

Periodic Table of the Elements

Nature and life are written in the symbols of the elements

Dmitri Mendeleev (1834~1907)
In 1869, the chemist Mendeleev of the Saint Petersburg State University in Russia found the Periodic Law and created the Periodic Table of the Elements which he predicted the characteristics. Although Mendeleev's Periodic Table did not get much attention at first, but once gallium was discovered in 1875 and germanium in 1886, with characteristics just as predicted, it became trusted world-wide. Nowadays, the Periodic Table is the basis of chemistry and physics that is used by everyone.
The year of 2019 is the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Periodic System of the Elements by Mendeleev.

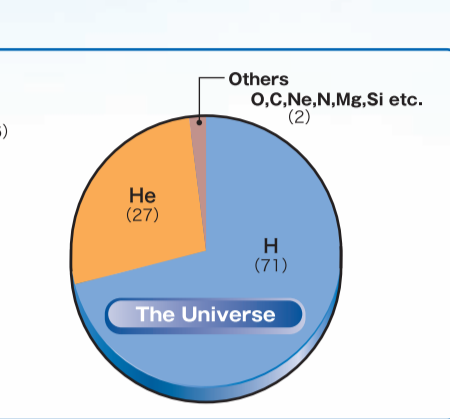
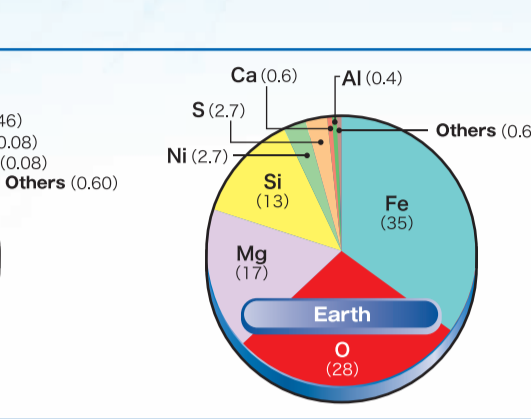
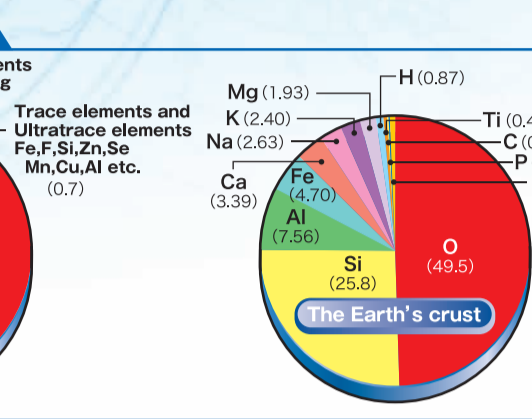
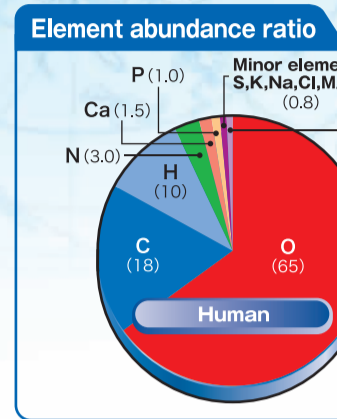
GROUP 1
1 Hydrogen 1.008
Rocket fuel, fuel cell (car), Ni-H battery, Hydrogen bonds of the DNA double helix. Water, sulfuric acid, citric acid, amino acid, MRI diagnosis, the first antimatter anti-hydrogen.

18 Helium 4.003
Gas lighter than air, used as airships. Generated through fusion reactions like the big bang or in the sun. Liquid He is a coolant for superconducting magnets. Makes voice high if inhaled.

2 Lithium 6.941
Lithium ion secondary battery (electric vehicle, smartphone, drone etc.). Lightweight Li alloys used in aircraft construction. Lithium carbonate is medication for manic depression.

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3 Sodium 22.99
Salt NaCl is the main component of sea water. Na lamps inside tunnels. Na's storage before silver colored metal, reacts vigorously with water. Baking powder (sodium bicarbonate).



4 Potassium 39.10
One of three components of fertilizers. Seed crystals for artificial rain (KCl). Rock dating method (Rb-C method). Emergency oxygen generating agent (KO₂).

