

ELEMENT NAMES AND SYMBOLS

Each element has been given a unique chemical symbol. This symbol consists of one or two letters. The first letter is always CAPITALIZED. For two letter symbols, the second letter is lowercased.

Examples: nitrogen has the symbol N
nickel has the symbol Ni

Some elements have symbols based on the latin names for the element. Memorize the following table:

ELEMENT NAME	LATIN NAME	SYMBOL
sodium	natrium	Na
tin	stannum	Sn
copper	cuprum	Cu
potassium	kalium	K
silver	argentum	Ag
antimony	stibium	Sb
gold	aurum	Au
iron	ferrum	Fe
lead	plumbum	Pb
mercury	hydrargyrum	Hg

EXERCISE: Fill in the blank with the correct element name, latin name and/or symbol as required.

1. hydrogen _____
2. Pb _____
3. carbon _____
4. aurum _____
5. magnesium _____
6. iron _____
7. Zn _____
8. mercury _____

In addition to the latin names and symbols, you are to memorize the names, symbols and location on the Periodic Table for the first thirty elements. The following phrase will help you:

Hi He Little Betsy Boo CanNot Operate Fairly. NeNa My gAl SiPS Chlorine Angrily.
Killing Cats Scores Tidy Victories. Crying Men Fear Cold Nymphs Cutting Zinc.
On a quiz next week, you will be required to place the symbols for these elements in the correct location on a blank Periodic Table.