

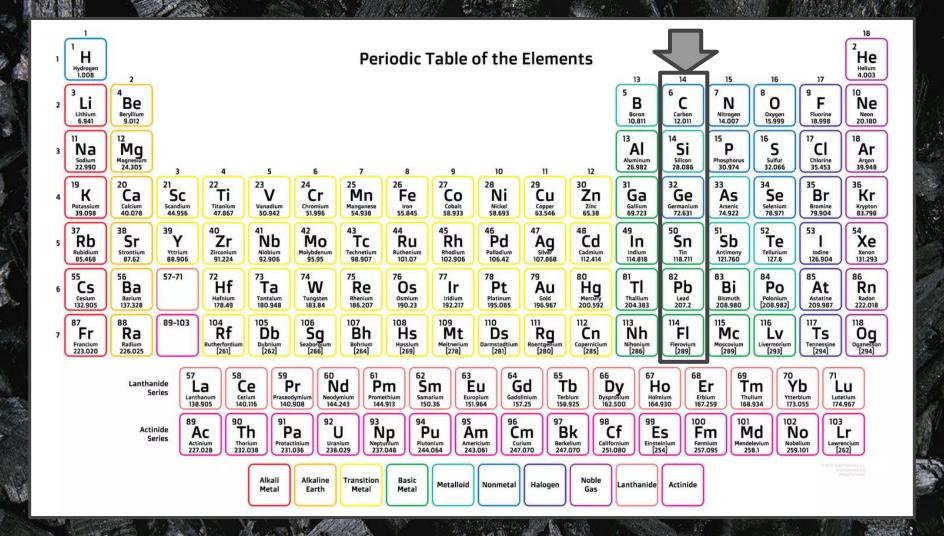


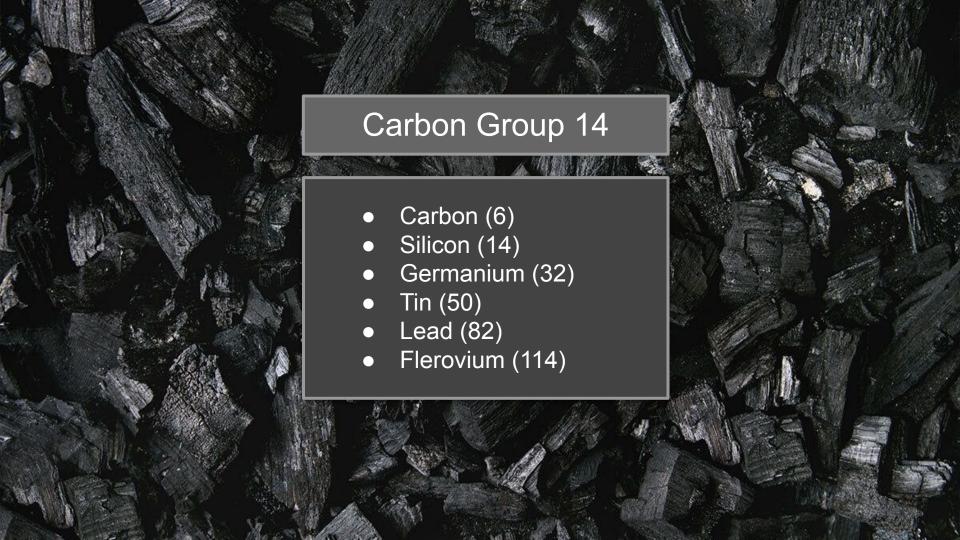


Boots Randolph - Yakety Sax (1963)

Beginning with Boron

Name the Six Elements of Group 13





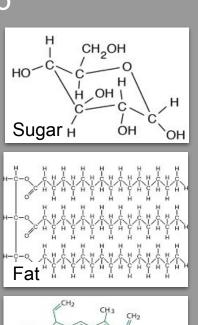
Carbon

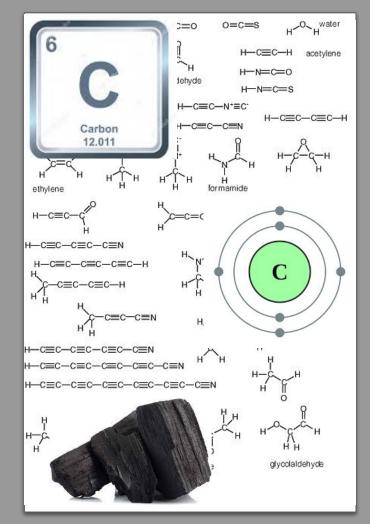
Carbon Symbol C Atomic No. 6

All living things contain large amounts of carbon. In fact all life is carbon-based.

