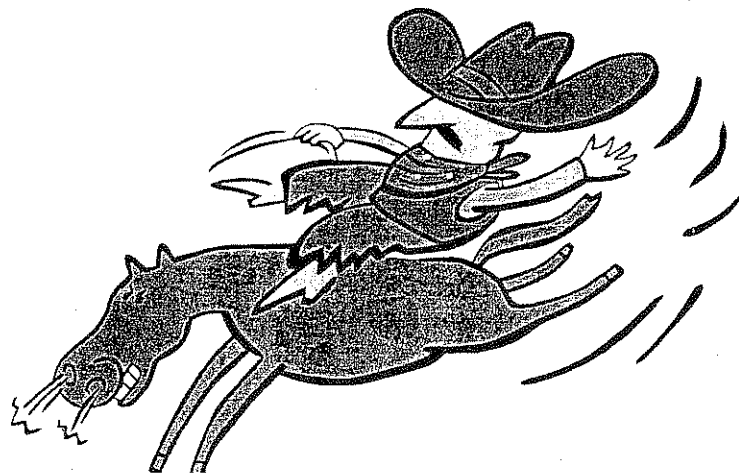


An Elemental Tale: The Gold Dust Kid

Adam mounted his trusty steed, old (B) _____. His shooting (Fe) _____ strapped to his side, he headed out for the bright (Ne) _____ lights of London, aiming to rob the Wells Fargo stage. There was sure to be a load of precious (U) _____ and probably (P) _____, too. Taking a deep breath of (O) _____ he coughed on the (S) _____ from the nearby mills. Since the (Hg) _____ was climbing, Adam quenched his thirst with some (H₂O) _____, tasting the (Cl) _____ all big cities like London have. As he headed west, his bones ached from the (Ca) deposits built up over the years of riding the (Zn) _____ trail. Overhead, (He) _____-filled balloon floated in the breeze; the sun beat down like burning (Mg) _____. Soon he spotted the bank, guarded by Sheriff Will, with his (Sn) _____ badge. "Halt!", yelled Will, "or I'll fill you full of (Pb) _____. Will drew his gun, but alas, he was too slow. Adam's gun, blazing like flaming (Mg) _____ did the (Cu) _____ in. Anyone who drew on Adam should know their life wasn't worth a plug (Ni) _____. Suddenly, a shout rang out "Hi Ho (Ag) _____!" A masked man on a white horse raced across the (Si) _____ sands like (Na) _____ skittering on water. A (H) _____ bomb would not have stopped the lawman; Adam had met his doom. The rest of his life was to be spent behind (Fe) _____ bars, a warning to all who flirt with danger. Your first detention may be the initial step in the (C) _____ copy life of the saga of the (Au) _____ Dust Kid.



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SYMBOLS OF THE ELEMENTS

Each of the elements listed below has a symbol consisting of two letters. The symbols of each pair of elements form a four-letter word. (Example: The symbol for lanthanum—La—plus the symbol for cerium—Ce—form the word *lace*.) Write each of the four-letter words in the spaces indicated. If you do it correctly, the letters in the marked vertical column will spell the names of two other elements.

- 1. argon plus cesium
- 2. aluminum plus arsenic
- 3. beryllium plus neodymium
- 4. lithium plus iron
- 5. copper plus rhenium
- 6. molybdenum plus astatine

- 7. calcium plus germanium
- 8. actinium plus helium
- 9. protactinium plus iridium
- 10. bromine plus silver
- 11. holmium plus selenium
- 12. cobalt plus neon

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ORIGINS OF NAMES OF ELEMENTS

The elements were named in many different ways. Some were named after places, such as strontium, named after a place in Scotland. Some were named after persons, such as mendelevium, named after a Russian scientist. Many of the other names came from Latin, Greek, or German words. For example, nickel is a shortened version of the German word *Kupfernickel*, which means "copper demon." It was given this name because the ore seemed to contain copper but yielded none. Shown below are the names of three planets that have elements named after them—uranium, plutonium, and neptunium. Keeping the list of elements before you and using the letter clues given here, how quickly can you supply the other elements described below?

