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State Library's One Search catalogue is the gateway to an extensive suite of national and international journals, databases, ebooks, encyclopedias, newspaper archives, and collections of thousands of historical images, letters, artworks, diaries, and artefacts to interrogate as sources.

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- Once you have joined State Library, log in to your account in [One Search](#) so you can use the links in this research guide to access the featured collection items.
- Complete the [Student research with State Library](#) module for a guide to navigating State Library's resources. Or visit the [One Search help page](#) for tips & tricks for searching One Search.
- You can search our [OneSearch catalogue](#) or begin exploring by clicking on some of the featured items contained in this research guide.

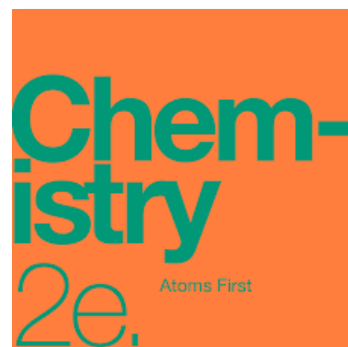
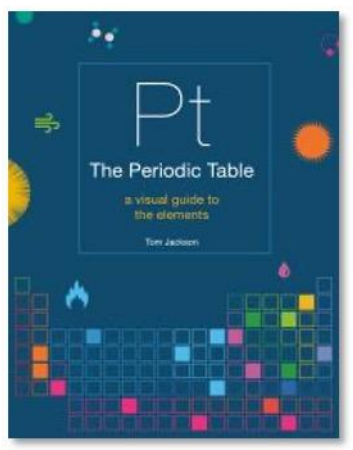
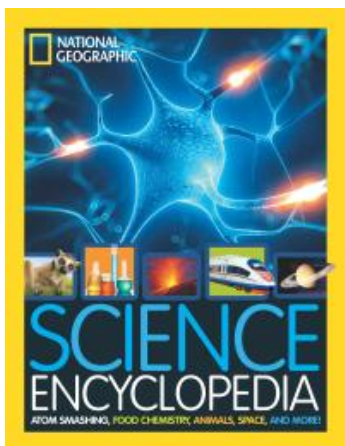
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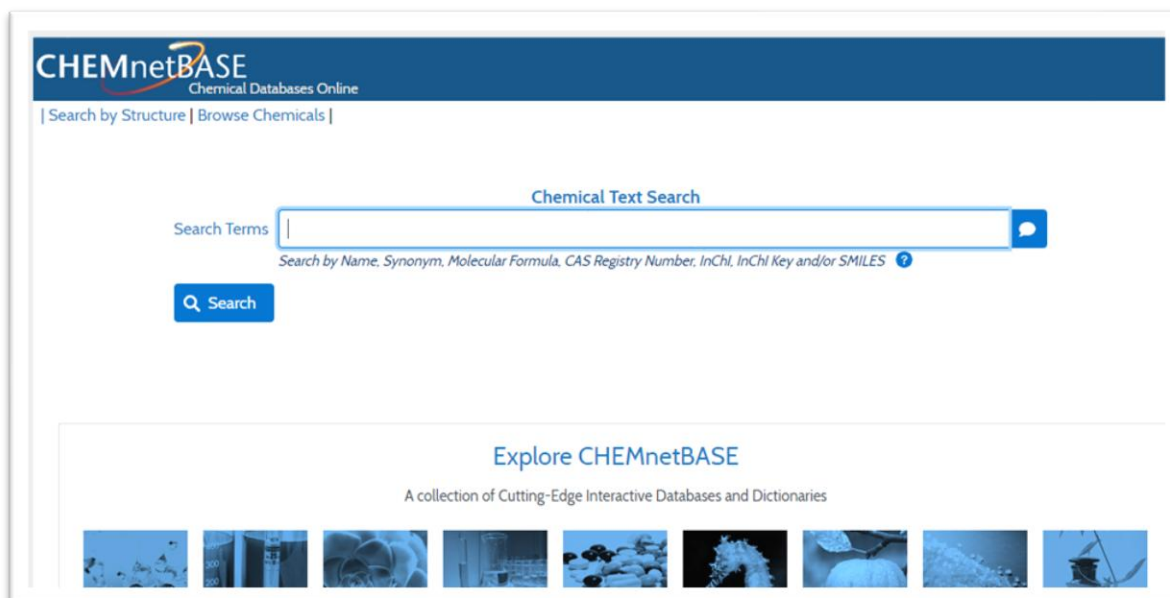
Atoms and the Periodic Table

Explain how the structure and properties of atoms relate to the organisation of the elements in the periodic table.