We call living things "organisms". It's where we get the word "organ" to describe things like the brain, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, skin etc.

Sugar, fat, proteins, muscle tissue and even blood are carbon-based.



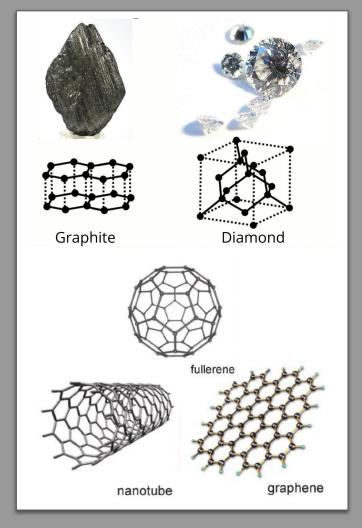


Carbon Allotropes

An "allotrope" is a different structural form of the same element. Many elements in their pure form construct different allotropes. Carbon is just a good example to show you what an allotrope is.

Pure graphite, used in pencils, is a basically layers of 6-sided (hexagonal) shaped groups of atoms. Graphite is not very strong, you can shear off layers easily.

A diamond however, is in a tetrahedral shape and is very strong. Diamond is the strongest known natural substance on Earth.





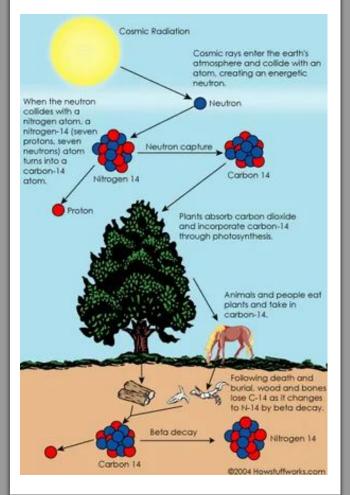
Radiocarbon Dating

Carbon naturally occurs in both stable carbon-12 and unstable carbon-14 isotopes.

The ratio of C¹⁴ to C¹² is constant amongst living things because they constantly absorb carbon based foods that contain C¹⁴ thus replacing any lost due to decay. However, when they die they stop absorbing carbon.

C¹⁴ decays with a half life of around 5,730 years.

We can measure the amount of C¹² and C¹⁴ in a fossil to determine how long ago it stopped living.





Radiocarbon Dating

Carbon & Organic

Carbon-based life is also known as "organic". A long chain carbon-based life-form, an organism, is organic.

However, this term has been adopted incorrectly by food companies to promote their products. Organic does not mean "chemical free". Everything is made of chemicals, water is a chemical compound.

Coal is organic, it comes from dead trees. Plastic is organic, it comes from crude oil which is dead sea creatures. If it started out as a living thing then it's organic. Don't be fooled by the advertisers.







Which Are Organic



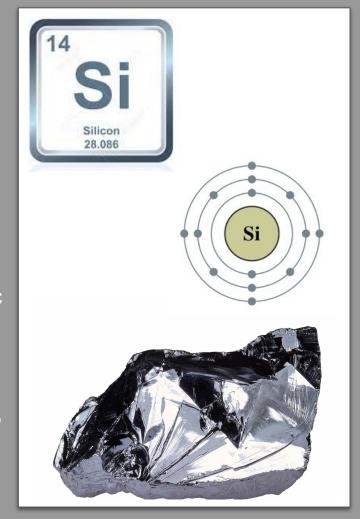


Silicon

Silicon Symbol Si Atomic No. 14

Because of its high chemical affinity for oxygen, it was not until 1823 that Jöns Jakob Berzelius was first able to prepare it in pure form. Its oxides form a family of anions known as silicates.

