Naming Acids

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All acids begin with "H"
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Check to see if there is an Oxygen in the anion

If no... use prefix "hydro" and suffix "ic", then add the word "acid"

HCl → <u>hydro</u>chlor<u>ic</u> acid

HCN → <u>hydro</u>cyan<u>ic</u> acid

If yes... do NOT use "hydro" and suffix depends on the polyatomic anion, then add "acid"

If anion ends in -ate, suffix used is "-ic"

If anion ends in –ite, suffix used is "-ous"

 $HNO_3 \rightarrow nitric acid$

 $H_2SO_4 \rightarrow sulfuric$ acid

 $H_2SO_3 \rightarrow sulfurous$ acid

| Name the following acids: | Write the formula for these |
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| 1) H ₃ PO ₄ | acids: |
| 2) H ₂ CO ₃ | 7) hydrobromic acid |
| 3) H ₂ SO ₄ | 8) hydrocyanic acid [this has a twist in it] |
| 4) HIO ₃ | 9) nitric acid |
| 5) HF | 10) sulfurous acid |
| 6) HNO ₂ | 10) sulfutous actu |
| | 11) hydrophosphoric acid |
| | 12) acetic acid |