CONCEPT: LEWIS DOT STRUCTURES: IONS (SIMPLIFIED)
● In Lewis Dot Structures, cations have valence electrons and anions have valence electrons.
EXAMPLE: Draw the Lewis Dot Structure for the following anion: BCl ₄
STEP 1: Determine the total number of valence electrons of the structure. □ Recall, Valence Electrons = of the element.
STEP 2: Place the electronegative element in the center and connect all elements with single bonds. □ Follow Bonding Preferences guide to determine atom connectivity.
STEP 3: Add electrons to all the elements until they have 8 electrons (Octet Rule). □ Duet Rule: Hydrogen only wants electrons around it.
STEP 4: Place any remaining electrons on the central atom.
STEP 5: Place the ion in brackets and its charge in the top right corner.
□ For cations, remove valence electrons from the element.

PRACTICE: Draw the Lewis Dot Structure for the following cation: NH₄+.

CONCEPT: LEWIS DOT STRUCTURES: IONS (SIMPLIFIED) **PRACTICE:** Determine the Lewis Dot Structure for the following ion: O₂²-. PRACTICE: Determine the Lewis Dot Structure for the following ion: SCl₄²⁺. **PRACTICE:** Draw the Lewis Dot Structure for the following ion: PCl₄+.