

# Important elements discovered by chemists with disabilities

**Sir Humphrey Davy**  
(*vision-impaired, chronic health impairment*)  
Discovered Sodium, Potassium, Chlorine, Boron, Magnesium, Calcium, Strontium, and Barium

11 Na 22.9898	12 Mg 24.312
19 K 39.102	20 Ca 40.08
	38 Sr 87.62
55 Cs 132.905	56 Ba 137.94
	88 Ra (226)

**Anders Ekeberg**  
(*vision-impaired, hearing-impaired*)  
Discovered Tantalum

72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.948
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**Dirk Coster**  
(*chronic health impairment*)  
Discovered Hafnium

44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.905	46 Pd 106.4
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**William H. Wollaston**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Rhodium and Palladium

**Pierre Janssen**  
(*physical disability*)  
Discovered Helium

2 He 4.0026
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5 B 10.811
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8 O 15.9994
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**Joseph Priestley**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Oxygen

17 Cl 35.453
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**Ferdinand Reich**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Indium

49 In 114.82
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**Robert Wilhelm Bunsen**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Ruthenium and Cesium

59 Pr 140.907	60 Nd 144.24
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**William H. Wollaston**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Rhodium and Palladium

**Karl Auer von Welsbach**  
(*hearing-impaired*)  
Discovered Praseodymium, Neodymium, and Lutetium

71 Lu 174.97
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**Eugene-Anatole DeMarcay**  
(*vision-impaired*)  
Discovered Europium and Radium

63 Eu 151.964
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