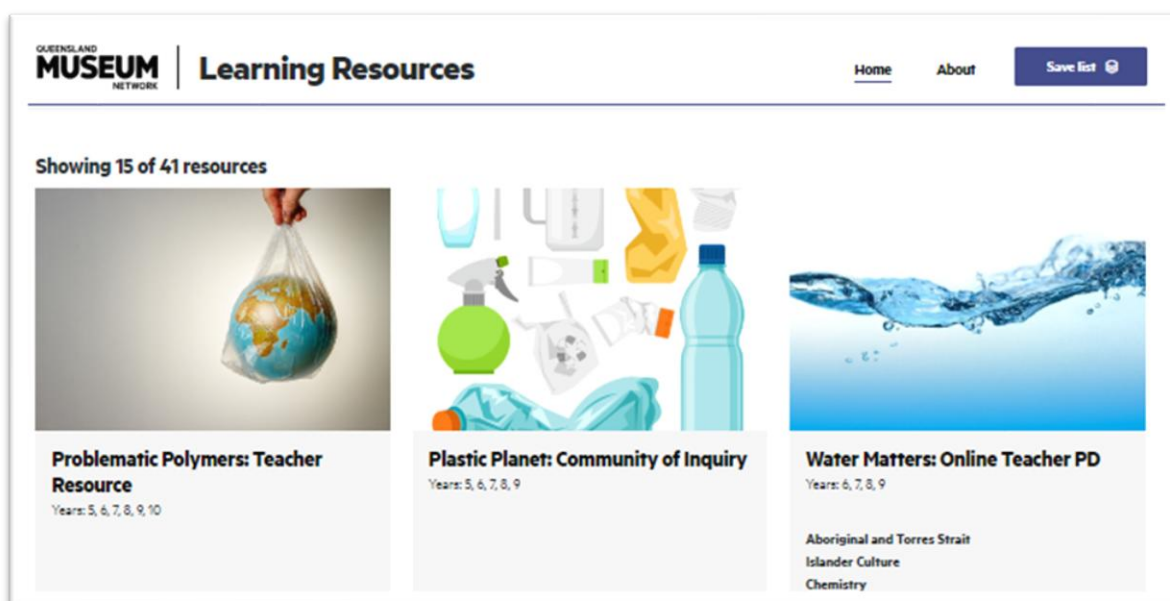
- Examining how elements are organised in the periodic table and analysing patterns to discern that elements in the same group of the periodic table have similar properties.
- Investigating the physical properties of some metals and non-metals.
- Using the bohr model of the atom to describe the structure of atoms in terms of electron shells and relating this to their properties and position in the periodic table.
- Deducing that repeating patterns of the periodic table reflect patterns of electrons in outer electron shells.
- Conducting flame tests for a selection of elements and examining emission spectra.
- Examining how the development of the spectroscope led to further development of the model of the atom.

Featured databases

[CHEMnetBASE](#) provides a comprehensive database of chemicals and their uses, as well as chemical equations and properties.



[Queensland Museum](#) provide Learning Resources website students with many activities, fact sheets, images, and videos.



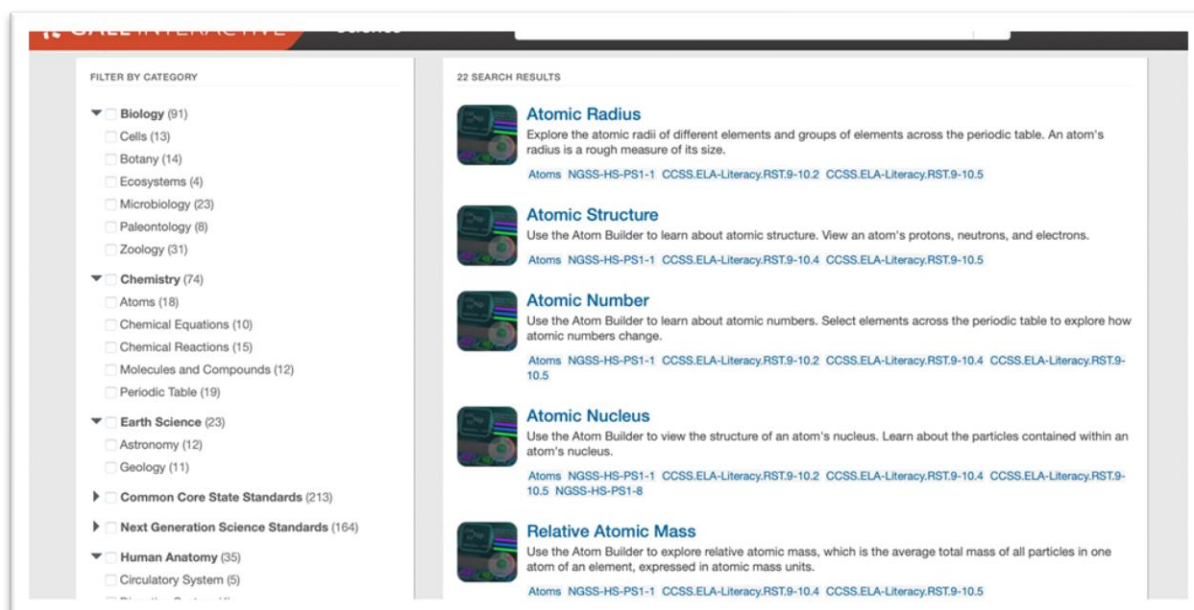
The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Britannica Library logo, a 'Teens' tab, a search bar, and links to 'Your Britannica Resources', 'Research Tools and Materials', 'Help', and 'My Britannica'. Below this, a large teal banner reads 'You searched for "atoms"' and 'DISPLAYING 1 - 10 OF 234 RESULTS'. Underneath the banner, there's a 'Reading Level' selector with options 1, 2 (selected), and 3. To the right is an 'Advanced Search' link. Below the reading level, there are tabs for 'Articles', 'Images', 'Videos', and 'More'. The main content area displays search results for 'atom (matter)' and 'energy (physics)'. The 'atom (matter)' result includes a brief definition: 'The tiny units of matter known as atoms are the basic building blocks of chemistry. An atom is the smallest piece of matter that has the ...'. The 'energy (physics)' result is marked as a top result and includes sub-sections for 'Chemical Energy' and 'Electrical Energy', each with a short explanatory paragraph.

