

Non-metals have some typical properties. But sometimes their properties can be similar to metals.

Metals have HIGH melting points ... take a look at [this list](#) of melting points for metals



Metals have a shiny appearance (at least when freshly polished). Think of gold, silver, aluminum and copper.

Metals are conductive. Think of copper wire, gold components in electronics, and ... did you know that homes used to have aluminum wiring, when the cost of copper became high?

### Properties of non-metals

Below is a list of non-metal elements. For each element, colour in the squares according to the following code:

Red = property is typical of a non-metal

Blue = property is typical of a metal

| Element           | Melting Point (°C)           | Appearance         | Electrical conductivity |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Carbon (graphite) | Sublimes at high temp (3600) | Shiny grey solid   | Very good               |
| Oxygen            | -219                         | Colourless gas     | No                      |
| Hydrogen          | -259                         | Colourless gas     | No                      |
| Sulfur            | 115                          | Yellow solid       | No                      |
| Nitrogen          | -210                         | Colourless gas     | No                      |
| Fluorine          | -220                         | Colourless gas     | No                      |
| Chlorine          | -102                         | Pale yellow gas    | No                      |
| Phosphorus        | 44                           | Red or white solid | No                      |
| Bromine           | -7                           | Red-brown liquid   | No                      |
| Iodine            | 114                          | Shiny grey solid   | No                      |
| Selenium          | 221                          | Shiny grey solid   | Fair                    |
| Silicon           | 1414                         | Shiny grey solid   | Fair                    |

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|---------|--|----------------|----|
| Helium  | n/a no solid form at standard pressure | Colourless gas | No |
| Argon   | -189                                   | Colourless gas | No |
| Neon    | -249                                   | Colourless gas | No |
| Xenon   | -112                                   | Colourless gas | No |
| Radon   | -71                                    | Colourless gas | No |
| Krypton | -157                                   | Colourless gas | No |

Now find these elements in the periodic table on the next sheet - colour in the squares according to the following code:

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Questions for reflection:

1. Which elements have some properties of both metals and non-metals?
2. Is there a clear trend with their location in the periodic table? Explain your answer.