5 Scandium 44.96
Lighting for outdoor spots. Light weight frame for racing bicycles. Germanium promoter (PbO solution of sulfuric acid). Component of reinforced alloys used in aircrafts.

6 Calcium 40.08
Main component of bone osteopores may result if deficient. The main component of marble, gypsum and cement. Limestone caves, coral reefs.

7 Vanadium 50.94
Vanadium steel is used in hard tools. Oxidation catalyst for preparation of sulfuric acid. Reduces blood sugar. Contained in some types of mushrooms and sea squirts.

8 Iron 55.85
Structural material for buildings, cars, ships, etc. Magnetic metal. Hemoglobin containing Fe carries oxygen. Magnetic tapes, disc, and ticket.

9 Cobalt 58.93
Perpendicular magnetic recording hard disks (Co-Cr alloys). The central atom of vitamin B₁₂ molecule. KS magnetic steel. Blue pigment (cobalt blue).

10 Nickel 58.69
Turbine wings for jets (Ni superalloys). NiChrome wire for electric heaters. NiCd batteries. Shape memory alloys (Ti-Ni alloys).

11 Copper 63.55
High-temperature superconductors are copper oxides. Transmits electricity and heat well (electric wires or pans). The main component of bronze or brass. Respiration pigments of prawn, octopus and squid.

12 Zinc 65.38
Brass (Cu-Zn alloys). ZnO as white paint and ointment. Galvanized iron sheet (Zn-plating). Essential for blue-ray GaAs semiconductor (mobile phone etc.). Metal with low melting point (29.8°C).

13 Aluminum 26.98
Aluminum foil, aluminum can, aluminum sahn. The main component of alum. Gaic medicine (aluminum hydroxide gel). Sapphire is Al₂O₃ containing metals.

14 Silicon 28.09
A leading semiconductor, solar cells. Main component of sand, glass and cement. Silicone (oil, rubber, resin). Optical fiber (SiO₂).

15 Phosphorus 30.97
Source of energy for living organisms. Components of DNA, RNA and ATP. One of the three components of fertilizers. Calcium phosphate is a component of bone.

16 Sulfur 32.07
Natural rubber additives to increase elasticity. The main component of neutral detergents. Sulfur smell in hot spots, garlic and onions. Sulfonamide antibiotics are an essential amino acid.

17 Chlorine 35.45
Bleach (sodium hypochlorite), PVC pipe (polyvinyl chloride), Dry cleaning and fluorescent lamp (filled with argon). Ar laser for medical use (retinal detachment surgery).

18 Argon 39.95
Making up about 1% of the volume of air. Antioxidant gas during welding. Light bulb and fluorescent lamp (filled with argon). Ar laser for medical use (retinal detachment surgery).

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22 Titanium 47.87
TiO₂ is a photo-catalyst and white pigment. Lightweight alloys material used in cars and airplanes. Advanced reagents for organic synthesis.

23 Vanadium 50.94
Vanadium steel is used in hard tools. Oxidation catalyst for preparation of sulfuric acid. Reduces blood sugar. Contained in some types of mushrooms and sea squirts.

24 Chromium 52.00
Chrome plating (brilliant luster). Stainless steel (Cr-Ni-Fe alloys). NiChrome wire for electrical heaters. Colored component of ruby (Cr-containing Al₂O₃).

25 Manganese 54.94
Impact resistant manganese steel. Manganese ore. Excessive intake enlarges thyroid glands.

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31 Gallium 69.72
GaAs semiconductors (blue light emitting diode, LED light bulb), laser for blue-ray GaAs semiconductor (mobile phone etc.). Metal with low melting point (29.8°C).

32 Germanium 72.63
Early stage semiconductor material. Realized the first transistor radio. Infrared lens or prism. Increases the refraction index of optical fibers.

33 Arsenic 74.92
Materials for semiconductors (GaAs, InAs, etc.). Barcode readers. Trace constituents in sea weeds (Hijiki), oysters etc. Medicine for a type of leukemia (As₂O₃).

34 Selenium 78.97
Optical imaging tube for night-vision camera. Raw material for shielding glass. Bio essential trace element. Japan is the biggest producer in the world.