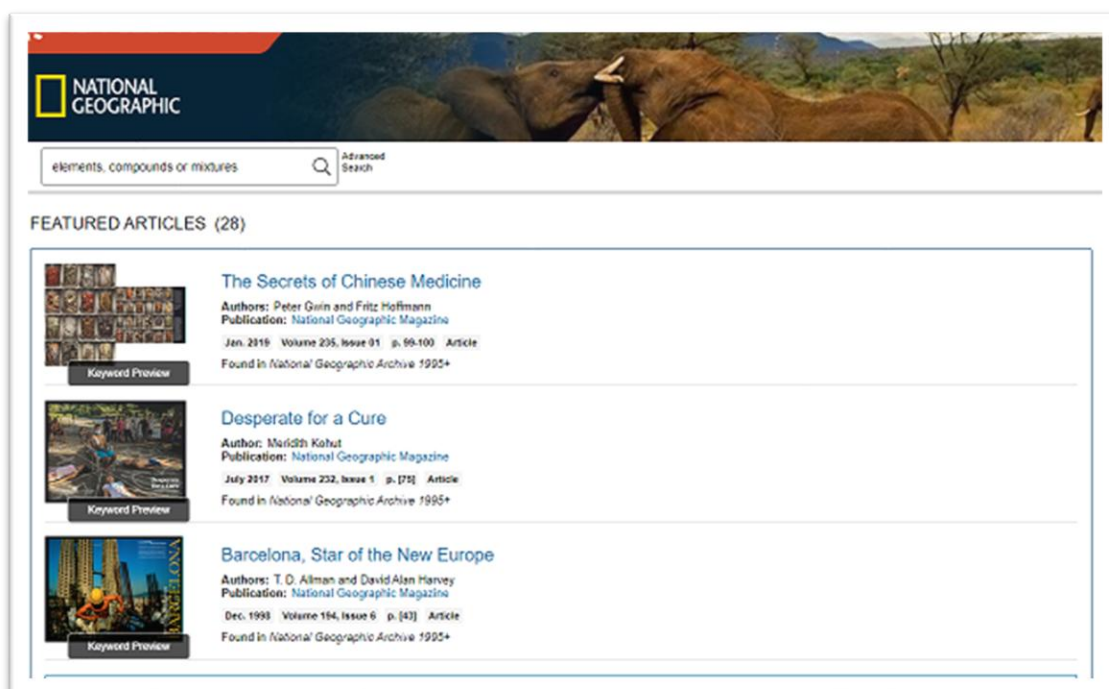
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The screenshot shows the JSTOR website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the JSTOR logo, tabs for 'All Content' and 'Images', a search bar, and links to 'Register', 'Log in', 'Workspace', 'Search', 'Browse', 'Tools', 'About', and 'Support'. Below the navigation bar, the search results for 'model of the atom' are displayed. On the left, there's a 'Refine Results' sidebar with sections for 'ACCESS TYPE' (Everything, Content I can access), 'SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS' (a search bar), and 'CONTENT TYPE' (Academic content: Journals, Book Chapters, Research Reports; Primary source content). The main results area shows '55,538 results' and a 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown. Two results are visible: 'The Atom' by W. F. G. Swann, a journal article from the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, and 'NUCLEAR MODEL OF THE ATOM' by Chris L. DeWolf, a journal article from The Science Teacher. Each result has a 'Download', 'Save', and 'Cite' button.

[Gale Interactive: Science](#) provides a comprehensive view of the most-studied science subjects. Authoritative, high-quality digital content is paired with interactive 3D models.



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