## **CONCEPT: NAMING BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS**

- Binary Molecular Compounds: molecular compounds contain \_\_\_\_ different elements. Ex: H<sub>2</sub>O or NO.
  - □ *Numerical prefixes* are always required because these compounds can combine in different proportions.

Numerical Prefixes									
Mono	1	Di	2	Tri	3	Tetra	4	Penta	<u>5</u>
Hexa	6	Hepta	7	Octa	8	Nona	9	Deca	10

## Rules for Naming Binary Molecular Compounds

**STEP 1:** The first nonmetal is named normally and uses all numerical prefixes except \_\_\_\_\_\_.

STEP 2: The second nonmetal keeps its base name, uses any numerical prefix, and has its ending changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

- □ When naming, if the letter "a" of the numerical prefix is next to a letter "o" we can just drop the letter "a".
  - For example, tetraoxide would become \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE**: Write the formula for each of the following compounds.

a. Disulfur monochloride

**b.** Tetraphosphorus pentaselenide

**c.** Dibromine heptoxide

**PRACTICE:** Give the systematic name for the following compound: SeF<sub>6</sub>

**PRACTICE:** Give the systematic name for the following compound: IO<sub>5</sub>

PRACTICE: Give the systematic name for the following compound: N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>