35 Bromine 79.90
Bromide photos (after light-sensitive silver bromide). Component of emerald green dye (Yuan purple). Resilient under normal temperature (melting point -7.2°C).

36 Krypton 83.80
Derived from Greek meaning "a hidden item". One of the rarest gases on earth. Bright krypton light bulb. Krypton laser for medical use (retinal detachment surgery).

37 Rubidium 85.47
Removes residual oxygen in vacuum tubes. Rubidium atomic clock (0.1 second error per year). Dating method for meteorites and rocks (Rb-C method).

38 Strontium 87.62
Fireworks and warning signal light (scarlet). Radioactive isotopes used as a pain reliever for bone tumors. Optical lattice clock (1 second error per 50 billion years).

39 Yttrium 88.91
Powerful YAG (Y-Al garnet) solid-state laser. Yttrium is a magneto-optical crystal. Phosphor for liquid crystal display.

40 Zirconium 91.22
Strong ceramics. Used in the tip of the space shuttle. Lustrous diamond (zirconia).

41 Niobium 92.91
NbTi alloys superconducting magnet coils (linear motor vehicles and maglev diagnostic MRI devices). Ultra-thin glasses (Nb-containing glass with high refractive index). Heat-resistant alloys (aerocraft engines).

42 Molybdenum 95.95
Solid lubricant for bearings (MoS₂). Active center of several nitrogen fixation enzymes (Rheobacterium ferrireducens). Catalyst to remove sulfur from petroleum.

43 Technetium (99)
Half-life: 213 thousand years. The first artificially produced radioactive element (1937). Derived from Greek (techné meaning man-made). Bores with half-life approximately 6 hours used as tumor diagnostic agent, imaging with systemic distribution.

44 Ruthenium 101.1
Hydrogenation catalyst, carbon addition synthesis and cross-coupling. Increases the storage capacity of hard disk. Electronic contacts, resistors, pen tip. Electrodes for brine electrolysis (chlorine production).

45 Rhodium 102.9
Automotive exhaust gas purification catalyst. Hydrogenation catalyst. Stores 900 times its volume of hydrogen. Automotive exhaust gas catalyst. Surface Re plating of silver ornaments.

46 Palladium 106.4
Catalysts for hydrogenation, acetylation synthesis and cross-coupling. Stores 900 times its volume of hydrogen. Automotive exhaust gas catalyst. Surface Re plating of silver ornaments.

47 Silver 107.9
Photographic films, printing paper (AgBr, AgI). Silver coins, tableware, ornaments, backing of mirrors. Alloys for dental treatment. Silver ion has antibacterial and deodorant properties.

48 Cadmium 112.4
NiCd batteries. Cadmium yellow pigment (CdS). Radiation detector (CdTe). Itai-itai disease is Cd poisoning.

49 Indium 114.8
Transparent conductive film in liquid crystal display. KCD semiconductors realized energy-saving displays. Semiconductor for infrared detectors etc. Radiosotopes are medical diagnostic agents.

50 Tin 118.7
Tin-plated steel plate. The main component of solder. Bronze (Cu-Sn alloys). Tin talkware and pipe organ.

51 Antimony 121.8
Sb-Pb alloys used as type fonts. Antimony oxide is a flame-retardant promoter for plastics, curtains and metal. Semiconductor. DVD/R-ray disk.

52 Tellurium 127.6
DVD/R-ray disk (Ge-Sb-Te: melts metastably by laser irradiation and turns into amorphous state). Material for detecting infrared rays (Sb-Pb-Te).

53 Iodine 126.9
Mouthwash and disinfectants. Chiba prefecture in Japan is the world's number two producer. Krypton-starch reaction: blue-violet. Accumulates in the thyroid gland.

54 Xenon 131.3
Ion engine for deep space exploration machine. Scribes for high-speed photography. Filler gas for plasma display panel (PDP).

55 Cesium 132.9
Standard for the unit of "second" (1967). Cesium clock used in global positioning systems (GPS) (1 second error per 300 thousand years). Radiation measurement and medical diagnosis.

56 Barium 137.3
Contrast medium for X-ray diagnosis of digestive organ (barium sulfate). Lubricant for oil mining machines. Green component in fireworks. Phosphor for liquid crystal display (BaO).

