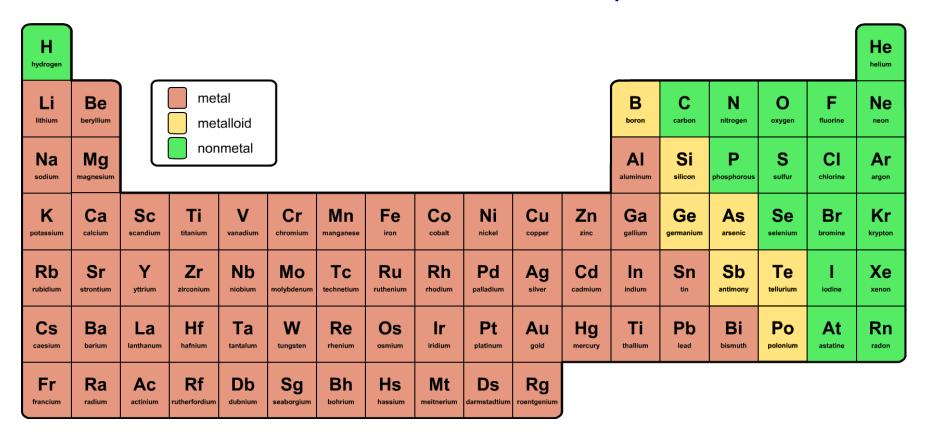


The periodic table



All the known elements are shown in the periodic table.



Can you see any patterns in how the elements are arranged in the periodic table?





Who invented the periodic table?

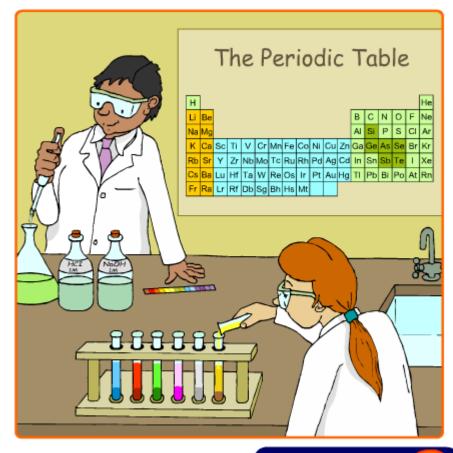




The Development of the Periodic Table

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.









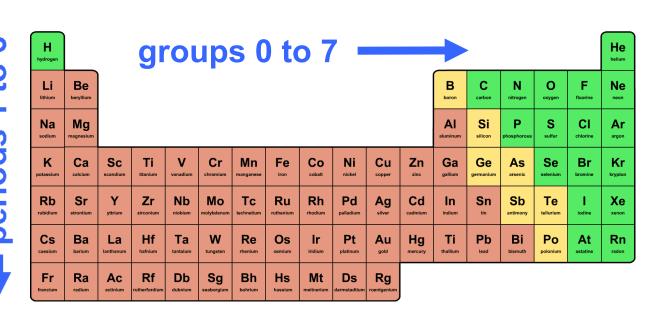
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How are the elements arranged?



The elements in the periodic table are arranged in families called **groups** and **periods**. A group is a vertical column in the periodic table; a period is a horizontal row.

The elements in groups tend to have similar properties.



For example, all the elements in group 0 are very unreactive gases at room temperature, while all the elements in group 1 are very reactive metals.





Solids, liquids and gases



Why are some symbol names in the periodic table below shown in different colors? (clue: think about group properties)

H					_		`								•		He helium
Li lithium	Be beryllium	metal solid liquid									B	C	N nitrogen	Oxygen	F	Ne neon	
Na sodium	Mg magnesium	nonmetal										Al	Si	P	S sulfur	CI	Ar
K	Ca	Sc scandium	Ti titanium	V	Cr	Mn manganese	Fe	Co	Ni nickel	Cu	Zn zinc	Ga gallium	Ge germanium	As arsenic	Se selenium	Br	Kr krypton
Rb rubidium	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb niobium	Mo molybdenum	Tc technetium	Ru	Rh	Pd palladium	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te tellurium	iodine	Xe xenon
Cs caesium	Ba barium	La	Hf hafnium	Ta tantalum	W tungsten	Re	Os osmium	ir	Pt platinum	Au	Hg	Ti thallium	Pb lead	Bi	Po	At astatine	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf rutherfordium	Db dubnium	Sg seaborgium	Bh	Hs hassium	Mt meitnerium	Ds darmstadtium	Rg roentgenium							

Bromine and mercury are liquids at room temperature; all the other elements are solids or gases.





Metalloids



Metals are on the left and in the center of the periodic table.

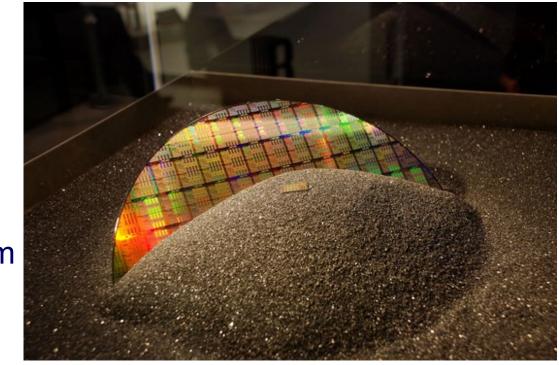
Nonmetals are located mostly on the right.

Metalloids sometimes behave like metals and sometimes

like nonmetals.

Metalloids are located between metals and nonmetals in the periodic table.

Silicon and germanium are examples of metalloids.







Metals, nonmetals and metalloids





Which elements are metals, nonmetals or metalloids?

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C carbon	N nitrogen	О	F	Ne
Na sodium	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	CI	Ar
K potassium	Ca	Sc scandium	Ti	V vanadium	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni nickel	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As arsenic	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb niobium	Mo molybdenum	Tc technetium	Ru	Rh	Pd palladium	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te tellurium	liodine	Xe
Cs caesium	Ba	La	Hf hafnium	Ta	W	Re	Os	lr iridium	Pt platinum	Au	Hg	Ti thallium	Pb	Bi	Po	At astatine	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf rutherfordium	Db dubnium	Sg	Bh	Hs hassium	Mt meitnerium	Ds darmstadtium	Rg							_

metals

nonmetals

metalloids

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