

# Lab: Properties of Elements



## **Introduction:**

Each element has its own set of unique properties. Despite the different properties that each element contains, elements can often be grouped together based upon similar physical and chemical properties.

## **Pre-Lab:**

You will be testing four properties in this lab. For each of the four properties:

- a.) Define what the term/property is.
- b.) Classify the property as either a physical or chemical property.
- c.) EXPLAIN your reasoning.



## **Luster:**

- a)
- b)
- c)

## **Electrical Conductivity:**

- a)
- b)
- c)

## **Malleability:**

- a)
- b)
- c)

## **Hardness:**

- a)
- b)
- c)

**Purpose:** To classify elements based on physical and chemical properties.



**Safety:** Safety glasses should be worn at all times.

**Procedure:**

Use the given materials and your teacher's instruction to test each of the four properties listed in the Pre-Lab.

**Data:**

- Complete the data chart below for each element.
- The tests should be done in the order they appear in the chart, from left to right.

<b>Element</b>	<b>Shiny Luster (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Electrical Conductivity (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Crush Test (brittle or malleable)</b>
<b>Aluminum</b>			
<b>Lead</b>			
<b>Magnesium</b>			
<b>Silicon</b>			
<b>Sulfur</b>			
<b>Tin</b>			
<b>Carbon</b>			

**Based on your data...**

- 1.) Which element(s) display metallic properties?
- 2.) Which element(s) display non-metallic properties?
- 3.) Which element(s) seem to not fit in either a metal or non-metal category?

Now get your lab credit sheet from your teacher. There is a different one for each skill level.