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| **Etymology (Name Origins) of Elements** | | |
| **Element** | **Symbol** | **Origin** |
| **Actinium** | Ac | Greek *aktinos*, meaning *ray* |
| **Aluminium** | Al | Latin *alumen*, meaning *bitter salt* |
| **Americium** | Am | Named for *America*, where it was first made |
| **Antimony** | Sb | Greek *anti - monos*, meaning *not - alone*; Latin *stibium*, the name of antimony sulfide in ancient times |
| **Argon** | Ar | Greek *argos*, meaning *idle* |
| **Arsenic** | As | Greek *arsenikon*, meaning *yellow orpiment*, a mineral |
| **Astatine** | At | Greek *astatos*, meaning *unstable* |
| **Barium** | Ba | Greek *barys*, meaning *heavy* |
| **Berkelium** | Bk | Named for the city of *Berkeley*, CA, where it was first made |
| **Beryllium** | Be | Greek *beryllo*, meaning *beryl*; originally glaucinium, Greek *glykos* meaning *sweet* |
| **Bismuth** | Bi | German *Bisemuten*, from *Wismuth*, from *Weisse Masse*, meaning *white mass* |
| **Bohrium** | Bh | Named for *Niels Bohr*, Danish atomic physicist |
| **Boron** | Bo | Arabic *buraq*, meaning *borax*; a combination of borax and carbon |
| **Bromine** | Br | Greek *bromos*, meaning *stench* |
| **Cadmium** | Cd | Latin *cadmia*, meaning mineral *calamine* |
| **Caesium** | Cs | Latin *caesius*; meaning *sky blue* |
| **Calcium** | Ca | Latin *calx*, meaning *lime* |
| **Californium** | Cf | Named for the University and State of *California*, where it was first made |
| **Carbon** | C | Latin *carbo*, meaning *charcoal* |
| **Cerium** | Ce | Named after the asteroid *Ceres*, which had been named after the Roman goddess of agriculture |
| **Chlorine** | Cl | Greek *chloros*, meaning *greenish-yellow* |
| **Chromium** | Cr | Greek *chroma*, meaning *colour* |
| **Cobalt** | Co | German *kobald*, meaning *goblin* |
| **Copper** | Cu | Old English *coper*, from Latin *Cypreum aes* |
| **Curium** | Cm | Named in honour of *Pierre and Marie Curie* |
| **Darmstadtium** | Ds | Named for *Darmstadt*, Germany, where it was first made |
| **Dubnium** | Db | Named for the Russian town *Dubna*, where the JINR is located |
| **Dysprosium** | Dy | Greek *dysprositos*, meaning *hard to get* |
| **Einsteinium** | Es | Named for *Albert Einstein*, meaning |
| **Erbium** | Er | Named for *Ytterby*, Sweden |
| **Europium** | Eu | Named after *Europe* |
| **Fermium** | Fm | Named for nuclear physicist *Enrico Fermi* |
| **Fluorine** | F | Latin *fluere*, meaning *to flow* |
| **Francium** | Fr | Named after *France* |
| **Gadolinium** | Gd | Named in honour of John Gadolin, who investigated gadolinite |
| **Gallium** | Ga | Latin *Gallia*, the name for *France* |
| **Germanium** | Ge | Latin *Germania*, the name for *Germany* |
| **Gold** | Au | Anglo-Saxon *gold*, from Latin *geolo*, meaning *yellow*; Au from Latin *aureum*, meaning *glow of sunrise* |
| **Hafnium** | Hf | Latin *Hafnia*, the name for *Copenhagen* |
| **Hassium** | Hs | Named for the German State of *Hesse*, where it was first made |
| **Helium** | He | Greek *helios*, meaning *the Sun* |
| **Holmium** | Ho | Latin *Holmia* , the name for *Stockholm* |
| **Hydrogen** | H | Greek *hydro* and *genes*, meaning *water-forming* |
| **Indium** | In | Latin *indicum*, meaning *violet* or *indigo* |
| **Iodine** | I | Greek *iodes*, meaning *violet* |
| **Iridium** | Ir | Named for *Iris*, Greek goddess of the rainbow |
| **Iron** | Fe | Anglo-Saxon *iren*; Fe, Latin *ferrum*, word for *iron* |
| **Krypton** | Kr | Greek *kryptos*, meaning *hidden* |
| **Lanthanum** | La | Greek *lanthanein*, meaning *lie hidden* |
| **Lawrencium** | Lr | Named for *Ernest O. Lawrence*, the inventor of thecyclotron |
| **Lead** | Pb | Anglo-Saxon *lead*; Pb, Latin *plumbum*, name for *lead* |
| **Lithium** | Li | Greek *lithos*, meaning *stone* |
| **Lutetium** | Lu | Latin *Lutetia*, Roman name for *Paris* |
| **Magnesium** | Mg | Named for *Magnesia*, a district of Greece |
| **Manganese** | Mn | Latin *magnes*, meaning *magnet* |
| **Meitnerium** | Mt | Named for Austrian physicist *Lise Meitner* |
| **Mendelevium** | Md | Named for *Dimitri Mendeleyev*, who produced one of the first periodic tables |
