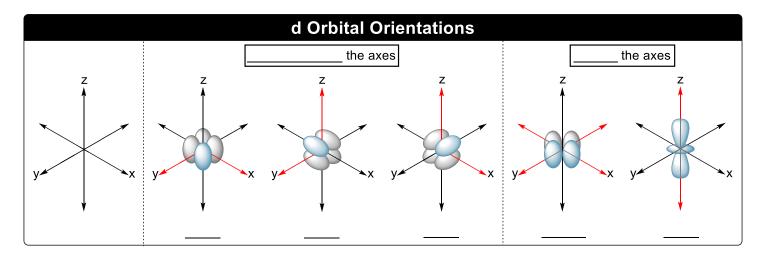
## **CONCEPT: ORIENTATIONS OF D ORBITALS**

• Recall: An orbital is the area around the nucleus where an \_\_\_\_\_\_ is most likely to be found.

• There are \_\_\_\_\_ d orbitals with different orientations.

□ Orientations can be \_\_\_\_\_ into two sets: 1) In-between the axes, 2) On (along) the axes.



**EXAMPLE**: An electron in which of the following orbital is the most likely to be found **along** the x and y axes?

a) d<sub>xy</sub>

b) d<sub>yz</sub>

c) d<sub>xz</sub>

d)  $d_{x^{2}-y^{2}}$ 

e)  $d_z^2$ 

**PRACTICE**: In which of the following orbitals an electron is the most likely to be found along the z axis?

a) d<sub>xy</sub>

b) d<sub>yz</sub>

c) d<sub>xz</sub>

d)  $d_{x^{2}-y^{2}}$ 

e)  $d_z^2$