

Boardworks High School Science



The Periodic Table

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What is the atomic number?

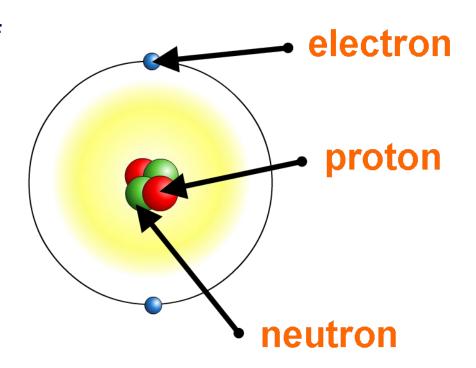


Every element has a unique atomic number. This is the number of protons in the nucleus of each atom.

What is the atomic number of this helium atom?

Helium has 2 protons, so its atomic number is 2.

Atoms are neutrally charged, so what links atomic number and the number of electrons?



A neutral atom must have equal numbers of protons and electrons, so the atomic number of an element also gives the number of electrons.

What are the properties of elements?



A property is any characteristic feature of a substance.

Can you name any properties of the element **sodium**?

Properties of sodium include:

- highly reactive
- solid but melts easily
- feels light (low density).



The chemical properties of an element are determined by its atomic number.

Are there any patterns in the properties of the elements?





How was the periodic table developed?

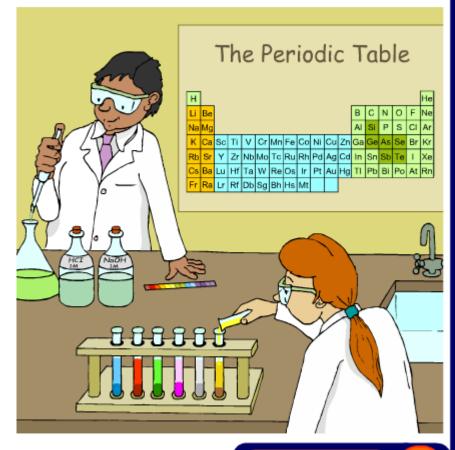




The Development of the Periodic Table

The development of the modern periodic table is the result of many scientists all over the world trying to find order among the elements.

Click "start" to find out more about how the elements were arranged into the periodic table.











How are the elements arranged?



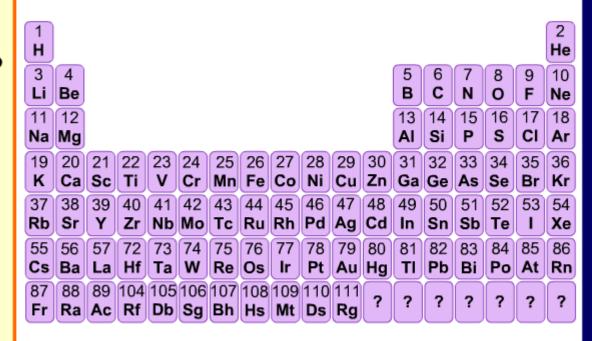


How are the elements arranged?

How are the elements arranged in the periodic table?

Are there any patterns in this arrangement?

Click "play" to find out more about how the elements are arranged.







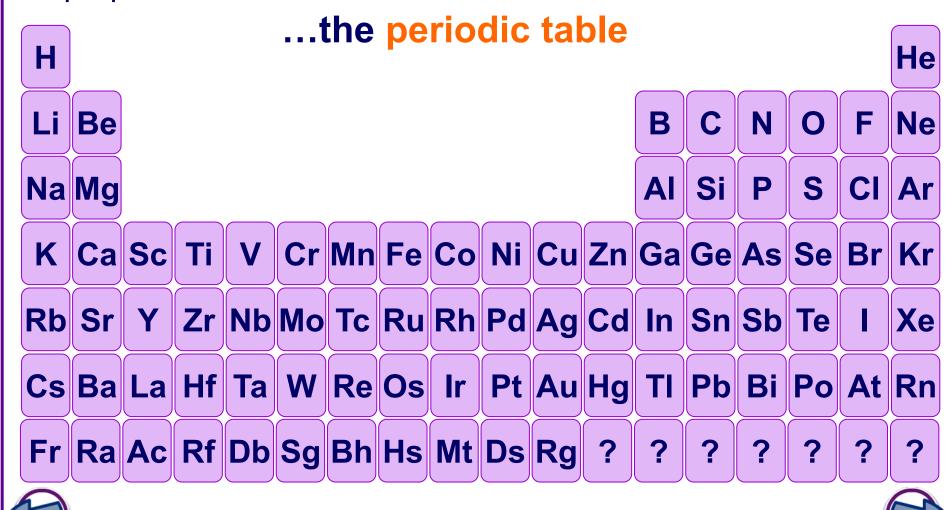




The periodic table



Arranging all the elements by their atomic number and their properties led to the creation of...