R	_____	U R A N I U M	_____
H	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
H	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

1. From a Latin word meaning "ray."
2. From a Greek word meaning "water former."
3. From a Latin word meaning "coal."
4. From a Greek word meaning "new."
5. From a Greek word meaning "sun."
6. From a Latin word meaning "flint."

	_____	P L U T O N I U M	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
G	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

7. Named after a continent.
8. Named after a state of the United States.

9. Named after a country in Europe.
10. From a Greek word meaning "hidden."
11. From a Greek word meaning "light green."

O	_____	N E P T U N I U M	_____
	_____		_____
P	_____		_____
	_____		_____
B	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
I	_____		_____

12. From a Greek word meaning "acid producer."
13. From a Greek word meaning "strange."
14. From a Greek word meaning "light bringer."
15. Named after a famous scientist.
16. From a Greek word meaning "heavy."
17. Named after a Norse goddess.
18. From a Greek word meaning "violet-like."

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NAMES OF ELEMENTS

By using a little imagination, you can find the name of a chemical element that will fit into each blank below and make a certain amount of sense. (Example: If you struggle when you get caught in quicksand, you are more likely to _____ down into it. Answer: *zinc*.) Start with *A* and go through the list of elements to find the items below, all of which are in alphabetical order. Write the names of the elements in the spaces at the left.

_____ 1. I feel sad in the fall when all the flowers _____.

_____ 2. You don't sprinkle bulbs on top of the ground as you do grass seed; instead you _____ several inches deep.

_____ 3. It was a long journey but the members of the wagon train _____.

_____ 4. The _____ caught the thief red-handed as he was trying to break into the store through the back entrance.

_____ 5. In my opinion, an iris is much prettier than a mari_____.

_____ 6. The _____ the site of the ancient city holds the remains of an emperor.

_____ 7. Jeremy _____ the way and everyone followed.

_____ 8. I am hardly able to walk after bumping my _____ the car door.

_____ 9. Candy bars used to cost a _____ but now most of them are ten or fifteen cents.

_____ 10. The general planned to stage a _____ the enemy camp on Saturday night after everyone was asleep.

_____ 11. All the time he was being sentenced for armed robbery, the _____ was smiling and waving at his friends.

_____ 12. These plants _____ \$2.00 each.

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A CHEMIST'S EQUIPMENT

On the blanks, write the names of all of the items of equipment illustrated. Then find the name of item one hidden in the diagram below and circle it. Item two will then be found linked into item one. (If item one is vertical, item two will be joined into it horizontally, and item three will be joined into two vertically, and so on.) See how quickly you can locate them all.

