

pseudohalogens

Compounds that resemble the halogen elements, X_2 , in their chemistry, e.g. $(CN)_2$ cyanogen, $(SCN)_2$ thiocyanogen, ICN iodine cyanide. Certain ions that have sufficient resemblance to halide ions are sometimes referred to as pseudohalide ions, e.g. N_3^- , SCN^- , CN^- .

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