57 Lanthanoid 57~71
Fifteen elements from 57 to 71 have similar chemical properties and are called lanthanoid elements. Seventeen elements added the 3rd Group elements Sc and Y are collectively referred to rare earth elements.

58 Cerium 140.1
Advanced neutron absorbers (reactor control rods). Derived from the mineral cerite. Finest metal (Cerium nitride). HfO₂ is an advanced material for transistor, (HfO₂).

59 Praseodymium 140.9
Dental implants material. Miniature large-capacity capacitor. Contrast agent for X-ray diagnosis. Miniature wave filter for mobile phones.

60 Neodymium 144.2
Fluorescent for incandescent light bulbs. Has the highest melting point of all metals (2810°C). X-ray shielding apron.

61 Promethium (145)
Half-life: 2.68 years. The first artificially produced radioactive element (1945). Derived from Greek (Prometheus, who gave the fire to humanity).

62 Samarium 150.4
Sensor for high temperature (W-Re thermocouple over 2000°C). Filament for mass spectrometer. Materials for electrical connections such as switches.

63 Europium 152.0
Tips of fountain pens (Re-Ir alloys). Osmium tetroxide (OsO₄) is an oxidizing agent, oxidation catalyst and biological tissue fixative. Dating of meteorites (Re-Os method).

64 Gadolinium 157.3
Metals that deteriorate the least. Element concentrated locally by a giant meteorite that hit the earth (a cause of dinosaur extinction). The old metric prototype was Pt-Ir alloy.

65 Terbium 158.9
Metals for accessories or coins. Material for electrodes in fuel cells. Automotive exhaust gas catalyst. Anticancer drugs (cisplatin). The past kilogram prototype (adopted in 2019).

66 Dysprosium 162.5
Gold coins and ornaments. Electronic circuit elements. Glass coloring (red cut glass). Anti-neumatic drugs (Au compounds).

67 Holmium 164.9
Liquid metal (melting point -38.8°C). Makes alloy (amalgam) with various metals. Gold amalgam was used for gold plating of the Great Buddha of Nara in the mid 8th century. Minamata disease was caused by methylmercury poisoning.

68 Erbium 167.3
Radioisotope is used as myocardial diagnostic agents. Metal halogen lamp (green light emitting diode) materials for far-infrared heaters. Sometimes used to exterminate mice.

69 Thulium 168.9
Lead storage battery and car batteries. IC card or printing head (green light emitting diode) materials for far-infrared heaters. Sometimes used to exterminate mice.

70 Ytterbium 173.0
A key element for copper-oxide based high-temperature superconducting oxides without transition metal ions. Practical thermoelectric conversion elements (Bi₂Te₃, etc.). Low-melting alloy for solder heads etc.

71 Lutetium 175.0
Half-life: approx. 35-36 billion years. Used for dating (Lu-Hf method). Used in positron detectors for PET diagnosis.

72 Hafnium 178.5
Advanced neutron absorbers (reactor control rods). Derived from the mineral zircon. Finest metal (Cerium nitride). HfO₂ is an advanced material for transistor, (HfO₂).

73 Tantalum 180.9
Dental implants material. Miniature large-capacity capacitor. Contrast agent for X-ray diagnosis. Miniature wave filter for mobile phones.

74 Tungsten 183.8
Fluorescent for incandescent light bulbs. Has the highest melting point of all metals (2810°C). X-ray shielding apron.

75 Rhenium 186.2
Sensor for high temperature (W-Re thermocouple over 2000°C). Filament for mass spectrometer. Materials for electrical connections such as switches.

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Tips of fountain pens (Re-Ir alloys). Osmium tetroxide (OsO₄) is an oxidizing agent, oxidation catalyst and biological tissue fixative. Dating of meteorites (Re-Os method).

77 Iridium 192.2
Metals that deteriorate the least. Element concentrated locally by a giant meteorite that hit the earth (a cause of dinosaur extinction). The old metric prototype was Pt-Ir alloy.

78 Platinum 195.1
Metals for accessories or coins. Material for electrodes in fuel cells. Automotive exhaust gas catalyst. Anticancer drugs (cisplatin). The past kilogram prototype (adopted in 2019).

