## Atomic lons

An ion is the name given to an atom or group of atoms that have gained or lost electrons. An atom that loses an electron is positively charged and is called a cation. An atom that gains electrons forms a negatively charged ion called an anion. Use the periodic table on page 20 to decide if each diagram has lost or gained electrons. Label each as a cation or anion. Label if each has a negative or positive charge.

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Sodium	Carbon
lon:	lon:
Charge:	Charge:
Boron	Nitrogen
(3) lon:	lon:
Charge:	Charge:
Oxygen	Fluorine
(S) Ion:	(6) lon:
Charge:	Charge: