



Glossary

tabular: presented in table form

configuration: arrangement of parts

grid: a network, pattern or structure made from horizontal and vertical lines crossing each other and forming squares

gradually: slowly; little by little, by degrees

affinity: 1) liking for or attraction to sb or sth,

2) (chemistry) chemical attraction; the tendency for two substances to combine

predict: to say that sth will happen in the future, esp. as a result of knowledge or experience;

to **foretell** (n. **prediction**, adj. **predictable**, **unpredictable**)

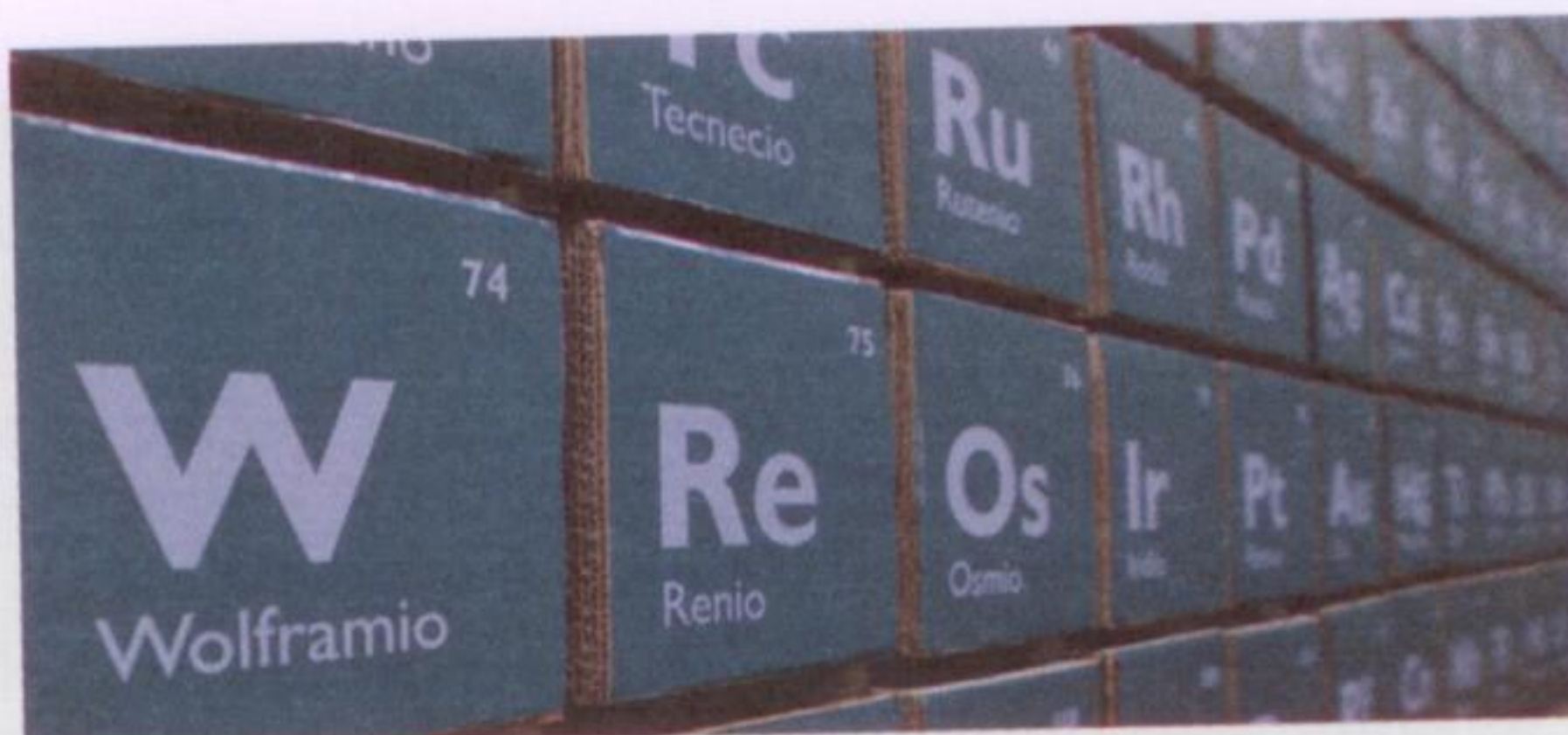
latter: happening near the end of sth

array: an ordered series or arrangement

pronounced: strongly marked, easily noticeable

brittle: hard but easily broken; having hardness and rigidity but little tensile strength

alloy: a metal made by mixing and fusing two or more metals, or a metal and another



substance, to obtain desirable qualities such as hardness, greater strength, or resistance to corrosion

rectangular: shaped like a **rectangle** (having four 90° angles and four sides, with opposite sides being of equal length)

covalent bond: an interatomic linkage that involves the sharing of electron pairs between atoms

bind-bound-bound: to tie tightly, fasten; (Chemistry) to combine with sth by a chemical bond



Vocabulary Practice

► **Activity 1:** Complete the following sentences using words from the Glossary above:

- As was _____, the deaths of marine animals and birds from the hazardous chemical spill are continuing to increase every day.
- Groups are sometimes referred to as *families*, as the elements in a specific group share a(n) _____ of characteristics, just like real families.
- The research results are presented on page 89 in _____ form.
- A flexible material bends easily, whereas a(n) _____ material breaks easily.
- The periodic table is made up of a series of _____, each of which provides us with important information about an element.

► **Activity 2:** Find which word from the Glossary above is missing in all the gaps below:

metal ____ / power ____ / laid out in a ____ system / a ____-like pattern / off the ____

► **Activity 3:** Use the information in the graph of periodic trends on the right and fill in the gaps.

Use: right / left / top / bottom / from / to / down

- Ionization increases as we move from _____ across a period or row.
- Electron affinity increases _____ to top.
- The atomic radius increases as you move _____ a column.
- The atomic radius decreases across a period from _____.
- The nonmetallic character increases as you move across the periodic table from _____.