| **Mercury** | Hg | Named for the planet *Mercury*; Hg Latin *hydrargyrum*, meaning *liquid silver* |
| **Molybdenum** | Mo | Greek *molybdos*, meaning *lead* |
| **Neodymium** | Nd | Greek *neo didymos*, meaning *new twin* |
| **Neon** | Ne | Greek *neos*, meaning *new* |
| **Neptunium** | Np | Named for the planet *Neptune* |
| **Nickel** | Ni | German *kupfernickel*, meaning *devil's copper* or *St. Nicholas' copper* |
| **Niobium** | Nb | For *Niobe* in Greek mythology |
| **Nitrogen** | N | Greek *nitron* and *genes*, meaning *nitre-forming* |
| **Nobelium** | No | Named for Swedish chemist *Alfred Nobel* |
| **Osmium** | Os | Greek *osme*, meaning *smell* |
| **Oxygen** | O | Greek *oxy* and *genes*, meaning *acid-forming* |
| **Palladium** | Pd | For the asteroid *Pallas*; for the Greek goddess of wisdom |
| **Phosphorus** | P | Greek *phosphoros*, meaning *bringer of light* |
| **Platinum** | Pt | Spanish *platina*, meaning *little silver* |
| **Plutonium** | Pu | Named for the planet *Pluto* |
| **Polonium** | Po | Named for *Poland* |
| **Potassium** | K | From English *potash*; K from *kalium* Medieval Latin for *potash* |
| **Praseodymium** | Pr | Greek *prasios didymos*, meaning *green twin* |
| **Promethium** | Pm | Named for *Prometheus*, the Greek who stole fire from the gods |
| **Protactinium** | Pa | Greek *protos*, meaning *first*, as a prefix to the name *actinium* |
| **Radium** | Ra | Latin *radius*, meaning *ray* |
| **Radon** | Rn | Derived from *radium* |
| **Rhenium** | Re | Latin *Rhenus*, the name for the *Rhine* |
| **Rhodium** | Rh | Greek *rhodon*, meaning *rose-coloured* |
| **Roentgenium** | Rg | Named for the scientist *Wilhelm Conrad Röentgen* |
| **Rubidium** | Rb | Latin *rubidius*, meaning *deepest red* |
| **Ruthenium** | Ru | Derived from Latin name for *Russia* |
| **Rutherfordium** | Rf | Named for New Zealand chemist *Ernest Rutherford* |
| **Samarium** | Sm | Named for *samarskite*, the mineral from which it was first extracted |
| **Scandium** | Sc | Latin *Scandia*, the name for *Scandanavia* |
| **Seaborgium** | Sg | Named for *Glenn T. Seaborg*, meaning |
| **Selenium** | Se | Greek *Selene*, the name for the *Moon* |
| **Silicon** | Si | Latin *silex* or *silicia*, meaning *flint* |
| **Silver** | Ag | Anglo-Saxon *siolfur*, the word for *silver*; Ag, Latin *argentum*, the word for *silver* |
| **Sodium** | Na | English word *soda*; Na, Latin *natrium*, meaning *soda* |
| **Strontium** | Sr | Named for the town of *Strontian, Scotland* |
| **Sulfur** | S | Sanskrit *sulvere*, or Latin *sulfurium*, both names for sulfur |
| **Tantalum** | Ta | Named for the Greek figure *Tantalus*, King of Sisyphus, in Lydia |
| **Technetium** | Tc | Greek *tekhnetos*, meaning *artificial* |
| **Tellurium** | Te | Latin *tellus*, meaning *Earth* |
| **Terbium** | Tb | Named for *Ytterby*, Sweden |
| **Thallium** | Tl | Greek *thallos*, meaning *green twig* |
| **Thorium** | Th | Named for *Thor*, Scandanavian god of war |
| **Thulium** | Tm | Derived from *Thule*, the ancient name for *Scandanavia* |
| **Tin** | Sn | Anglo-Saxon *tin*; Sn, Latin *stannum*, meaning *hard* |
| **Titanium** | Ti | Named for the *Titans* of Greek mythology |
| **Tungsten** | W | Swedish *tung sten*, meaning *heavy stone*; W from *wolfram*, the old name of the tungstenn mineral wolframite |
| **Uranium** | U | Named for the planet *Uranus* |
| **Vanadium** | V | Named for *Vanadis*, the Scandanavian goddess of beauty |
| **Xenon** | Xe | Greek *zenos*, meaning *stranger* |
| **Ytterbium** | Yb | Named for *Ytterby*, Sweden |
| **Yttrium** | Y | Named for *Ytterby, Sweden* |
| **Zinc** | Zn | German *zink* |
| **Zirconium** | Zr | Arabian *zargun*, meaning *gold-coloured* |

**Unnamed Elements**

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| **Element** | **Symbol** | **Origin** |
| **Ununbium** | Uub | Unnamed |
| **Ununtriium** | Uut | Unnamed |
| **Ununquadium** | Uuq | Unnamed |
| **Ununpentium** | Uup | Unnamed |
| **Ununhexium** | Uuh | Unnamed |
| **Ununseptium** | Uus | Unnamed |
| **Ununoctium** | Uuo | Unnamed |
| **Ununennium** | Uue | Unnamed |