

CLASSICAL SYSTEM (DERIVED FROM LATIN)

gold (**aurum** for Aurora the Roman goddess of the dawn)

silver (**argentum** for 'bright')

copper (**cuprum** for 'Cyprus' where the Romans first obtained copper)

tin (**stannum** for alloys containing lead)

lead (**plumbum** for 'lead')

mercury (**hydrargyrum** for 'liquid silver' or quick silver)

antimony (**stibium** for 'not alone')

iron (**ferrum** for 'firmness')

potassium (**kali** via the Arabic qali for alkali)

sodium (**natrium** for soda)