

Glossary

A

aardvark nocturnal African burrowing mammal

abbreviations

agencies

α alpha

amethyst purple variety of quartz

animals

aquamarine light blue variety of beryl

aragonite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

armadillo nocturnal insectivore with large claws

artichoke a variety of thistle cultivated as food

B

bakerite a borosilicate mineral

beryl composed of beryllium aluminium cyclosilicate

β beta

birinite an iron sulfate mineral

biotite a common phyllosilicate mineral

Brussels sprout small leafy green vegetable buds

C

cabbage vegetable with thick green or purple leaves

calcite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

cauliflower type of cabbage with edible white flower head

chalcedony cryptocrystalline variety of quartz

χ chi

chicken a domestic fowl

citrine yellow variety of quartz

♣ club

cobaltite a sulfide mineral composed of cobalt, arsenic and sulfur

corundum crystalline form of aluminium oxide

courgette immature fruit of a vegetable marrow

cyanotrichite a hydrous copper aluminium sulfate mineral

D

δ delta

diamond a metastable allotrope of carbon

◇ diamond

dolomite an anhydrous carbonate mineral

duck a waterbird with webbed feet

E

ϵ epsilon

η eta

F

f function

G

γ gamma

goose a large waterbird with a long neck, short legs, webbed feet and a short broad bill

Greek symbols

H

♥ heart

hedgehog small nocturnal mammal with a spiny coat and short legs

HTML (hypertext markup language) the standard markup language for creating web pages

I

ι iota

K

κ kappa

L

L Lagrangian function

λ lambda

Latin symbols

lettsomite

M

markup languages

marrow long white-fleshed gourd with green skin

MathML (mathematical markup language) markup language for describing mathematical notation

minerals

μ mu

N

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

ν nu

O

Ofcom Office of Communications

Ofsted Office for Standards in Education

ω omega

o omicron

P

parrot mainly tropical bird with bright plumage

ϕ phi

π pi

pictographs

ψ psi

Q

quartz hard mineral consisting of silica

quetzalcoatlite a rare tellurium oxysalt mineral

R

ρ rho

S

sea lion a large type of seal

seal sea-dwelling fish-eating mammal with flippers

σ sigma

♠ spade

spinach green, leafy vegetable

SVG (scalable vector graphics) XML-based vector image format

swan a large waterbird with a long flexible neck, short legs, webbed feet and a broad bill

symbols

T

t time variable or parameter

τ tau

θ theta

U

v upsilon

V

ε epsilon (variant)

\varkappa kappa (variant)

φ phi (variant)

ϖ pi (variant)

ϱ rho (variant)

ς sigma (variant)

ϑ theta (variant)

vaterite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

vegetables

vulcanite a rare copper telluride mineral

X

x first unknown variable or horizontal co-ordinate

XHTML (extensible hypertext markup language) XML version of HTML

ξ xi

XML (extensible markup language) a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents

Y

y second unknown variable or vertical co-ordinate

Z

z third unknown variable or co-ordinate

zander large freshwater perch

zebra wild African horse with black-and-white stripes

ζ zeta

zucchini