KNXTOAUBSBWATCHHGLASSPQONATONGS 1. _____

VWAE EFGQBUBABPLUVGIDEPOMDHJEFI 2. _____

FLASKRMKJR OCGRADUATEDDCYLINDER 3. _____

QOPT EKTRNKPINCHCLAMPSONVUSCGSA 4. _____

RSRTSDLLITTWVUFWKLXNONLKTHTTB 5. _____

OCRUCIBLEYDZIZYHVFLMNDVILGPOF 6. _____

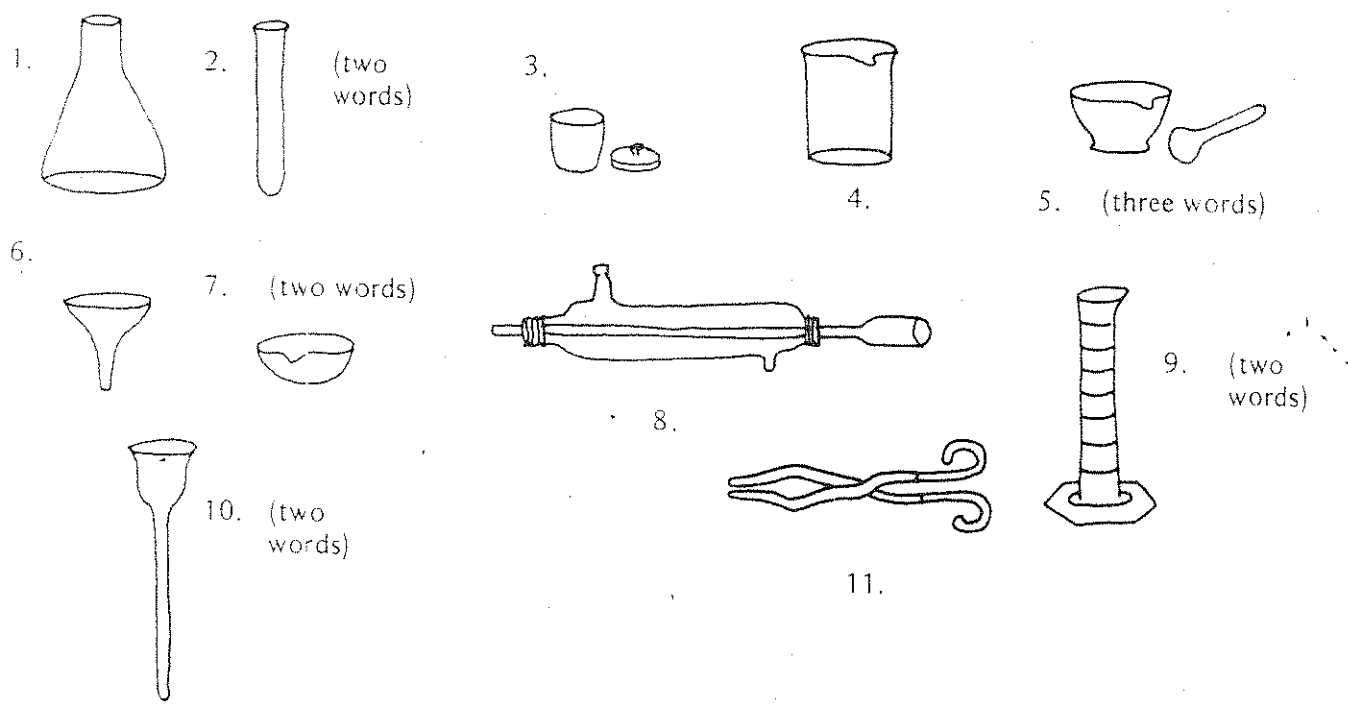
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VCTEIGAMFILTERXRTNIHGNETPKPN 8. _____