Silicon is the 8th most common element in the universe. It is widely distributed in space in cosmic dusts, planetoids and planets as silicates. More than 90% of the Earth's crust is composed of silicate minerals, making silicon the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust after oxygen, which is why the oceans and beaches are covered in silica sand, silicon dioxide, SiO₂, a silicate.





Silicon Chips

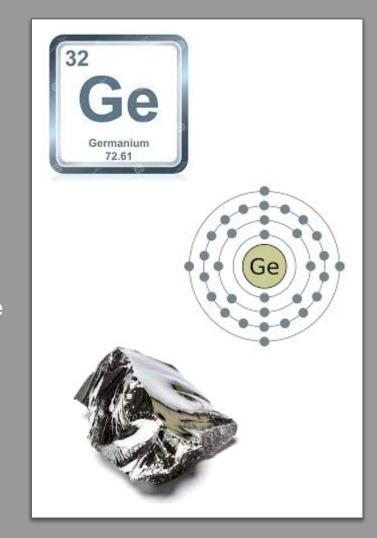
Germanium

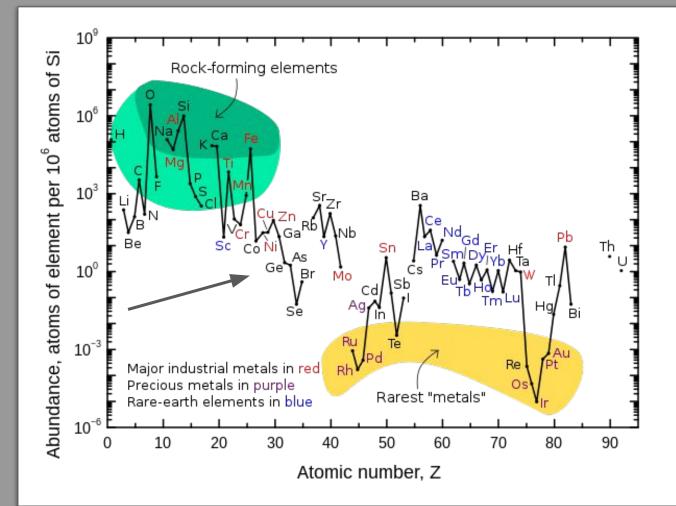
Germanium Symbol Ge Atomic No. 32

In 1886, Clemens Winkler at Freiberg University found the new element in a mineral, argyrodite, also containing silver and sulfur. He named the element after his country, Germany.

China produces most of the world's germanium, over 100 tonnes per year. It is mostly used in fibre optics, infrared optics and solar devices.

Germanium ranks near the 50th most abundant element on Earth, making it more common than gold or platinum but less common than many rare earth elements.

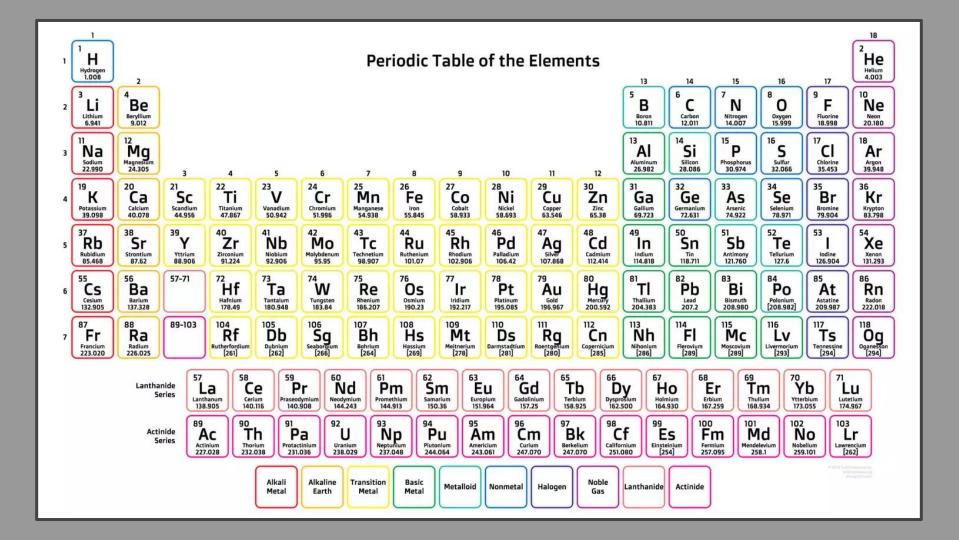




How many of these elements can you name?

