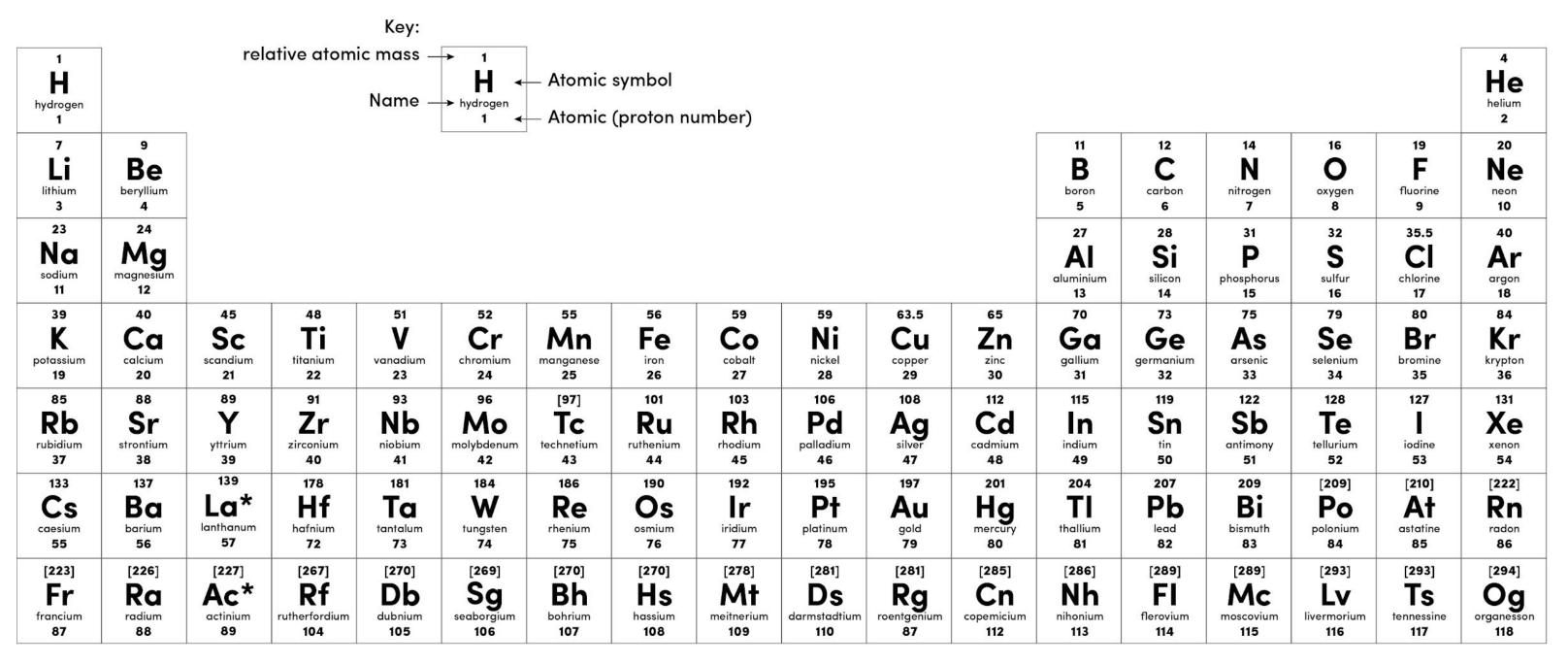
Combined Science - Chemistry - Key Stage 4

Extraction of Aluminium



Periodic Table of Elements



Source: Oak



Electrolysis recap

Electrolysis is the use of ______ to _____ a compound

attracts _____ attracts _____ ions ions ____ has to be the _____ can move Source Mr Campbell



Independent task

- 1. Explain why can aluminium not be extracted from aluminium oxide by heating with carbon.
- 2. Identify what is formed at the anode and the cathode during the electrolysis of aluminium oxide.
- 3. Explain why cryolite is used to dissolve the aluminium oxide during electrolysis.
- 4. Explain why the anode needs replacing during the electrolysis of aluminium oxide.



Independent answers

- 1. Aluminium is more reactive than carbon. So carbon can not displaces the aluminium from aluminium oxide.
- 2. Cathode = aluminium Anode = oxygen
- 3. Cryolite lowers the melting point of the aluminium oxide reducing the energy costs of the electrolysis.
- 4. The oxygen produced at the anode reacts with the carbon in the (graphite) electrode forming carbon dioxide.