BTXYBHKNEVAPORATINGDISHDUSOEH 9. _____

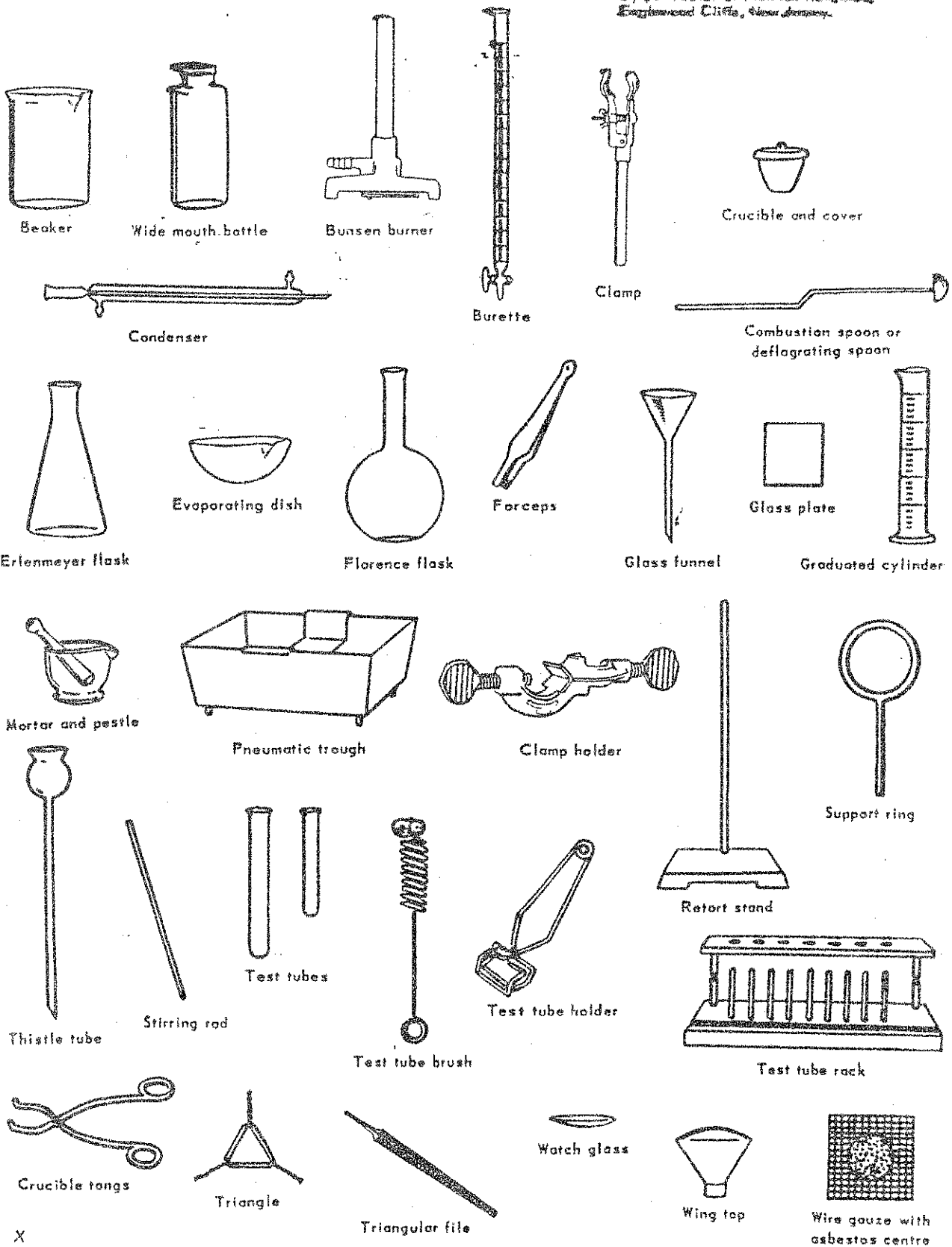
ASRUPDECOZEDCBCVUEJYKEBCBMERI 10. _____

YMNQMORTARANDPESTLEXWRAZEDNPG 11. _____

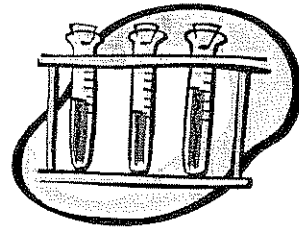
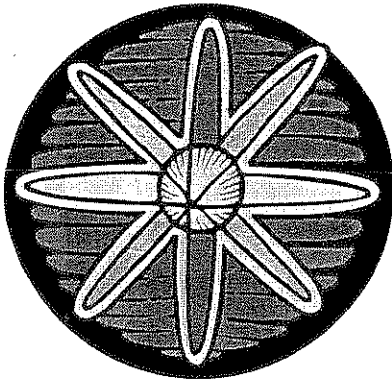
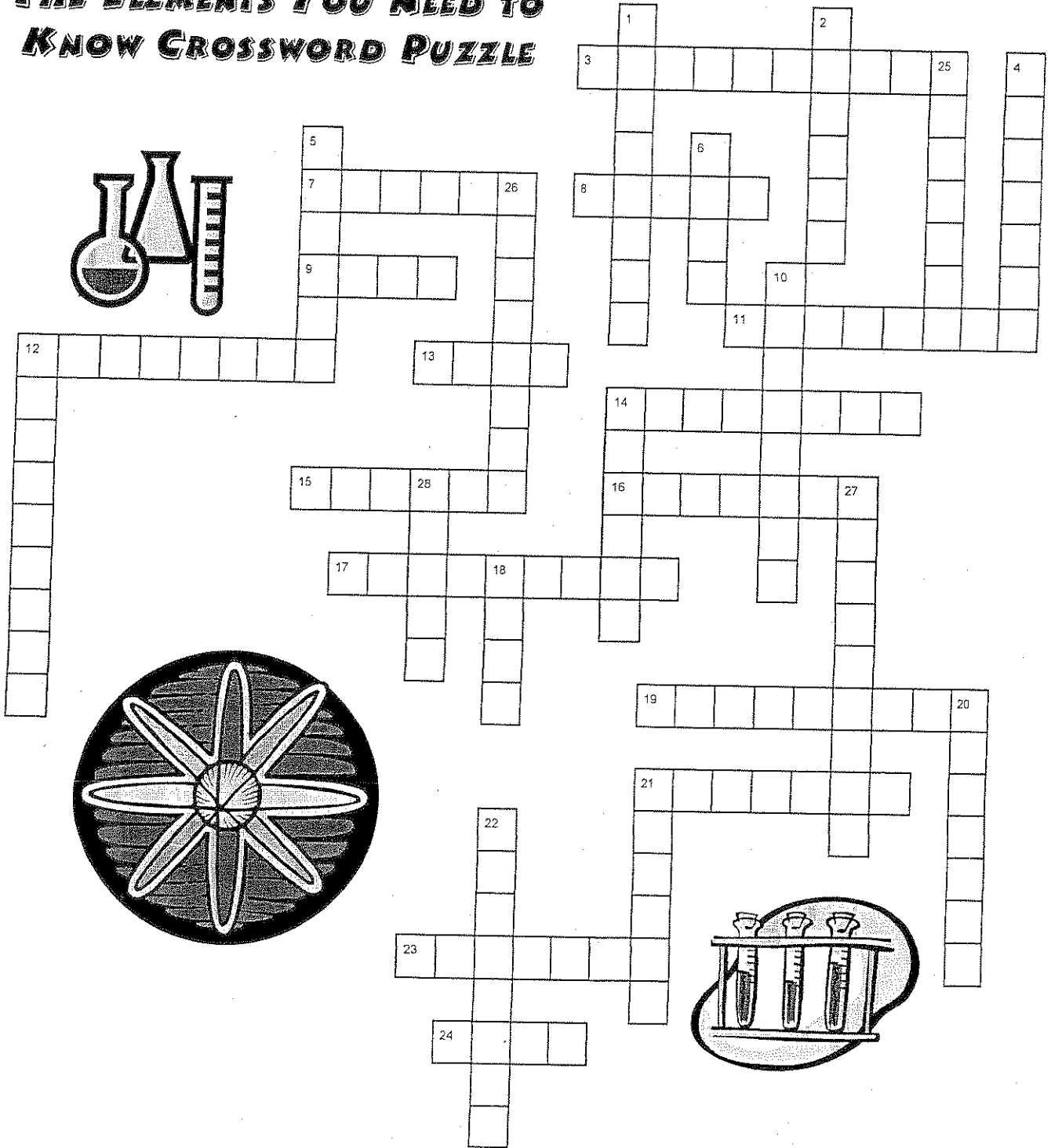


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Across Clues:

3. P 7. O 8. Ar 9. Fe 11. Al 12. Pt 13. Ne 14. H 15. C 16. Li 17. Be 19. K 21. S 23. Br 24. Zn

Down Clues:

1. Cl 2. Cu 4. Ca 5. Na 6. Au 10. F 12. Pd 14. He 18. Pb 20. Hg 21. Ag 22. Cr 25. Si 26. N 27. Mg 28. B