Verse:
Together they make gases,
And liquids like molasses,
And all the solid masses,
The Atoms Family.
Chorus

3rd Verse:
Neutrons can be found,
Where protons hang around;
Electrons they surround
The Atoms Family.
Chorus

Chorus:
They are so small.
(Snap, snap)
They’re round like a ball.
(Snap, snap)
They make up the air.
They’re everywhere.
Can’t see them at all.
(Snap, snap)