

## PRONUNCIATION OF THE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS: A Guide for Students

*Students: Be able to correctly pronounce each of the element names.*

<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>ELEMENT NAME</b>	<b>PRONUNCIATION</b>
Ac	ACTINIUM.....	ack-TIN-ee-um ("um" rhymes with "gum")
Al	ALUMINUM .....	ah-LOOM-in-um [British: aluminium = al-you-MIN-ee-um]
Am	AMERICIUM .....	AM-ur-RISH-ee-um, AM-er-EE-she-um
Sb	ANTIMONY.....	ANT-uh- <b>mo</b> -knee
Ar	ARGON .....	ARE-gone
As	ARSENIC .....	ARE-suh-nick, ARE-sin-ick
At	ASTATINE .....	ASS-tuh-teen, ASS-tuh-TIN
Ba	BARIUM .....	BEAR-ee-um ("BURY 'em")
Bk	BERKELIUM.....	burr-KEY-lee-um, BURK-lee-um
Be	BERYLLIUM.....	buh-REEL-ee-um
Bi	BISMUTH .....	BIZ-muth
Bh	BOHRIUM .....	BORE-ee-um
B	BORON .....	BORE-on
Br	BROMINE.....	BRO-mean ("BRO" rhymes with "go")
Cd	CADMIUM .....	CAD-me-um
Ca	CALCIUM .....	CAL-see-um
Cf	CALIFORNIUM.....	cal-uh-FOR-nee-um
C	CARBON .....	CAR-bun
Ce	CERIUM .....	SEAR-ee-um
Cs	CESIUM .....	SEE-zee-um
Cl	CHLORINE .....	CLOOR-een ("CLOOR" rhymes with "floor")
Cr	CHROMIUM.....	CROW-me-um
Co	COBALT .....	CO-bault ("bault" rhymes with fault)
Cu	COPPER .....	COP-purr
Cm	CURIUM.....	CURE-ee-um
Ds	DARMSTADTIUM .....	darm-STAAT-ee-um ("STAAT" rhymes with "thought")
Db	DUBNIUM .....	DUBE-nee-um ("DUBE" rhymes with "tube")
Dy	DYSPROSIUM.....	dis-PRO-zee-um, dis-PRO-she-um
Es	EINSTEINIUM.....	eine-STY-knee-um ("eine" rhymes with "mine")
Er	ERBIUM .....	UR-bee-um, ("UR" rhymes with "fur")
Eu	EUROPIUM.....	your-ROW-pea-um
Fm	FERMIUM.....	FUR-me-um
F	FLUORINE.....	FLOOR-een
Fr	FRANCIUM.....	FRAN-see-um
Gd	GADOLINIUM .....	GAD-el-IN-ee-um
Ga	GALLIUM .....	GAL-ee-um
Ge	GERMANIUM .....	jour-MAIN-ee-um ("jour" rhymes with "your")
Au	GOLD .....	GOLD (rhymes with "sold")
Hf	HAFNIUM.....	HALF-nee-um
Hs	HASSIUM .....	HAH-see-um
He	HELIUM .....	HE-lee-um
Ho	HOLMIUM .....	HOLE-me-um
H	HYDROGEN .....	HIGH-druh-gin
In	INDIUM .....	IN-dee-um
I	IODINE .....	EYE-o-dine, EYE-o-den
Ir	IRIDIUM .....	ih-RID-ee-um
Fe	IRON .....	EYE-urn
Kr	KRYPTON.....	CRIP-tawn ("tawn" rhymes with "yawn")
La	LANTHANUM .....	LAN-thah-num
Lr	LAWRENCIUM .....	law-RIN-see-um, lore-RIN-see-um
Pb	LEAD .....	LED
Li	LITHIUM .....	LITH-ee-um
Lu	LUTETIUM .....	loo-TEE-she-um
Mg	MAGNESIUM .....	mag-NEE-zee-um