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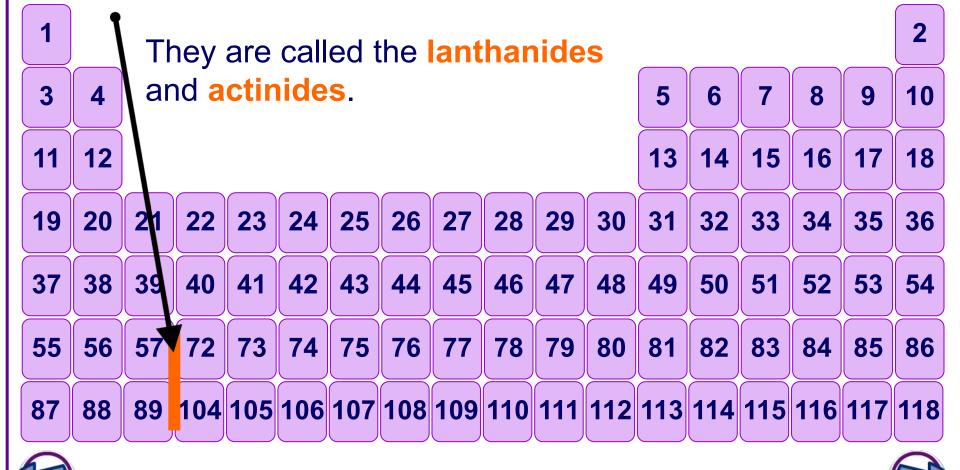
Missing elements!

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In this periodic table the symbols are replaced by atomic numbers. Some of the numbers are missing – where?

Two more rows of elements fit here.



The elements in the periodic table





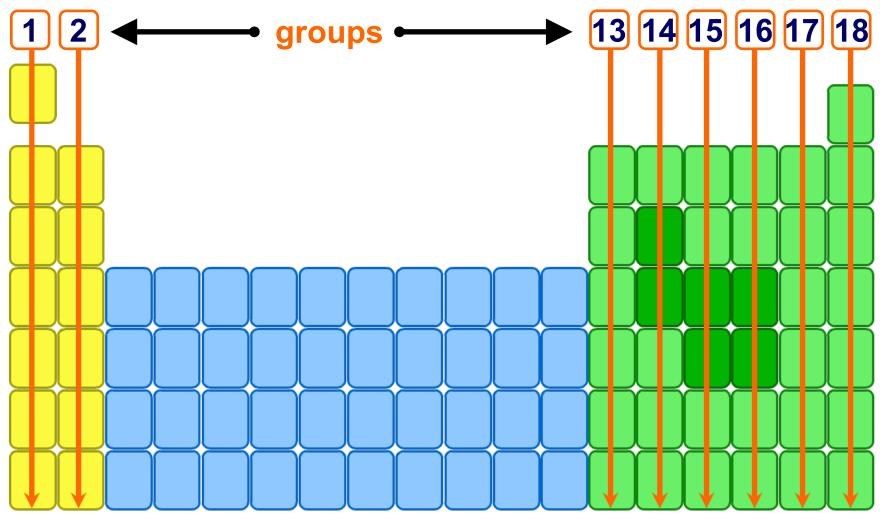




Columns of elements







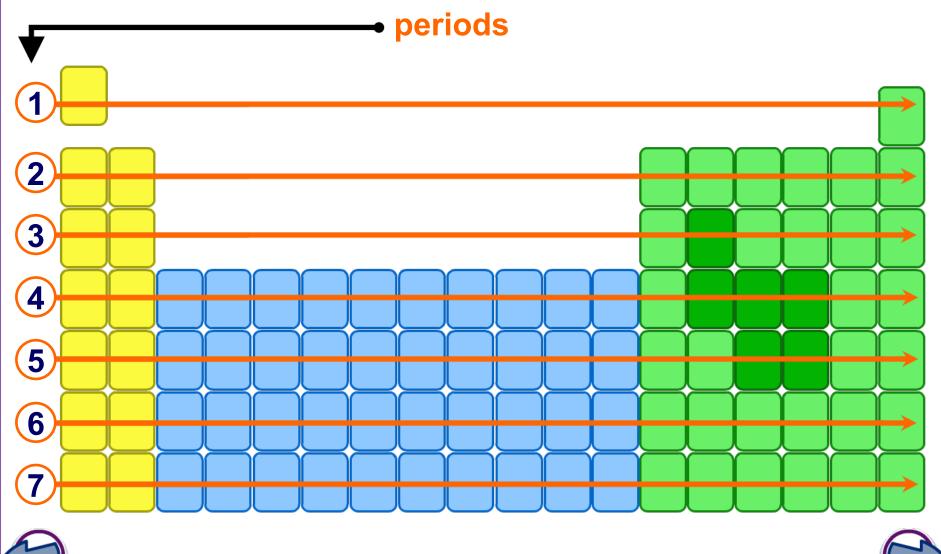




Rows of elements



What are **rows** of elements called?



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Complete the sentences – periodic table