79 Gold 197.0
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81 Thallium 204.4
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82 Lead 207.2
Lead storage battery and car batteries. IC card or printing head (green light emitting diode) materials for far-infrared heaters. Sometimes used to exterminate mice.

83 Bismuth 208.9
A key element for copper-oxide based high-temperature superconducting oxides without transition metal ions. Practical thermoelectric conversion elements (Bi₂Te₃, etc.). Low-melting alloy for solder heads etc.

84 Polonium (210)
Discovered by the Curies, Pierre and Marie, in 1898. Named after her home country, Poland. Alpha-ray source and neutron source. Nuclear battery.

85 Astatine (210)
Derived from the Greek *astatos* meaning "unstable". Made artificially in the cyclotron (1940). Expected as a next generation anti-cancer drug using alpha rays.

86 Radon (222)
The heaviest gas. Generated from radioactive Ra in small amounts. Discovered by the Curies, Pierre and Marie, in 1898. Named after her home country, Poland. Alpha-ray source and neutron source. Nuclear battery.

87 Francium (223)
Discovered by Marguerite Perey in the Curie Institute and named after her birth country, France. The last element discovered from nature in 1939.

88 Radium (226)
Discovered by the Curies, Pierre and Marie, in 1898. Derived from the Latin word *radius* (radiation). One of the rarest elements in the crust, like Po, Ac, Rn, etc.

89 Actinoid 89~103
Fifteen elements from 89 to 103 have similar chemical properties and are called actinoid elements. All are radioactive elements.

90 Thorium 232.0
Half-life: 1.41e11 years. Discovered from pitchblende in 1898. Derived from the Greek word *thōra* (radiation). Used as a neutron source.

91 Protactinium 231.0
Half-life: 3.2e4 years. Discovered from pitchblende in 1913. Named after the Danish physicist Niels Bohr who established quantum mechanics.

92 Uranium 238.0
Half-life: 4.47e9 years. Enriched uranium ²³⁵U triggers nuclear fission chain reactions (nuclear power generation). Earth dating (U-Pb method), uranium glass.

93 Neptunium (237)
Half-life: 2.14e6 years. The first artificial transuranic element (1940). Named after Neptune.

94 Plutonium (239)
Half-life: 2.44e4 years. Fuel for fast-breeder reactors. Nuclear battery (space ship). Named after Pluto.

95 Americium (243)
Half-life: 4.32e9 years. ²⁴¹Am was used in smoke-sensitive fire alarms and thickness meters. Composites with Be is a neutron source. Named in honor of America.

96 Curium (247)
Half-life: 3.2e6 years. Named after the Curies, Pierre and Marie, by colliding Pu with alpha particles.

97 Berkelium (247)
Half-life: 1.23e6 years. Made in a cyclotron at Berkeley, University of California.

98 Californium (252)
Half-life: 2.64e6 years. ²⁵²Cf is used as a neutron source by spontaneous fission for nuclear fuel enrichment measurement and non-destructive inspection.

99 Einsteinium (252)
Half-life: 1.2e6 years. Named after the physicist Albert Einstein.

100 Fermium (257)
Half-life: 200 days. Enrico Fermi. He and Fe were discovered from within the dust collected from the world's first hydrogen bomb test site in the U.S.

101 Mendeleevium (258)
Half-life: 10.6 hours. Named after Dmitri Mendeleev, the discoverer of the periodic law of the elements.

102 Nobelium (259)
Half-life: 10 min. Named after Alfred Nobel who invented the dynamite and established the Nobel Prize.

103 Lawrencium (262)
Half-life: 11 ms. Named after Ernest Lawrence, the inventor of the cyclotron (1932).

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* The mass numbers indicated here are expressed by rounding the detailed mass number of each element to a significant figures and have been approved by IUPAC Atomic Weight Commission. For elements that have no stable isotopes and whose isotopic natural abundance ratios are not constant, the atomic weight of the representative isotope is shown (Reference 4). Half-lives of the radioactive isotopes are the data for a representative isotope (Reference 1, 2, 5). Half-life is the time required for the number of atoms or the radioactivity of a radionuclide to be half of the original value. The positions of elements beyond ¹⁰⁴Rf in the Periodic Table are provisional.