Mn	MANGANESE .....	MANG-guh-knees ("MANG" rhymes with "bang")
Mt	MEITNERIUM .....	mite-NUR-ee-um
Md	MENDELEVIUM .....	men-duh-LAY-vee-um
Hg	MERCURY .....	MERK-your-ee
Mo	MOLYBDENUM .....	muh-LIB-den-um
Nd	NEODYMIUM .....	nee-o-DIM-ee-um
Ne	NEON .....	KNEE-on
Np	NEPTUNIUM .....	nep-TUNE-ee-um
Ni	NICKEL .....	NICK-ull ("ull" rhymes with "dull")
Nb	NIOBIUM .....	nee-O-bee-um
N	NITROGEN .....	NIGH-trah-gin, nigh-TRO-gin
No	NOBELIUM .....	no-BELL-ee-um
Os	OSMIUM .....	OZ-me-um
O	OXYGEN .....	OX-eh-gin
Pd	PALLADIUM .....	puh-LAY-dee-um
P	PHOSPHORUS .....	FOSS-fur-us
Pt	PLATINUM .....	PLAT-in-um ("PLAT" rhymes with "flat")
Pu	PLUTONIUM .....	plue-TONE-ee-um ("plue" rhymes with "blue")
Po	POLONIUM .....	puh-LO-nee-um
K	POTASSIUM .....	poh-TASS-ee-um
Pr	PRASEODYMIUM .....	PRAY-zee-o- <b>DIM</b> -ee-um
Pm	PROMETHIUM .....	pro-MEETH-ee-um ("MEETH" rhymes with "teeth")
Pa	PROTACTINIUM .....	PRO-tack- <b>TIN</b> -ee-um
Ra	RADIUM .....	RAY-dee-um
Rn	RADON .....	RAY-don ("don" rhymes with "on")
Re	RHENIUM .....	REE-nee-um
Rh	RHODIUM .....	ROW-dee-um
Rg	ROENTGENIUM .....	rent-GUIN-ee-um ("guin" rhymes with "win"; "guin" as in <u>again</u> )
Rb	RUBIDIUM .....	roo-BID-ee-um
Ru	RUTHENIUM .....	roo-THEE-nee-um
Rf	RUTHERFORDIUM .....	ruh-thur- <b>FORD</b> -ee-um ("ruh-thur" rhymes with "other")
Sm	SAMARIUM .....	suh-MARE-ee-um ("MARE" rhymes with "care")
Sc	SCANDIUM .....	SCAN-dee-um
Sg	SEABORGIUM .....	see-BORG-ee-um
Se	SELENIUM .....	suh-LEE-nee-um
Si	SILICON .....	SILL-eh-CON, SILL-eh-ken
Ag	SILVER .....	SILL-vurr ("vurr" rhymes with "purr")
Na	SODIUM .....	SO-dee-um
Sr	STRONTIUM .....	STRON-tee-um, STRON-chee-um
S	SULFUR .....	SULL-fur ("sull" rhymes with "gull")
Ta	TANTALUM .....	TAN-tuh-lum
Tc	TECHNETIUM .....	teck-NEE-she-um, teck-NEE-shim
Te	TELLURIUM .....	tuh-LURE-ee-um ("LURE" rhymes with "cure")
Tb	TERBIUM .....	TUR-bee-um ("TUR" rhymes with "fur")
Tl	THALLIUM .....	THAL-ee-um ("THAL" rhymes with "pal")
Th	THORIUM .....	THOR-ee-um ("THOR" rhymes with "sore")
Tm	THULIUM .....	THOOL-ee-um ("THOOL" rhymes with "pool")
Sn	TIN .....	TIN (rhymes with "pin")
Ti	TITANIUM .....	tie-TAY-nee-um
W	TUNGSTEN .....	TONGUE-stin ("stin" rhymes with "win")
U	URANIUM .....	your-RAY-nee-um
V	VANADIUM .....	vuh-NAY-dee-um
Xe	XENON .....	ZEE-non
Yb	YTTERBIUM .....	it-TOUR-bee-um
Y	YTTRIUM .....	IT-tree-um
Zn	ZINC .....	zink (rhymes with "think!")
Zr	ZIRCONIUM .....	zir-CONE-ee-um ("zir" rhymes with "sir")