# Periodic Table of the Elements

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| 1<br><b>H</b><br>1.00794       | 2A                         |                              |                           |                              |                            |                              |                           |                              |                            |                               |                            |                             |                            |                              |                           |                               | 2<br><b>He</b><br>4.002602 |
| 3<br><b>Li</b><br>6.941        | 4<br><b>Be</b><br>9.012182 |                              |                           |                              |                            |                              |                           |                              |                            |                               |                            |                             |                            |                              |                           | 5<br><b>B</b><br>10.811       | 6<br><b>C</b><br>12.0107   |
| 11<br><b>Na</b><br>22.989769   | 12<br><b>Mg</b><br>24.3050 |                              |                           |                              |                            |                              |                           |                              |                            |                               |                            |                             |                            |                              |                           | 13<br><b>Al</b><br>26.9815386 | 14<br><b>Si</b><br>28.0855 |
| 19<br><b>K</b><br>39.0983      | 20<br><b>Ca</b><br>40.078  | 21<br><b>Sc</b><br>44.955912 | 22<br><b>Ti</b><br>47.867 | 23<br><b>V</b><br>50.9415    | 24<br><b>Cr</b><br>51.9961 | 25<br><b>Mn</b><br>54.938045 | 26<br><b>Fe</b><br>55.845 | 27<br><b>Co</b><br>58.933195 | 28<br><b>Ni</b><br>58.6934 | 29<br><b>Cu</b><br>63.546     | 30<br><b>Zn</b><br>65.38   | 31<br><b>Ga</b><br>69.723   | 32<br><b>Ge</b><br>72.64   | 33<br><b>As</b><br>74.92160  | 34<br><b>Se</b><br>78.96  | 35<br><b>Br</b><br>79.904     | 36<br><b>Kr</b><br>83.798  |
| 37<br><b>Rb</b><br>85.4678     | 38<br><b>Sr</b><br>87.62   | 39<br><b>Y</b><br>88.90585   | 40<br><b>Zr</b><br>91.224 | 41<br><b>Nb</b><br>92.90638  | 42<br><b>Mo</b><br>95.96   | 43<br><b>Tc</b><br>[98]      | 44<br><b>Ru</b><br>101.07 | 45<br><b>Rh</b><br>102.90550 | 46<br><b>Pd</b><br>106.42  | 47<br><b>Ag</b><br>107.8682   | 48<br><b>Cd</b><br>112.411 | 49<br><b>In</b><br>114.818  | 50<br><b>Sn</b><br>118.710 | 51<br><b>Sb</b><br>121.760   | 52<br><b>Te</b><br>127.60 | 53<br><b>I</b><br>126.90447   | 54<br><b>Xe</b><br>131.293 |
| 55<br><b>Cs</b><br>132.9054518 | 56<br><b>Ba</b><br>137.327 | 57-71<br>Lanthanides         | 72<br><b>Hf</b><br>178.49 | 73<br><b>Ta</b><br>180.94788 | 74<br><b>W</b><br>183.84   | 75<br><b>Re</b><br>186.207   | 76<br><b>Os</b><br>190.23 | 77<br><b>Ir</b><br>192.217   | 78<br><b>Pt</b><br>195.084 | 79<br><b>Au</b><br>196.966569 | 80<br><b>Hg</b><br>200.59  | 81<br><b>Tl</b><br>204.3833 | 82<br><b>Pb</b><br>207.2   | 83<br><b>Bi</b><br>208.98040 | 84<br><b>Po</b><br>[209]  | 85<br><b>At</b><br>[210]      | 86<br><b>Rn</b><br>[222]   |
| 87<br><b>Fr</b><br>[223]       | 88<br><b>Ra</b><br>[226]   | 89-103<br>Actinides          | 104<br><b>Rf</b><br>[267] | 105<br><b>Db</b><br>[268]    | 106<br><b>Sg</b><br>[271]  | 107<br><b>Bh</b><br>[272]    | 108<br><b>Hs</b><br>[270] | 109<br><b>Mt</b><br>[276]    | 110<br><b>Ds</b><br>[281]  | 111<br><b>Rg</b><br>[280]     | 112<br><b>Cn</b><br>[285]  | 113<br><b>Uut</b><br>[284]  | 114<br><b>Fl</b><br>[289]  | 115<br><b>Uup</b><br>[288]   | 116<br><b>Lv</b><br>[293] | 117<br><b>Uus</b><br>[294]    | 118<br><b>Uuo</b><br>[294] |

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## Lanthanides

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| 57<br><b>La</b><br>138.90547 | 58<br><b>Ce</b><br>140.116 | 59<br><b>Pr</b><br>140.90765 | 60<br><b>Nd</b><br>144.242 | 61<br><b>Pm</b><br>[145] | 62<br><b>Sm</b><br>150.36 | 63<br><b>Eu</b><br>151.964 | 64<br><b>Gd</b><br>157.25 | 65<br><b>Tb</b><br>158.92535 | 66<br><b>Dy</b><br>162.500 | 67<br><b>Ho</b><br>164.93032 | 68<br><b>Er</b><br>167.259 | 69<br><b>Tm</b><br>168.93421 | 70<br><b>Yb</b><br>173.054 | 71<br><b>Lu</b><br>174.9668 |
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## Actinides

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| 89<br><b>Ac</b><br>[227] | 90<br><b>Th</b><br>232.03806 | 91<br><b>Pa</b><br>231.03588 | 92<br><b>U</b><br>238.02891 | 93<br><b>Np</b><br>[237] | 94<br><b>Pu</b><br>[244] | 95<br><b>Am</b><br>[243] | 96<br><b>Cm</b><br>[247] | 97<br><b>Bk</b><br>[247] | 98<br><b>Cf</b><br>[251] | 99<br><b>Es</b><br>[252] | 100<br><b>Fm</b><br>[257] | 101<br><b>Md</b><br>[258] | 102<br><b>No</b><br>[259] | 103<br><b>Lr</b><br>[262] |
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