

Glossary

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

bakerite a borosilicate mineral

beryl composed of beryllium aluminium cyclosilicate

β beta

biinite an iron sulfate mineral

biotite a common phyllosilicate mineral

Brussels sprout small leafy green vegetable buds

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

δ delta

diamond a metastable allotrope of carbon

◇ diamond

dolomite an anhydrous carbonate mineral

duck a waterbird with webbed feet

ϵ epsilon

η eta

f function

γ gamma

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

Greek symbols

♥ heart

hedgehog small nocturnal mammal with a spiny coat and short legs

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

ι iota
 κ kappa
 L Lagrangian function
 λ lambda
Latin symbols
lettsomite
markup languages
marrow long white-fleshed gourd with green skin
MathML (mathematical markup language) markup language for describing mathematical notation
minerals
 μ mu
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 ν nu
Ofcom Office of Communications
Ofsted Office for Standards in Education
 ω omega
 o omicron
parrot mainly tropical bird with bright plumage
 ϕ phi
 π pi
pictographs
 ψ psi
quartz hard mineral consisting of silica
quetzalcoatlite a rare tellurium oxysalt mineral
 ρ rho
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 time variable or parameter
 τ tau
 θ theta
 v upsilon
 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 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 second unknown variable or vertical co-ordinate

z third unknown variable or co-ordinate

zander large freshwater perch

zebra wild African horse with black-and-white stripes

ζ zeta

zucchini