

C4.1.5 - The Transition Metals

Chemistry only

Do NOT do this lesson if you are
studying combined science

Lesson Objectives

- Identify the transition elements in the periodic table
- Recall the general properties of the transition metals
- Recall that transition metals are often used as catalysts

The transition metals are between groups 2 and 3 in the periodic table



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| 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| 1 H Hydrogen 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 He Helium 4.0 |
| 3 Li Lithium 6.9 | 4 Be Beryllium 9.0 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 B Boron 10.8 | 6 C Carbon 12.0 | 7 N Nitrogen 14.0 | 8 O Oxygen 16.0 | 9 F Fluorine 19.0 | 10 Ne Neon 20.2 | |
| 11 Na Sodium 23.0 | 12 Mg Magnesium 24.3 | | | | | | | | | | | 13 Al Aluminum 27.0 | 14 Si Silicon 28.1 | 15 P Phosphorus 31.0 | 16 S Sulfur 32.1 | 17 Cl Chlorine 35.5 | 18 Ar Argon 39.9 | |
| 19 K Potassium 39.1 | 20 Ca Calcium 40.1 | 21 Sc Scandium 45.0 | 22 Ti Titanium 47.9 | 23 V Vanadium 50.9 | 24 Cr Chromium 52.0 | 25 Mn Manganese 54.9 | 26 Fe Iron 55.8 | 27 Co Cobalt 58.9 | 28 Ni Nickel 58.7 | 29 Cu Copper 63.5 | 30 Zn Zinc 65.4 | 31 Ga Gallium 69.7 | 32 Ge Germanium 72.6 | 33 As Arsenic 74.9 | 34 Se Selenium 79.0 | 35 Br Bromine 79.9 | 36 Kr Krypton 83.8 | |
| 37 Rb Rubidium 85.5 | 38 Sr Strontium 87.6 | 39 Y Yttrium 88.9 | 40 Zr Zirconium 91.2 | 41 Nb Niobium 92.9 | 42 Mo Molybdenum 95.9 | 43 Tc Technetium | 44 Ru Ruthenium 101.1 | 45 Rh Rhodium 102.9 | 46 Pd Palladium 106.4 | 47 Ag Silver 107.9 | 48 Cd Cadmium 112.4 | 49 In Indium 114.8 | 50 Sn Tin 118.7 | 51 Sb Antimony 121.8 | 52 Te Tellurium 127.6 | 53 I Iodine 126.9 | 54 Xe Xenon 131.3 | |
| 55 Cs Cesium 132.9 | 56 Ba Barium 137.3 | 57-71 Lanthanoids | 72 Hf Hafnium 178.5 | 73 Ta Tantalum 180.9 | 74 W Tungsten 183.8 | 75 Re Rhenium 186.2 | 76 Os Osmium 190.2 | 77 Ir Iridium 192.2 | 78 Pt Platinum 195.1 | 79 Au Gold 197.0 | 80 Hg Mercury 200.6 | 81 Tl Thallium 204.4 | 82 Pb Lead 207.2 | 83 Bi Bismuth 209.0 | 84 Po Polonium | 85 At Astatine | 86 Rn Radon | |
| 87 Fr Francium | 88 Ra Radium | 89-103 Actinoids | 104 Rf Rutherfordium | 105 Db Dubnium | 106 Sg Seaborgium | 107 Bh Bohrium | 108 Hs Hassium | 109 Mt Meitnerium | 110 Ds Darmstadtium | 111 Rg Roentgenium | 112 Cn Copernicium | | 114 Fl Flerovium | | 116 Lv Livermorium | | | |

Key
 atomic number
 Symbol
 name
 relative atomic mass

Properties of transition metals (typical of metals)

- Shiny
- High melting and boiling points
- Hard
- Ductile
- Malleable
- Good conductors of heat and electricity

Properties of transition metals (specific to transition metals)

- Form compounds which are coloured
- Can form different charged ions
 - Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+}

Uses of of transition metals

- Copper
 - Electrical wires
- Iron
 - Construction
- Catalysts
 - Speeds up a reaction without being used up itself (C5.1)