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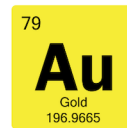
Fun fact for kids



Gold has been cherished for its beauty and rarity for over 5,000 years.



Gold is incredibly malleable. A single ounce can be hammered into a sheet that is 100 square feet.



Gold's atomic number is 79, and its symbol, Au, comes from the Latin "aurum."



Gold is the only naturally yellow metal; others turn yellow only after oxidation.



All the gold ever mined would fit into a 21-meter (69-foot) cube.



Most gold mined still exists; it's durable and doesn't corrode, allowing for easy recycling.



Gold rushes, like California (1848-1855) and Klondike (1896-1899), shaped history.



The largest holders of gold reserves include the United States, Germany, Italy, France, and China.



Gold purity: 24 karats is pure gold. 18 karat gold is 75% gold, 25% other metals.