There are 79 here.

Start with H and follow the lines.



Tin

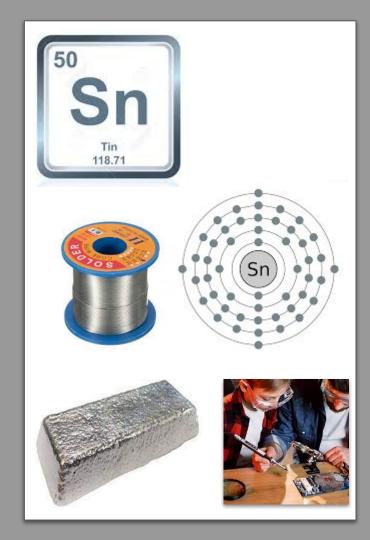
Tin Symbol Sn Atomic No. 50

Tin is created via a long process within medium sized stars, those with masses of 0.6 to 10 times that of the Sun. Latin for tin is "stannum", symbol Sn.

Tin extraction and use can be dated to the beginnings of the Bronze Age around 3000 BC.

About 253,000 tonnes of tin were mined in 2011, mostly in China (110kt), Indonesia (51kt), Peru (35kt) and Bolivia (20kt).

About half of all tin is used in solder, the rest in tin plating, chemicals, brass and bronze alloys.





Soldering

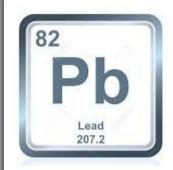
Lead

Lead Symbol Pb Atomic No. 82

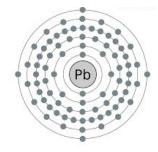
Metallic lead beads dating back to 7000 BC. It is a heavy metal that is denser than most common materials. Lead is soft and malleable, with a relatively low melting point.

The name "lead" comes from an old English word. The ancient Latin name was "plumbum" which is where we get the symbol Pb.

Lead was used extensively for water pipes dating back to Roman times and even up until recently. However lead is really toxic, even in small amounts, especially to children. So we use copper for pipes now.







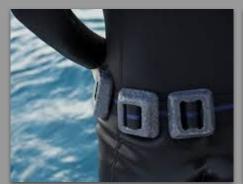




Things Made Using Lead









Lead Acid Batteries

Munitions

Diving Belts

Cable Sheathing









Fishing Sinkers

Lead Paints

Weights

Cosmetics

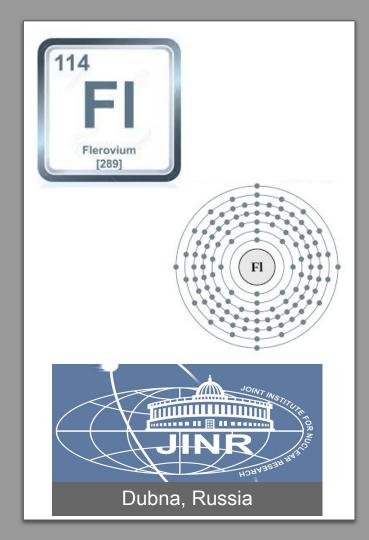
Flerovium

Flerovium Symbol Nh Atomic No. 114

Flerovium is a superheavy chemical element. It is an extremely radioactive synthetic element.

It is named after the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia, where the element was discovered in 1999. The lab's name, in turn, honours Russian physicist Georgy Flyorov.

About 90 flerovium atoms have been seen, they have a half-life of less than 2 seconds.



Name these Group 14 Carbon Elements



All living things are made of this. Related to organ, organism and organic. Graphite and diamonds.

Carbon



8th most common element in the Universe, 2nd most common in Earth's crust. Computer chips.

Silicon



Named after Germany where it was discovered in 1886 by Clemens Winkler. Used in fibre optics.

Germanium



Use dates back to 3,000 BC and bronze production. Latin name is "stannum". Sn.

Tin



Name come from an old English word. Atomic symbol comes from Latin word "plumbum". Pb.

Lead



Discovered 1999 in Russia at the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions in Dubna.

