

## COMPOUND INTEREST

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More than 90% of the elements of the periodic table consist of consonants which, rearranged with appropriate vowels, may produce new (and occasionally apposite) words. Here are some that I found. Those marked by an asterisk, and perhaps some of the others, can lead to alternative compounds, which readers are encouraged to find.

Every compound must contain only those consonants in the name of its element source, each consonant appearing as often in the compound as it does in its source. Thus ACTINIUM gives rise to ANATOMIC, but not to MONOTONIC. (ELEMENT itself gives rise to UNTIMELY, but not to MONUMENTAL, while COMPOUND gives rise to IMPUDENCE but not to COMPENDIUM). Y counts as a vowel, so that one can make UNLUCKY out of NICKEL.

ACTINIUM: anatomic\*  
ALUMINUM: minimal\*  
AMERICIUM: macrame\*  
ANTIMONY: animation\*  
ARGON: genera\*  
ARSENIC: scenery\*  
ASTATINE: tetanus\*  
BARIUM: embryo\*  
BERKELIUM: Kimberley\*  
BERYLLIUM: umbrella\*  
BISMUTH: thumbs\*  
BOHRIUM: mihrab\*  
BORON: auburn\*  
BROMINE: number\*  
CADMIUM: modicum\*  
CALCIUM: comical\*  
CALIFORNIUM: conformal\*  
CARBON: anaerobic\*  
CERIUM: America\*  
CESIUM: mosaic\*  
CHLORINE: Herculean\*  
CHROMIUM: chummier  
COBALT: citable\*  
COPPER: prepuce\*  
CURIUM: (see CERIUM)  
DARMSTADTIUM: ?  
DUBNIUM: bemoaned\*  
DYSPROSIUM: impressed\*  
EINSTEINIUM: moonstone\*  
ERBIUM: (see BARIUM)

EUROPIUM: empire\*  
FERMIUM: Fromm  
FLUORINE: funeral\*  
FRANCIUM: conform\*  
GADOLINIUM: molding\*  
GALLIUM: glumly\*  
GERMANIUM: Grumman\*  
GOLD: deluge\*  
HAFNIUM: ?  
HASSIUM: messiah\*  
HELIUM: homily\*  
HYDROGEN: hoarding\*  
INDIUM: domino\*  
IODINE: Aeneid\*  
IRIDIUM: redeem\*  
IRON: Urania\*  
KRYPTON: partaken\*  
LANTHANUM: Hamiltonian  
LAWRENCIUM: ?  
LEAD: daily\*  
LITHIUM: Hamlet\*  
LUTETIUM: motility\*  
MAGNESIUM: summing  
MANGANESE: ignominious\*  
MEITNERIUM: momentary\*  
MENDELEVIUM: ?  
MERCURY: creamery\*  
MOLYBDENUM: undimmable  
NEODYMIUM: madman\*  
NEON: anyone\*  
NEPTUNIUM: pentomino  
NICKEL: unlucky\*  
NIOBIUM: Bimini\*  
NITROGEN: generation\*  
NOBELIUM: amenable\*  
OSMIUM: miasma\*  
OXYGEN: exogeny (below the line in NI2)  
PALLADIUM: millipede\*  
PHOSPHORUS: ?  
PLATINUM: PLUTONIUM\*  
POLONIUM: lampoon\*  
POTASSIUM: stamps\*  
PRASEODYNIUM: ampersand\*  
PROMETHIUM: morphotomy (below the line in NI2)  
PROTACTINIUM: compartition\*  
RADIUM: see IRIDIUM

RADON: indoor\*  
RHENIUM: hormone\*  
RHODIUM: headroom\*  
RUBIDIUM: bromide\*  
RUTHENIUM: marathon\*  
RUTHERFORDIUM: ?  
SAMARIUM: memoirs\*  
SCANDIUM: consumed\*  
SEABORGIUM: umbrageous\*  
SELENIUM: luminous\*  
SILICON: nucleus\*  
SILVER: valorous\*  
SODIUM: medusa\*  
STRONTIUM: terminates\*  
SULFUR: fire sale\*  
TANTALUM: emollient\*  
TECHNETIUM: Mattachine  
TELLURIUM: mortally\*  
TERBIUM: timbre\*  
THALLIUM: ?  
THORIUM: theorem\*  
THULIUM: see LITHIUM  
TIN: Aetna\*  
TITANIUM: mutation\*  
TUNGSTEN: stagnation\*  
URANIUM: manure\*  
VANADIUM: unmoved  
XENON: Nixon\*  
YTTERBIUM: embitter\*  
YTTRIUM: matter\*  
ZINC: Anzac\*  
ZIRCONIUM: Americanize